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How important to our over-all faith is having a good understanding of Biblical Prophecy? I was appalled when I heard one pastor, who espouses more than one doctrine of demons, say this to his congregation, “Some of you are letting your eschatology get in the way of your faith”—i.e., *unless you change your mind about what you believe concerning Biblical Prophecy, I cannot indoctrinate you into the counterfeit faith that I teach.*

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Look around, for the past few decades, just within the Christian Community, Bible Prophecy, and the importance of studying it, has been on serious trial.

Well the evidence has been weighed, the jury is in, and the inescapable fact is, that in this time of undeniable paradigm shifts and outright apostasy from biblical Christianity, the need for correct understanding of Bible Prophecy has become acute.

We know that the very first generation of Christians, were already being corrupted from the simplicity of Christ. The apostle Paul wrote to them (and to us) about it. He feared they were turning to another gospel which presented another Jesus.

Well hold onto your hats folks, because Christians today are defecting from the simplicity of Christ at lightning speed and in droves.

And when this begins to happen, it seems the first things to go are biblical faith concerning the rapture, the second coming of Christ and interest in the subject of Bible Prophecy in general.

It is reported that Mike Bickle, contemplative prayer proponent and one of the Kansas City Prophets, teaches that although he believes there is a rapture of the church, he believes that it happens over a period of time, in an extended process, rather than the sudden event described in 1 Thessalonians 4, 16 and 17.

Whether a Christian believes in a pre, mid or post tribulational rapture, Bickle's teaching on the subject is definitely a deviation from any school of thought concerning the event, and his view can certainly not be substantiated in scripture.

I was personally present when Christian Harfouche of Miracle Christian Center in Pensacola, Florida, insulted traditional Bible-believers sitting in his congregation by telling them that their eschatology was getting in the way of their faith.

What a blatant admission that a solid understanding of Bible Prophecy is good protection against the deception being foisted on Christians by those involved in today's contemplative and-or prophetic, *Present Truth*, ministries.

It is interesting to note that Christians who embrace contemplative spirituality which focuses on contemplative prayer, a Christianized, unscriptural form of eastern meditation, do not necessarily accept The Prophetic Movement as legitimate.

But those who become involved in The Prophetic Movement all seem to eventually embrace the contemplative.

And a common denominator in both movements, in addition to exhibiting extreme ecumenism, is a major paradigm shift from depending on the written Word of God in determining truth, to embracing an experiential spirituality, deciding that what feels right must be truth, in spite of the fact that the Bible clearly says there is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death, Proverbs 14.12.

Add to these major shifts, a rejection of traditional, literal, belief in what the Bible teaches concerning the rapture of the Church and the second coming of Christ, and what we end up with are professing Christians with an extremely spiritualized view of Bible prophecy that in many cases, ultimately manifests in a generalized lack of interest in the subject altogether, other than

to ridicule those who do take an interest in it.

Rick Joyner, a leader in the Prophetic Movement, wrote in his book, *The Harvest*, that although he had plenty of scripture to back up what he was writing, he was not going to use very much in his book.

He said he did this because he wanted the reader to *commune with the spirit* for confirmation of the truth of what he had written, not just read a bunch of *facts*.

He undermined the written Word of God, the Bible, by reducing it to *just a bunch of facts*. And he elevated an unconfirmed spiritual experience, above the factual truth of the Bible.

In his writing, Joyner affirms the importance to our over-all faith of having a correct understanding of Bible prophecy but ridicules the doctrine of the rapture by calling it a ruse of the enemy designed to implant a retreat mentality.

He does this because the basic premise of what he teaches is based primarily on Dominion Theology, a false belief system which corrupts and spiritualizes Bible

teaching concerning physical Israel, the rapture of the Church, the future Kingdom of Christ, and the part God's people will play in the ruler-ship of that *future* kingdom.

It is easy to see why it is so important to Joyner to minimize the need to depend upon the *written* Word of God, the Bible, for spiritual illumination, and why he discourages any serious study of Bible prophecy.

In his efforts to undermine the acquisition of sound doctrine concerning Bible prophecy, Joyner writes that God is not interested in *impressing us with his ability to foretell the future*.

That statement is diabolically opposed to the written Word of God which tells us it is exactly that ability which we can look to, and depend on, for proof that our God is indeed the only true God, and that his written Word is indeed the only standard by which we can measure what, and what is not, truth.

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Jesus said by our words, we will be justified, or by our words, we will be condemned. That is a frightening thought for most of us. During the course of a lifetime we speak many words, and we do not always choose our words wisely.

The wisest choice of words we can ever make is to confess with our mouth that Jesus Christ is the risen Son of God. If we come to God on those terms, with a truly repentant heart, we are promised eternal life. A broken and contrite heart, he will not despise.

Here is what it all boils down to. Our God is merciful and loving. He doesn't unnecessarily complicate things. Romans 10. 9, 10, and 13 says that if we confess with our mouth, words, the Lord Jesus, and believe in our hearts that God raised him from the dead,

We,
Will,
Be,
Saved.