

## **12-8-19 Micaiah The Lone Prophet One Lonely Prophet Against the Majority**

Scripture:

II Chronicles 18:3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.

II Chronicles 18:4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the LORD to day.

II Chronicles 18:5 Therefore the king of Israel gathered together of prophets four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God will deliver it into the king's hand.

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II Chronicles 18:7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the LORD: but I hate him; for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so.

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II Chronicles 18:9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat king of Judah sat either of them on his throne, clothed in their robes, and they sat in a void place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them.

II Chronicles 18:10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.

II Chronicles 18:11 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king.

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II Chronicles 18:13 And Micaiah said, As the LORD liveth, even what my God saith, that will I speak.

II Chronicles 18:14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper, and they shall be delivered into your hand.

II Chronicles 18:15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD?

II Chronicles 18:16 Then he said, I did see all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return therefore every man to his house in peace.

II Chronicles 18:17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good unto me, but evil?

II Chronicles 18:18 Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD; I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left.

II Chronicles 18:19 And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.

II Chronicles 18:20 Then there came out a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith?

II Chronicles 18:21 And he said, I will go out, and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And the LORD said, Thou shalt entice him, and thou shalt also prevail: go out, and do even so.

II Chronicles 18:22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the LORD hath spoken evil against thee.

***THERE IS A VAST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN GOD'S WAYS AND MAN'S WAYS.***

Isaiah 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.

Isaiah 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Greatest problem with doing the work of God in our day is that men are looking to do God's work man's way.

What the majority of people are doing is doing a work their way and claiming that God is the one that is leading them.

Jehoshaphat & Ahab were planning to fight the Syrians at Ramoth Gilead.

Jehoshaphat, being a man of God, said I will go but let us first enquire of God.

Here we have an example of one of God's people making a decision as a natural man and then seeking to the blessing of God on his decision. Many times we do not really want to know the mind and will of God. We just want God's blessing on what we have already decided to do.

So Ahab hires 400 liberal hireling preachers to put their blessing on his humanistic naturalistic plans. Note they claimed to be prophets of Jehovah!

Jehoshaphat, having spiritual discernment and being used to good old fashioned spirit filled men of God, noticed a shallowness about their prophesying and he said to Ahab.

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Shame on you. you ought not to say this about a man of God.

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A true man of God even if he tried could not preach a wishy washy message. Jeremiah said he wanted to keep quiet but the Spirit of God would not let him.

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Now notice how Micaiah said what he wanted

Micaiah said do you really want the divine perspective.. all right here it is:

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Ahab was always pouting and complaining about God's men. He didn't like Elijah, and now he doesn't like Micaiah

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II Chronicles 18:25 Then the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son;

II Chronicles 18:26 And say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace.

Some important facts about this message:

***I. THERE WERE MORE HIRELINGS THAN MICAIAHS.  
400 Prophets of Ahab, and there was only 1 Micaiah.***

To many people go into the ministry today as hirelings.

Now the Bible says,

II Timothy 3:13 But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

So lets say things did not get worse, it would seem to me that for every one Micaiah there are 400 hirelings.

The average person who studies for the ministry does so because they think it would be a good thing to do, and has nothing to do with a calling from the Lord.

Years ago my wife and I took off a couple of days to celebrate our anniversary. I think it was our 23-24th anniversary. I overheard a fellow a few tables over talking about a private school. It sounded like he was in some form of ministry work. So I introduced myself and asked him if he was a pastor or in the ministry. He said he was a local Rabbi and he was having dinner with one of the teachers of his Jewish day school.

I said I was a pastor and my wife and I were celebrating our 24th wedding anniversary. He looked at me and said, they ought to stuff you and put you in a museum. He said, he had just gone through a divorce and most of the people in his synagogue were going through divorces. Then I asked him what made him decide to be a Rabbi. He looked at me and said, "it just seemed like a good career at the time.."

