

Christ Apostolic Miracle Ministry Sunday School

Week 25: June 23rd, 2024

Topic: Blasphemy is rampant in the world – Part 4

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

The Last Days are here

Humans need to realize that during the last days of the world, there will be great difficulties. Inasmuch as we are in the last days, that is why people are having hard times and trouble throughout the world. Last days are perilous times of great stress and problems that are hard to bear. We must not be naïve concerning the difficult times ahead as the end approaches; because it will be very difficult to be a true Christian.

The end-time is a terrible and dangerous time; according to the scripture which says, “But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.” **2 Timothy 3:1**. The fact that you are having great stress and troubles that are hard to deal with, is not an excuse for you to join the blasphemers, or act in a way that will make the name of God to be blasphemed through you.

People are lovers of themselves and blasphemers: Today, nefarious activities are spreading across the globe like a wildfire, to the extent that people are greedy and self-centered. Most people in the world are abusive and arrogant. The majority of the populace of the Nations of the world are ungrateful to God, and they are lovers of money. Many people who claimed to be Christians are braggards, self-centered and blasphemers.

The Bible attested to this fact by saying, “For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy” **2 Timothy 3:2**. Now, check yourself! Are you selfish? Are you proud? Are you a scoffer? Are you rude, or godless? Are you lacking in gratitude and purity? Do you maintain a façade of religion, while your conduct denies its validity? Are you a blasphemer? It is time to change before it is too late.

Your situation is not an excuse: Whatever you are passing through, is not an excuse for you to misbehave, or allow the name of God to be blasphemed. Your situation does not justify betraying the covenant of God,

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or denying Him. You must not allow your condition to pressurize you to join a multitude to do evil. You need to resist every form of coercion to disobey the Lord, or condemn His commands. You need to remember that it is only the people who are faithful to the end that will be saved.

If you want God to intervene in your situation and resolve your issues; you must be obedient, and abstain from blasphemy. Unless you are loyal to God and persevere, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven; according to the Bible passage which says; “But he who endures to the end shall be saved.” **Matthew 24:13**. Whatever that is happening in your life, be prepared not to blaspheme God.

Obligations of the Christians

The duties of the Christians are the following:

They must be obedient, win souls to the Lord, and refrain from blasphemous conduct. However, the opposite is the case today; because the name of God is maligned and blasphemed among the unbelievers; because of the so-called Christians. The name of God is discredited by the Gentiles, because of the acts of the Believers. People are saying insulting things about God on a daily basis, due to the behaviors of those who called themselves priests/pastors.

Inasmuch as Christians are a spiritual light to the people who are groping in the dark; they are obligated to abstain from anything that can bring dishonor to God. It is the responsibility of the Believers not to break the Law, or make the name of God to be blasphemed. The scripture corroborated this fact by saying, “For ‘the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you,’ as it is written.” **Romans 2:24**. Are Gentiles speaking evil of God because of you? Do you appreciate, or have moral values? Are you guiding people with confused emotions to God? Are the outsiders frowning on God due to your conduct?

Women must be sensible and morally pure: Christian women must be discreet and chaste; so that the name of God will not be blasphemed through them. The married women must be homemakers, not home breakers, and they must subordinate themselves to their husbands. They

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must be self-controlled, and good natured. The married women must be submissive to their husbands; so that people will not ridicule the scripture through them.

They must respect their husbands, and abstain from extramarital affairs; else, the name of God will be blasphemed through them; according to the Book of Titus which says, "...be discreet, chaste, homemakers, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God may not be blaspheme." **Titus 2:3-5**. It is the duty of women to live wisely, be models of goodness and be virtuous; in order for the messages of the Bible not to be slandered, or dishonored.

Men must be self-restrained and prudent: Men must behave wisely, and take life seriously. They must be temperate, and live disciplined lives. They must be models of good deeds; be sincere, dignified and showing seriousness. They must always use sound words and clean language that cannot be criticized; so that God will not be blasphemed through them; according to the Bible passage which says, "Likewise, exhort the young men to be sober-minded, in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you." **Titus 2:6-8**