

Apostolic Brotherhood International

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In Ezekiel 12:22-28 we see God address two of the prevailing attitudes, called here proverbs, the people were using to excuse not obeying the Word of God. The first was that the days are prolonged, and every vision faileth that is to say they don't exist anymore. It was for the old days. We see this today when they say we have a better understanding than the apostles. We understand a trinity they never preached, and as such baptism is done in the name of the father, son and Holy Ghost, even though none of those are actually a name. They also claim that the Holy Ghost was poured out on them, but it is different today. Either, the Holy Ghost comes with no visible manifestation, or it is not needed any longer. The things the apostles spoke of were for their day, not ours today. The holiness standards were for the days of our grandparents, but we are much more tolerant today. After all, isn't it all about love anyway. They say we need to accept people, not convict them. They say the world is changing and we must change with it. What used to be sin is now just part of our culture.

The second was almost the opposite, yet carried the same results; the vision is for the future, down the road, far off. This comes out the same; the Word of God does not apply to today. There are many things the word speaks of, but I don't need to be concerned with them now. Someday God will do great things, just not today. That is for the tribulation, or the millennium, or the new earth, or... There is a time in the future, just not now.

People are great at manufacturing excuses. Why I can't be baptized now. Why I can't live for God wholeheartedly at this time. I'm waiting for God to show me when to make changes in my life. If you only knew my circumstances you would understand that I mean to do something, just not now, or not here. I can't do anything if my spouse doesn't agree with it. I want to live holy and attend services, but my job won't allow it. The list goes on and on. There is a proverb (excuse) for every situation.

These were, and are still, false. What Ezekiel was seeing was indeed real, and it was for right then. They needed to hear the Word of God, to listen to the prophets. God was not going to put off things any longer. There comes a time when we must be true to ourselves and recognize excuses to be just that, excuses.

It is easy to say that God moved long ago, or that was for the apostles. It is easy to say that the time just isn't right. We need to see God in the here and now. Our culture is collapsing. Christianity is under attack. God wants to move in His people, today. II Corinthians 6:2 "(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.)" The entire message of God means nothing if it doesn't mean it now.

There is no salvation if it is not for here and now. There is no holiness if I don't live it today.

God is not the God of excuses, He is the God of faith. Faith believes He is, and He is the rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Faith is always shown by what we do, not what we wanted to do, or thought we should do, or intend to do. Faith takes away excuses and produces action. In America people used to have an idea of what was moral and right. They didn't always do right, but most people respected it. Today many people no longer even recognize what sin is. This is the day that they church will shine. Those who know their God will do exploits. We can't let any excuses get in our way.

Bro. Ernie Fowler, Author of The Acts of the Apostles and ABI Minister

Up Coming Events:

ABI Camp Meeting & General Conference 2016

August 3rd – 5th

Grangerland Community Center 35636 FM 3083

Grangerland TX 77302

Hotel Recommendation:

Porter Executive Inn & Suites

23998 FM 1314 RD

Porter TX 77365

(281) 354-9988

\$55 A Night – King Size Bed

\$59.00 A Night Double Queen

Announcements:

Grow The ABI With Us: Do you know a fellow minister looking for Fellowship? We are always eager to find ministers of like, precious faith who are looking for a place of healing, belonging, and fellowship. We believe that through this network of ministers we each help to make the other stronger and more effective in God's Kingdom. You can obtain a copy of the application for License/Ordination for the ABI by going to our website, apostolicbrotherhood.org. If you know someone needing a paper copy please contact Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams for a paper copy.

ABI Evangelists: Please let Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams know when and where you will be preaching. Whether you are preaching one service or a Multi-Day/Night Revival we would like to help get the word out. We want to do everything we can to help make your ministry a success. We will be happy to promote the Revival you are preaching on our FaceBook page, Twitter & in our Newsletter.

Revivals & Church Events: If you have any events that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact Brother Adams by the 25th of the month to insure it is published in upcoming following issue. If you have an event you would like announced on our FaceBook page or Twitter please contact Brother Adams as well

ABI Website: Our Webpage has been updated and will now have a link to Newsletters. Also our Webpage has been updated to add information for Camp Meeting & other events going on around the ABI. Please stop by and take a look at the page & see all the wonderful things the ABI is doing.

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