Folks, to be honest with you, there is only one reason I am a pastor today. That reason is that God called me to be a preacher. You ought to read my tract "NOT ME" to see how God dealt with me for many years about being in the ministry. I do not have time to expound all the things that God did in my life to bring me to a point of surrender to go into the ministry, but this one thing I can say dogmatically is that it was not my idea but God's!

Years ago Jack Mckeeby asked me to visit Doc Guyer in Montrose. His house and office was right next door to the Presbyterian church. I went there I shared the gospel with him. After I was done talking to him he said, I'm going to ask the Presbyterian minister about what you said. A little while went by and I went to see him again, and he said, to me, I did ask the preacher next door about what you told me, if what you said was in the Bible. I said, "what did he say?" He said it was in the Bible but he didn't talk much about those things because he would have a lot of people upset at him in his church.

You see Micaiah had a lot of people upset at him.

I never got in the ministry to please people, receive applause, or get rich. In 1976 when I felt God was directing me to go to Bible college, my dad offered me a house, a car, expenses paid through college, if I would stay in the Philadelphia area and go to Temple University for music. I declined and came up to this area to go to Bible college. That was 44 years ago. I was just

saying to my wife as we went to Clarks Summit to get a blood test, "Who would have ever thought we would have been living in this area the rest of our lives?"

Mark 10:29 And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

Mark 10:30 But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

I felt God was calling me to go to B.B.C.

I saw a lot of people wash out in those days.

One Fellow student dropped out from school because of the pay scale in the area.

Another fellow student who was a male nurse and his wife was a nurse closed down a church they were working in because they said there wasn't enough money to pay the bills. NONSENSE. Between the two of them they had to be making over 100,000 a year. Their tithe alone should have been able to keep the church going. All the bills they had were the electric and the heat in a small building.

400 prophets of Ahab. Hirelings, plenty of them available. Ahab hired them to come and bless his decision to fight.

To the average person being a preacher is nothing more than a job.  
IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE A CALLING OF GOD.

PAUL PREDICTED THAT IN THE END TIMES THERE WILL BE LESS AND LESS MICIAHS, AND MORE AND MORE PROPHETS OF AHAB. Hired to say what pleases him.

II Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

II Timothy 4:3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

II Timothy 4:4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

II Timothy 4:5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

## **II. WHAT IS THE MAIN DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AHAB'S PROPHETS AND A MICIAH?**

Ahab's prophets had a false spirit. That was the spirit of the world.

The spirit of this world makes people comfortable about what they are doing.

I John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

I John 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

I John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

Some Religions make you feel Good about yourself and your plans and your ways.

God's spirit is there to convict us when we stray and go our own way.

Jesus said of the Holy Spirit.

John 16:8 And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

This book and Holy Spirit preaching will do the following:

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The world is repelled by spirit filled Holy Spirit preaching and truth.

Here we have Ahab and Jehoshaphat already planned to go to war at Ramoth Gilead and now they were seeking God's blessing on their plans.

So many people plan what they are going to do and then look for someone to tell them it is all right God is in it.

Jehoshaphat was a good man but he was joined up with an ungodly man.

Later when he returned home a true preacher met him and rebuked him for what he did.

II Chronicles 19:1 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem.

II Chronicles 19:2 And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD.

II Chronicles 19:3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast taken away the groves out of the land, and hast prepared thine heart to seek God.

**MIND YOU, GOOD PEOPLE MAKE THIS MISTAKE NOT JUST UNGODLY PEOPLE.**

All of us have been guilty of doing what we want to do and then seeking counsel to support it.

Years ago I was talking to a man who was in a liberal ecumenical church. He worked for the government and knew that the world council of churches was sending money to groups that he knew were using that money to support terrorist groups. He said, what should I do because I know a certain amount of the money I give to my church is being given to the World Council of Churches. I said get out of that church and be part of a independent church. He said he couldn't because all his family went there. This is where Jehoshaphat went wrong he joined affinity with Ahab. Ahab became family to him through intermarriages.

God calls us to be separate from the world, and be holy.

II Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

If we really want to know the mind of the Lord, let God have His way before we decide. MOST OF THE TIME THIS TAKES A RISK OF FAITH.

MOST PEOPLE ARE NOT WILLING TO LIVE BY FAITH.

BY THE WAY,

**THERE ARE PLENTY OF PEOPLE WHO WILL ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AND TELL YOU IT IS GOD WHO IS TELLING YOU TO DO SO. THIS IS THE SAME OLD LYING SPIRIT!**

Modern day Psychology make you feel good about what you want to do.

I can think of a man whose wife asked her husband to go to counseling. The man thought he was perfectly fine but if his wife thought she needed to see a counselor she could go alone. So he paid for her to go to a counselor. When she went to the counselor she told her psychiatrist that she was no longer happy in her marriage and found someone younger that she wanted to marry but felt guilty about it. The psychiatrist convinced her that if that is what she felt she needed to do to be happy that she should do it. Then she went to her priest and said her husband was not catholic and she was, and she found someone who was catholic and wanted to marry him. The priest told her that in the eyes of the church if she was not married by the church she was not married so it was ok to divorce her husband and remarry a catholic. So she divorced her husband got a \$200,000 alimony settlement and remarried. What got me about the whole thing is that her ex husband was the one paying the Psychiatrist over \$100 an hour to advise his wife to leave him!

***III. BE SURE, GOD WILL NOT LEAVE YOU WITHOUT A TRUE WITNESS OF THE TRUTH, AND THE NATURAL MAN WILL NOT LIKE THAT WITNESS.***

Micaiah couldn't even pretend to be a wishy washy preacher.

When Jeremiah tried to keep his mouth shut he said.

Jeremiah 20:9 Then I said, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name. But his word was in mine heart as a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with forbearing, and I could not stay.

When you're called to preach you have to preach. When God gives you a call He will put a fire in your heart and make you restless unless you do what He called you to do.

God will give someone to tell you the truth, He is not going to leave Himself without a witness.

Most of the time when that man of God preaches, he is going to step on your toes.

Some things in this book are sweet.  
Some things in this book are bitter.

You have to take the bitter with the sweet.

Went to the hospital one time and the nurse said to me, "Do needles bother you?" I looked at her and said of course they do. No she said, " do you faint when you get one.."

Some people when they are pricked with the needle of God's word they faint.

But that little pain and prick in the arm saved me a whole lot of pain later.

The truth may hurt at first but if you accept it and obey it, it may solve a whole lot of pain later.

There are a whole lot of things being done today that are not of the spirit of God.

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## **Conclusion:**

Will you go the way of the 400 Hirelings or will you listen to the warning of the Micaiahs of this generation?

This Book is the test.

The Bible is God's message to us and we need to stick to it.

DO YOU WANT THE HUMAN PERSPECTIVE OR THE DIVINE?

Why are we surprised that if you hold to the truth of this book that you are going to be in minority and not in the majority?

The very word Holy means to be unique separate, distinct.

Let's just bring it down to where the rubber meets the road.

In the day of Micaiah, he was the lone prophet, not respected, he stood alone, with probably few followers. But he was right.

Then there are the majority of clergy, who are doing all kind of theatrics and drama.

II Chronicles 18:10 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah had made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the LORD, With these thou shalt push Syria until they be consumed.

What a spectacular sight, probably quite impressive, a real spectacle.

Today we have a lot of churches that draw great crowds of people because of their show, lights, music, video presentations, and as you look at the crowds and the spectacle you say this must be right, the spirit of God must be here.

Then comes that lone Micaiah, ousted, never invited by the King to preach or minister, and everyone is trying to give him advice. Micaiah, this is the way to do it. Get with it, you need to get with it, get with the times, preach a positive message, no one wants to hear that old time message. Trade in your Bible for some iron horns! Why do you have to be different?



But Micaiah says, this whole movement is of Satan, it is not of God. God is not with these 400 prophets. The Lord has given them a false spirit, a counterfeit Holy Spirit, the spirit of Satan!

