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VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

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Matthew 16:18

LANDMARKS OF MBBC

Lesson 01: “WHY SHOULD I BE PROUD OF MY CHURCH?”

Introduction

“We believe that the Baptists are the original Christians. We did not commence our existence at the Reformation, we were reformers before Luther or Calvin were borne; we never came from the church of Rome, for we were never in it, but we have an unbroken line up to the Apostles themselves. We have always existed from the very days of Christ, and our principles, sometimes veiled and forgotten, like a river which may travel underground for a little season, have always had honest and holy adherents. Persecuted alike by the Romanist and Protestants of almost every sect, yet there has never existed a government holding Baptist principles, which persecuted others; nor, I believe, any body of the Baptist ever held it to be right to put the consciences of others under the control of the man. We have ever been ready to suffer, as our martyrologies will prove, but we are not ready to accept any help from the State, to prostitute the purity of the Bride of Christ to any alliance with government, and we will never make the church, although the Queen, the despot over the consciences of men.”

Charles H. Spurgeon

Message

1. The **BUILDER** of the church (Ephesians 2:20)

“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” **Matthew 16:18**

- A. The person-Jesus Christ
- B. The period-During the personal earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- C. The process-The materials were prepared by John the Baptist, organized by the Lord Jesus Christ, continued by the apostles and sustained by the pastors.

2. The **BEAUTY** of the church.

- A. There is predestination
“Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,” **Eph. 1:5**
- B. There is Peculiarity
“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal

priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.” **I Peter 2:9**

- C. There is purpose (Rom. 8:29; Eph. 1:6).

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” **Matthew 28:19-29**

3. The **BELIEFS** of the church (II Peter 1:21).

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” **II Timothy 3:16-17**

- A. Supernatural statutes-Bible
- B. Supernatural salvation
- C. Supernatural savior.

4. The **BOTHERS** of the church (John 16:33; I Peter 1:7; Matthew 5:11-12).

- A. Opposition of Satan (I Peter 5:7-8).
- B. Opinion from the system of the world (I John 2:15-17).
- C. Obstacle of sin (Romans 7:19-25, 12:2).

5. The **BLESSING** of the church.

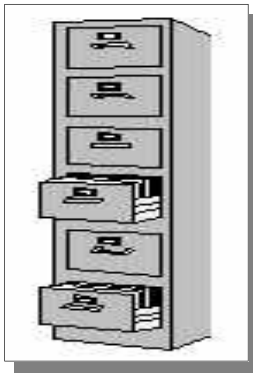
- A. Protection-Matthew 16:18
- B. Perpetuity-Matthew 28:20
- C. Preservation-I Timothy 1:12; Philippians 1:6

Conclusion

- A. Contending for the faith (Jude 3).
- B. Consistently live according to our faith (II Corinthians 3:2).
- C. Commitment to faithfulness
- C. Committed in sharing our faith (I Peter 3:15)

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BMA Messages 01/13/08



The BMA ARCHIVES

Dr. Benny M. Abante, Jr.'s
PREACHING MATERIALS

“THE MINISTRY OF CHRIST”

Introduction

According to the scriptures, Jesus Christ has a three-fold work-office: A Prophetic Ministry, A Priestly Ministry, and a Kingly Ministry.

Message

Today, we are going to consider these three (3) functions of Christ:

- I. **The Revelatory Role of Christ - A Prophetic Ministry**
A good number of scriptural references and evidences to Christ's ministry stress His revelation of the Father and of Heavenly truth thus proving His function as a prophet.

Evidences

- A. He personally stated it (Matthew 13:57). He understood Himself to be a prophet.
- B. The people said it (Matthew 21:11, 46, Luke 24:19, John 6:14, 7:40). He was recognized as a prophet by those who heard Him preach.
- C. The prophecy supported it (Deuteronomy 18:15 and Acts 3:22). The prophecy spoke of Him as the successor to Moses as a Prophet.
- D. His preexistence substantiated it (John 1:18). His preexistence was a major factor/proof in His ability to reveal the Father.
- E. His preachings were similar to the work of the Old Testament prophets (Matthew 11:20-24, John 14:1-3) It is a declaration of door and judgment, and good news and salvation.
- F. His prophetic work covers several stages
 - *In His incarnation all truth come from and through Him. (John 1:9)*
 - *In His ministry (Hebrews 1:1-3)*
 - *Through His Church, He promised His presence in the ongoing task. (Matthew 28:20)*
 - *His final and complete revelatory work lies in the future. (1 John 3:2)*

- II. **The Reconciling work of Christ - A Priestly Ministry**

A Priest is a God-appointed mediator between God and man, there are three (3) scope of priesthood in the old testament ministry:

- *Reconciliation - to offer sacrifices before the people.*

NOTHING SHALL OUR MOUTH SPEAK BUT THE BLESSING OF THE WORD AND THE GLORY OF GOD.



THROUGH THE BIBLE IN A YEAR

CHAPTERS TO READ THIS WEEK:

January 06	Gen. 16-19
January 07	Gen. 20-22
January 08	Gen. 23-26
January 09	Gen. 27-29
January 10	Gen. 30-32
January 11	Gen. 33-36
January 12	Gen. 37-39

To memorize one (1) verse in every chapter, tokens shall be awarded to those who can recite all memory verses after every book.

- *Intercession - to go to within the veil to make intercession for the people.*
- *Benediction - to come forth to bless the people*
As the Great High Priest, our Lord fulfills these three functions.

- A. The initiation of His priestly ministry (Hebrews 8-9).
Officially or dispensationally, the priestly ministry of Christ began at the Cross, when He offered Himself as a sacrifice for sin and will end at His return.
- B. The instances that He interceded.
He interceded for His disciples (John 17)
During the institution of the Lord's supper (Luke 22:31-32)
In His heavenly presence with the Father (Hebrews 7:25)
- C. The intention of His intercession - justificatory (Hebrews 9:24; 1 John 2:1-2)
Jesus presents His righteousness to the Father for our justification

- III. **The Rule of Christ - A Kingly Ministry**

Stages:

A. Today (Present)

1. The natural universe obeys Him and He is in control (John 1:3; Colossians 1:17)
2. He is the Head of the body, the church (Colossians 1:18)

B. Tomorrow (Future)

1. Isaiah had anticipated a future ruler who would sit on David's throne – Isaiah 9:7
2. The writer of the Hebrews applies Psalm 45:6-7 to the Son of God (Hebrews 1:8)
3. Jesus said that He would sit on a glorious throne- Matthew 19:28.

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