They Have Moses and the Prophets

Ken Chapman · Luke 16:27–31

INTRODUCTION

- Isn't it kind of cruelly ironic that as important as communication is, that all too often it's difficult?
- This morning I want to talk about God's communication to us.
- There's no way to measure how important it is that we understand what God is trying to say to us.

1 They Have Moses and the Prophets

Luke 16:27–31

- I beg you, therefore, Father, that you would send him, to my father's house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.
- But Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the prophets. Let them hear them.
- If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rise from the dead.
- But Abraham's twice reply to that request was, they have Moses and the prophets. In other words, he's saying, they have the word of God.

2 God Chose Preaching

1 Corinthians 1:18–25; 1 Corinthians 2:6–13; Ephesians 3:1–4

- Whether it was Moses and the prophets under the old way, or whether it's Jesus and the apostles under this new covenant, that God chose preaching.
- It pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.
- These things we also speak, not in words which man wisdom teaches, but with which the Holy Spirit teaches.
- The preaching that he's talking about is the preaching that was done, the original declaration of this message, that was done by inspiration.
- God didn't send it directly to you, God sent it to me, Paul says, an apostle, and I'm communicating it to you.

3 God Chose an Earthly Messenger

Acts 2; Acts 8:26–29

- The Holy Spirit was there in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost, the day God wanted to communicate his message to man.
- But although the angel and the spirit are there, they don't communicate directly to the recipient of the gospel message.
- God chose a heavenly message to be delivered by an earthly messenger.

- When He was communicating His message to mankind, to the lost world, God chose an earthly messenger.

4 God's Only and Final Revelation to Man

Jude 3

- That revelation, this preaching, is God's only and final revelation to man.
- Contend earnestly for the faith, which was once for all delivered to the saints.
- We have everything that God wanted to communicate to us.
- We have everything we need for salvation. And so there's two fallouts from that. One is we need to value it as such.

5 Don't Wait for God to Communicate Another Way

Galatians 1:6–8

- Don't look for, or don't wait for God to communicate to you in some other way.
- But I need to recognize that God has already spoken to me. He chose preaching.
- We need to be careful in interpreting something that we think we see or hear and saying, that's God talking to me.
- Even if we are an angel from heaven preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed.
- A true messenger of the gospel is not going to come and tell you something different than what's already been delivered to you.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Don't wait for another still voice to speak to you, even a booming voice to speak to you. You have the word of God. God has spoken to you. Will you obey it this morning?**

MY NOTES