

## TELL IT LIKE IT IS

**TEXT: Proverbs 23:23a: Buy the truth, and sell it not.**

I want the truth no matter how it shakes me up, cuts me down, or exposes my inner-heart's intention. Solid truth has to be my only foundation. I cannot have solid faith without a solid foundation for it. Faith cannot rest on theory, or on fables, or on nothing. The only anchor a real Christian can have is the unmovable Word of God.

The shifting sands of man's theory, church affiliation, or doctrinal persuasions are no place to anchor true faith. An anchored ship cannot sink. The old waves may toss her, but the sea cannot sink her because she is anchored.



**It is not what I can do that keeps me going, but what Christ has done.**



My faith must be anchored entirely upon the finished work of The Lord Jesus Christ. I am thereby established, and the devil can't sink me. On the other hand, there are so many Christians who are on the mountaintop one day, and down in the valley on the next day. They never seem to be settled. Why?

**There seem to be two kinds of believers:**

The one is intellectual or mental in faith while the other is experimental or living-heart faith. In reading the words of Jesus in **John 5:24**, why not anchor your soul to that, and not on feelings, emotions, theories, or hearsay.

***John 5:24: Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that heareth My Word, and believeth on Him Who sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death unto life.***

**We are kept by the power of God through faith.**

Note: the manna fell for all in the wilderness, but it didn't last. It melted in the sun, or it bred worms in the house when left over. However, on the Sabbath it remained fresh and did not breed worms or melt away. When the children of Israel saw this miracle, they had their faith strengthened.

There were weaker members in the family of God that murmured and complained. When their faith was tested, they fainted. It's just like today with the weaker members in the body of Christ who let down the bars, and the devil wins the battle and thereby gets into the church. This is the real reason why the POWER OF THE SPIRIT does not come down like rain.

**God is in His Word, and when His Word is in us, so is Jehovah.**

Anyone who is solid in the Word is solid in God. The raging storms of doubt, fear, worry, and oppression may rise against us; yet, we are founded on the Solid Rock – our Lord Jesus Christ and His Word.



God is in His Word; and anybody, therefore, who adds to the Word or takes away from it, watch what happens.

**Revelation 22:18-19:**

***18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the Prophecy of this Book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this Book:***

***19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the Book of this Prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the Book of Life, and out of the Holy City, and from the things which are written in this Book.***

Fortune telling is an impersonation of a prophet. That is blasphemy against God.



***Numbers 12:6b: If there is a Prophet among you, I the LORD will make Myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.***

I'd rather drink branch water and eat soda crackers and be in harmony and fellowship with God so He can reveal His Word to me than have a name embellished in gold on the tallest building in Washington D.C.

**The Word of God cannot fail.**

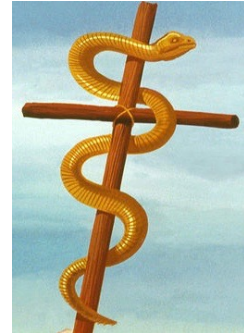
I don't care how many sensations you have. If your life isn't in harmony with the Word, your sensations are lying vanities.

Do you know what is on the medical emblem of hospitals and doctors offices? It is the brazen serpent on a pole. Have you ever wondered why they chose this symbol for their profession? It is from the Bible:

**Numbers 21:8-9**

***<sup>8</sup> And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live.***

***<sup>9</sup> And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived.***



When Moses told the people to look to the Brazen Serpent on that Pole so that they would live — even though they were bitten by poisoned serpents and were at the point of no return with death starring them in the face — Moses gave them the WORD OF GOD, and it was vindicated only by their faith in that Word. They were healed immediately when they looked, and they lived. When you look to the One Whom this brazen serpent represents, you will live also.

He said:

***Isaiah 45:22: Look unto Me and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else.***

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