When Micaiah cries out his warning against the false prophets, then the leader of the movement slaps that lonely prophet in the face and says, who are you to rebuke me? Who are you to tell me I'm wrong? You're a nobody, I'm part of the movement, I'm part of the 400 prophets. This is where the Spirit is moving and leading. You are out of step with the times.

Today, people flock to churches, that are doing it the new way, new music, new presentations, they have the horns of iron. They know how to put on a show. I say to you, what made America great was the Old Fashioned preaching of the unchangeable Word of God. Small country churches that sprinkled our nation and salted the land. Places where preachers would thunder out the blessed truths of this book every Sunday. Lone Micaiah's faithful to the message! Why do you think anything has changed? Too many people are being caught up in the movement of the 400 false hireling prophets.

The question is who has the real Holy Spirit?

I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

I Corinthians 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

I Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

Here you have the Majority that say, this is the message of the Holy Spirit, and then you have that lone persecuted prophet, Micaiah, saying no, the Lord has let a lying spirit fill the mouths of these hirelings. Don't listen to them!

Now let me ask you who are you going to listen to?

Jehoshaphat went with Ahab anyway, and in the middle of the battle he almost got himself killed.

His buddy Ahab, said to him:

II Chronicles 18:28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead.

II Chronicles 18:29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and will go to the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went to the battle.

II Chronicles 18:30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that were with him, saying, Fight ye not with small or great, save only with the king of Israel.

II Chronicles 18:31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they compassed about him to fight: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved them to depart from him.

II Chronicles 18:32 For it came to pass, that, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him.

So his buddy Ahab figured these people are going to target me, so I will foil their efforts. I will disguise myself and let them think Jehoshaphat is me. A real friend he was.

## **PART II PM SERVICE**

How to determine and discern the true spirit of God from the false spirit of the hireling prophets?

### **CONSIDER WHAT IT IS TO SEE THINGS FROM THE NATURAL MAN'S PERSPECTIVE.**

#### **1. The natural man can only relate to other natural men but not the spiritual man, the way the spiritual man lives is a mystery.**

I Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

I Corinthians 2:8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

I Corinthians 2:11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

No one could understand why Micaiah wouldn't preach the same kind of messages all the other prophets were preaching.

I Kings 22:13 And the messenger that was gone to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak that which is good.

#### **2. The Natural man has received the spirit of this world and is a child of this world system.**

I Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

I Kings 22:22 And the LORD said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt persuade him, and prevail also: go forth, and do so.

Spirit of this world is a lying spirit.

What is that lying spirit? It is a spirit today that is making people comfortable with their sin. and worldliness, etc.

#### **3. The Natural man has no spiritual discernment. All his judgments are based on worldly principles.**

I Corinthians 2:5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

I Corinthians 2:6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought:

I Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

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I Corinthians 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

The prophets of Ahab were waxing eloquent and even Jehoshaphat was moved by their theatrics.

#### **4. The Natural Man Finds God's perspective foolish.**

I Corinthians 2:14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Those who are of this world find the message of the Spirit of God foolish!

#### **CONSIDER WHAT IT IS TO SEE THINGS FROM GOD'S PERSPECTIVE.**

1. The spiritual man has received the spirit of God which gives a supernatural ability to understand spiritual things.

I Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

2. The spiritual man is able to compare spiritual things with spiritual and get spiritual solutions.

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3. The spiritual man is able to make spiritual judgments which exceeds the moral standards of the world and cannot be condemned by the world.

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I Corinthians 2:15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

4. The spiritual man will be in agreement with Christ and have the same mindset as Christ.

I Corinthians 2:16 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

#### **IV. THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE DOING THINGS FROM THE NATURAL MAN'S PERSPECTIVE AND CLAIMING THEIR HUMANISTIC REASONINGS AS DIVINE.**

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Will you stand with Micaiah or will you go with the 400 hirelings?