

## Speaking as the Oracles of God

- I. Introduction: (1 Pet 4:11) “If any man speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God.”
- II. What are oracles?
  - a. A way that God talks to us
- III. How do we get these oracles?
  - a. (2 Peter 1:21) Spoke as the spirit gave them utterance
  - b. (Heb 1:1-2) Before spoke to the fathers by the prophets Speaks now to us by his Son
  - c. Son promised the Holy Spirit to the Apostles
    - i. (John 14:16-17) “And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.”
    - ii. (John 14:26) “But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.”
      1. Two-Fold job of the Holy Ghost
        - a. Teach all things
        - b. Bring all that Christ taught to their remembrance
    - iii. (John 16:12-14) “I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you.”
      1. Many things that needed to be taught – they couldn’t handle them as of yet
        - a. The Spirit will slowly reveal all truth to them
  - d. Apostles Taught and wrote by the Holy Spirit
    - i. (Heb 2:1-4) Them that heard him where his apostles
      1. Truth confirmed by God through miracles
        - a. (John 3:2) “The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.”
      2. Purpose of the Miracles was to prove the revelation
  - e. Once the revelation was completed the work of the Holy Ghost was finished
    - i. (1 Cor 13:9-11) “For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I

understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

- f. The Church was built by miraculous means
    - i. Man was first created by a miraculous way
    - ii. After man was created others are born by procreation
    - iii. Christians are now born by procreation ways
      - 1. (1 Peter 1:22-23) “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: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”
        - a. Christians are born by what the Spirit taught and the Apostles wrote – all ready confirmed – all ready taught no need for miracles or new revelation.
  - g. How does the Comforter abide with us forever?
    - i. Through the Scriptures
    - ii. (2 Tim 3:14-17) “But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.”
      - 1. All Scripture – Both the words of the New Testament and Old Testament
    - iii. Parallel Scriptures
      - 1. (Eph 5:18-20) “but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”
      - 2. (Col 3:16-17) “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.”
- IV. How do we speak these oracles?
- a. By speaking what the scriptures teach
    - i. (1 Peter 1:25) “But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”
      - 1. Peter taught the word of the Lord

- ii. (1 Cor 14:37) “If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.”
  - 1. Paul’s words are the commandment of the Lord
- b. If you want to speak as the oracles of God you must speak as the scriptures Speak must be silent were they are silent
  - i. Speaking only the scriptures of God
  - ii. (Deut 4:2) “Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you.”
    - 1. Basic principle of the Scriptures
      - a. Add or Take away to the scripture causes perversion.
    - 2. That ye may keep
      - a. Can’t keep if it’s not the word of God
  - iii. (Gal 1:6-9) “I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”
    - 1. The word of God + Man’s word = Perversion
  - iv. Example:
    - 1. Moses and the rock
      - a. (Ex 17:5-6) “And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thine hand, and go. Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel.”
        - i. Moses did as God commanded
      - b. (Num 20:7-12) “And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he

said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.”

i. Moses perversion (1) the command was speak – he Hit the rock twice (2) In his anger he took the glory from God and put on himself.

ii. Moses added to the word of God

v. Must respect the silence of God

V. Why must we speak as the oracles of God?

a. Because it's true

i. (Ps 33:4) “For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth.”

ii. (Ps 119:160) “Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.”

1. The only word that will endure for ever is God's.

2. Our opinions will not endure

b. Can't direct our own way

i. (Jer 10:23) “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”

ii. God can direct us

1. (Ps 25:8-10) “Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he **teach** sinners in the **way**. The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth unto such as **keep his covenant and his testimonies.**”

2. Our opinions will get us no where, but God's word show's us the way!

c. Only way to keep from having divisions

i. (1 Cor 1:10) “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”

1. Only way to speak the same thing is by having one authority that we follow

2. Division comes by disobedience to God's word not by those that uphold truth

a. We can sing by faith – no opposition to singing

- b. We can't play instruments by faith – opposition to instruments
    - ii. (Ps 133:1) “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”
  - d. Speaking as the oracles of God will teach salvation
    - i. We will speak of Faith
      - 1. (Heb 11:6) “But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”
        - a. Faith in God and that he Saves
        - b. He sent his Son, and we must obey him
        - c. (Matt 7:21) “Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.”
          - i. Obedience is motivated by true faith
    - ii. We will speak of Repentance
      - 1. (Luke 13:5) “Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.”
        - a. Follow Christ and his ways
        - b. (1 Peter 2:21) “For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:”
    - iii. We will speak of Confessing that Christ is the Son of God
      - 1. (Rom 10:10-11) “For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.”
        - a. True faith – causes us to confess Christ
      - 2. Example: (Acts 8:36-37) “And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.”
    - iv. We will speak of Baptism
      - 1. (Mark 16:15-16) “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
        - a. The words of Christ
        - b. Speaking as the Oracles of God