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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God..." (1 Peter 4:11).

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THIS MAN

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The writers of God bring to our attention — Jesus Christ. In their preaching they would speak about Christ. It is this man that we desire to call to your attention at this time.

NEVER MAN SPAKE LIKE THIS MAN. John 7:46, “*The officers answered, Never man spake like this man.*” The officers at that time made a very clear statement about Christ. They realized and recognized that one had never spake like this man. He spake with all authority (Mt. 28:18). They could discern that He knew whereof He spake.

I FIND NO FAULT IN THIS MAN. Luke 23:4, “*Then said Pilate to the chief priests and to the people, I find no fault in this man.*” There was one thing that all had to admit to, and that was that Christ had done no wrong. He could not be found with fault, because He was without sin. This had never been said of another. It could not be said of another for He was the only one who has lived His life without sin.

THIS MAN RECEIVETH SINNERS. Luke 15:2, “*And the Pharisees and scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.*” The Pharisees and

scribes complained about Christ receiving sinners, when they should have been rejoicing over this. This was the whole purpose of Christ. This is why He came to earth: to seek and to save the lost (Lk. 19:10). If there is anything we need to preach to this world, it is the fact that **THIS MAN DOES RECEIVE SINNERS**. Let them know that He will receive them **WHEN THEY OBEY HIS WILL**.

THIS MAN SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. Hebrews 10:12, “*But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God.*” Yes, after He left this earth, He went back to heaven to take His place at the right hand of God. He is there now as our High Priest (Heb. 4:15-16). How grateful we should be that He is there.

THINK ABOUT THIS MAN. OBEY HIM.

THE LANGUAGE OF DEFEAT

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1. **Israelites:** “*It had been better for us to serve the Egyptians than we should die in the wilderness*” (Ex. 14:12). They believed that “We are not going

to succeed; so it would have been better to continue in slavery.”

2. **Felix:** “*When I have a convenient season*” (Acts 24:24). The language of procrastination is the language of defeat.

3. **Israelites:** “*We did tell thee*” (Ex. 14:12). “We told you so.” Defeated before they ever really tried or started!

4. **Spies:** “*They are stronger than we...*” “*We were in our own sight as grasshoppers...*” (Num. 13:31-33). Lacked confidence in God and self!

5. **One-talent man:** “*I was afraid*” (Mt. 25:25). Fear keeps many from using their talents.

6. **Moses:** “*They will not believe me*” (Ex. 4:1). Lack of confidence in the other person.

7. **Moses:** “*I am not eloquent*” (Ex. 4:10). He forgot the ability of the One who told him to “*go and speak*.”

THE LANGUAGE OF VICTORY

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1. “*I can do all things through Christ*” (Phil. 4:13).

2. "Our God shall fight for us" (Neh. 4:20).
3. "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Ps. 46:1).
4. "In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths" (Prov. 3:6).
5. "For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous" (1 Pet. 3:12).
6. "God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able" (1 Cor. 10:13).
7. "Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:57).

Let our thoughts be positive, our speech powerful, and our actions prevailing. We are laborers together in the greatest cause in the universe. Let's act like it!

KEEP THYSELF PURE

John Edwards

Timothy was charged, "Lay hands suddenly on no man,

neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure" (1 Tim. 5:22). Every individual is charged with the responsibility of keeping himself pure. Here are some ways we can keep ourselves pure:

FLEE, AVOID, AND ABSTAIN. The Bible teaches that there are impurities which defile the child of God (Mk. 7:20-23). Paul said we must "abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Th. 5:22). The Corinthians were admonished to "avoid" and "flee fornication" (1 Cor. 6:18; 7:2).

THINK ON PURE THINGS. One of the reasons the flood was sent was that "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen. 6:5). Paul wrote, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

VISIT. James said, "Pure religion and undefiled before

God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction..." (Jas. 1:27). The individual is under consideration in this verse. How long has it been since you did some visiting?

KEEP SELF UNSPOTTED FROM THE WORLD. It is written, "Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this...to keep himself unspotted from the world" (Jas. 1:27). Once we have "escaped the pollutions of the world", we must endeavor to not become "entangled therein" (2 Pet. 2:20). Paul commanded the Romans, "be not conformed to this world" (Rom. 12:2).

OBEY THE TRUTH. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" (1 Pet. 1:22). The truth is identified as the word of God (Jn. 17:17). The blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin when we walk in the light (1 Jn. 1:7).

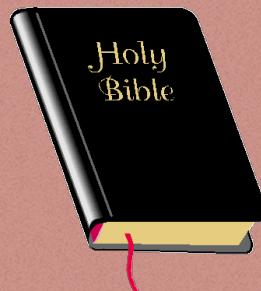
In the midst of a corrupt world, it is imperative that we keep ourselves pure.

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