



“And it happened in the same year... that Hananiah the prophet spoke to me in the house of the LORD in the presence of the priests and of all the people saying...” Jeremiah 28:1

Jeremiah finds himself in a prophet’s duel! As Elijah faced hundreds of the false prophets of Baal, so Jeremiah is facing a false prophet but this one has come in the name of the LORD! This duel, like Elijah’s, though maybe not as dramatic, is to the death,. (Jeremiah 28:16 – 17).

It is interesting to note that while Hananiah is obviously a false prophet, Jeremiah and the Holy Spirit call him a prophet (verse 1). Could it be that at one time he was a genuine prophet of the LORD much like Balaam was before his heart turned after money? Whatever the case, Hananiah’s heart has begun to yield to a spirit of false prophesy, possibly out of the fear of man or because of his own nationalistic pride or could it be that he, like Balaam was in it for the money?

Practically for us today, we must maintain a vigilance to walk before the Lord in purity of both heart and mind never allowing ourselves to be tempted away from our devotion to Christ by our own inner conflicts, emotions, bias, loyalties or cultural perspectives or money!

“Father, help me to walk in Your Word. May the Word be my guide, my standard, my light and my safety net. May I ultimately hold to Your Word alone! “You are now clean through the word I have spoken to you!” (John 15:3).

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