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Micah 3:8

“But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of justice and might, to declare to Jacob his transgressions and to Israel his sin.” Micah 3:8

It seems that the modern Church has lost this dynamic spiritual truth – it is the Law that brings us to Christ! “The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith.” (Galatians 3:24).

The Gospel is not first “believe and receive” but rather it is “repent and believe.” Once we have repented and come to Christ the gates for our “believer” is liberated and we may then “believe and receive” to possess all that Jesus has procured for us at Calvary. To proclaim God’s love without first the knowledge of sin has produced an anemic church at best and a lascivious one at worst. To be told of God’s unconditional love without the understanding that you have also violated the Law of God and now face the judgments of God is to simply excuse away men’s sin rather than call them to repent of their sin. Such cases often embolden sin rather than convict of sin.

To first hear that you have violated a Holy and Just God’s Law produces – as it should and was intended to produce – a godly fear that brings us to the point we see our need of a Saviour – one who can make things right for us with God. Now we understand that we are no longer “entitled” to His mercy simply because He is a good and loving God. As sinners we deserve the just penalty of our sin. How much sweeter then is the message of God’s unfathomable love!

We don’t preach the Law in an angry or condemning way – those outside of Christ are condemned already. (John 3:17 – 18). But rather, the preaching of the Law’s violation is spurred on by the compassion of Christ that all might come to repentance and forgiveness through Christ – which He has already provided for those who will repent and believe.

“Lord make me wise in sharing the Law to the end that sinners might be truly converted to You!”

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