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...sad truth about Paul Washer., on: 2008/11/2 1:25

I am sure by the SUBJECT many will open this thread, at least once. My only point is that Paul Washer has been a wonderful blessing, do not get me wrong, but the sad truth is that he is rare in the world and my prayer is that God raises up many more prophets and preachers greater (in the holiest sense of the word) than him.

Re: ...sad truth about Paul Washer. - posted by iansmith (), on: 2008/11/2 1:15

Let us not make an idol out of him though, I'm sure he wouldn't like that either.

Let us continue to pray for an awakening of more men filled with the Holy Spirit and empowered to preach as prophets to this perishing generation.

Re: - posted by theopenlife, on: 2008/11/2 1:51

Amen, and amen.

Re: ...sad truth about Paul Washer. - posted by Koheleth, on: 2008/11/2 6:21

I thought this whole post was going to be another sad truth. I am glad in Christ to see that no slander and speculation is being spread here. Thank God, let's keep it that way!

Re: ...sad truth about Paul Washer. - posted by KathleenP (), on: 2008/11/2 7:18

A brother in the Lord (openhisword.com's Dad) met him of all places in the bathroom at the Revival Conference. He was as true to the gospel he preaches in great humility and meekness.

This is where the saint is put to the test; in a position of servant, and coheir of Christ, not just in the pulpit. We were greatly encouraged by this.

No, Brother Washer is not to be worshipped but to be treated with honor for his labor in the Lord. There is such a great difference in this. I'm sure he even receives with gladness the moments where he is treated with dignity for I'm sure those times are few.

Art Katz stated in his word concerning humility that it is not something that can be faked. It can only be obtained from the throne of God for it is the Spirit of God in His Son Jesus. It is with great price that we grow in it and that is why many do not reflect it. It is the ultimate sign that one has died to self.

I don't even know if this dear Brother realized that he was speaking under a prophetic anointing during the question and answer session in regards to the persecution of the American saints. That was powerful and is why we were so affected by it.

Yes, may God raise up others like him. I don't worship him but I'm content hear from one who has himself conferred with God. What a blessing.

Kathleen

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/11/2 18:25

Since watching Bro. Washer speak, my appreciation for his ministry soared. I am very grateful for men who will preach the truth unflinchingly with no regard to men's approval. I am deeply gratified. It is very encouraging to this grandmother - the reason is we have seen too much of the other, men who caved into pressure to conform to modernity.

Having said all this, there is one other thing that is bothering me to no end: I feel so certain the devil is going to attack Paul or his family or both, working hard to trip them up and thus bring shame to the gospel he preaches. Let's just pray for them (all I know of them is what he says from the pulpit). Actually, I have heard testimonies from preachers who say this happens quite often and that the laity has no clue what pressure the Enemy brings upon the preacher and his family.

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by itg3712 (), on: 2008/11/4 8:54

The Apostle Paul often solicited prayer in his epistles.

Paul Washer and pastors and preachers need much prayer - prayer that they would speak plainly and boldly and be delivered from wicked men (for all men do not have faith) and from unseen spiritual forces of wickedness.

Local pastors need prayer for boldness also. Those who do speak plainly and boldly can expect to pay a price in backlash from those they make uncomfortable. Many men love darkness rather than the light of truth to which they are obligated to obey and respond.

Joshua was commissioned to be strong and courageous (Joshua 1:6) and leaders continue to need these attributes.

When leaders disappoint us with a failure to be plain and bold (and all leaders will disappoint us at times), we can all ask ourselves how we can pray more to uphold them. Moses, the intercessor, had those who supported him during his prayers beside the battlefield. Plain and bold leaders are necessarily rare and the Letter of James instructs that there should not be many masters.

While leaders in authority should be few, many should pray and lay up sweet perfumes before the throne of God. More prayer is needed for more laborers to get out deeper and wider into the fields. More prayer is needed for leaders to labor well with strength and courage and boldness and truth and wisdom and great grace.

(<http://www.rockvalleybiblechurch.org/ResourceLibrary/A%20Plea%20to%20Pray%20for%20Pastors.htm>) A Plea to Pray for Pastors by Gardiner Spring

Re: - posted by meetwes, on: 2008/12/25 9:06

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If Jesus had been hard on every sinners he came across, may be he wouldn't have captured peoples hearts. He went to Pharisee's house knowing well that he was sinner. He interacted with Samaritan woman without condemning her. Not that he wasn't concerned about their souls but I believe he tried to win them through love.

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Re: - posted by tjservant (), on: 2008/12/25 9:34

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Some good points...

I would like to add that I have heard and seen Paul Washer present the Gospel in an evangelism presentation (witnessing to unbelievers) type setting; his heart and delivery is as tender and loving as I have ever witnessed.

Not having the context for most of Paul Washer's speaking engagements often leads people to be slightly caught off guard by his intense delivery. We are usually not privy to the particular set of circumstances surrounding each individual sermon we listen to. It should also be mentioned that Paul Washer is not a pastor. He has been burdened with a special message and God has provided him with an itinerant ministry to fulfill this role.

Grace and peace

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/12/25 10:32

Quote:
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One thing a person should be careful with and that is to fault the delivery style of a godly person who works to minister to the needs before him/her. I have worked at CPC for 15 years. When I went into the counselling room, I never knew what situation I would find. But I did know the Holy Spirit knew and I depended totally on him. Many times I sat there and the client was speaking and I had no clue how I should respond. But the Holy Spirit gave me the words and the appropriate emotion to deliver that message. AND there were times when I took the client to the 'woodshed'. Not often, but when the HS told me to, I needed to listen.

My point? The manner of delivery is dictated by the Holy Spirit in a Spirit-filled person. We do well to not be critical of the delivery. While this strong delivery may not be for you, it was just the right medicine for others. And, in my opinion, one is not being Spirit-led when you copy another's delivery style. Then you are acting and LORD save us from actors in the pulpit!!!

Blessings,
ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2008/12/25 11:47

As someone who has lived in America for 18 years, I can see why Paul Washer's ministry is vital. In regard to the "unsaved," I totally agree that it is the Love of God that draws men to Him. We know that "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son."

If you were to walk down the streets of Scotland and ask the average person "Are you a Christian," you would invariably hear "no," or "No, I am a Catholic," or something to that effect. Now, if you were to walk down the average American street and ask the same question, you would hear the reply "yes I am." In fact, according to Barna, almost 90% of Americans claim to be Christians. So, given that fact, and given that, of course that is not true, along comes someone like Paul Washer and address that problem. Ravenhill claimed that he thought it was more like 2% of Americans that was saved.

Even if he was far of, and it was, say 10%, that still leaves 80% of people who are fooling themselves. Perhaps they have been fooled by "cheap grace." Perhaps they simply grew up in the church. Perhaps they "gave their hearts to the Lord," when they were 4 or 5 and but had no clue as to what they were doing. Given this, then you have room for a ministry like Paul Washers.....Frank

Re: - posted by TaylorOtwell (), on: 2008/12/25 16:58

One of my friends spent some time talking to Paul Washer. He mentioned that Brother Washer was very gentle, quiet, and soft spoken when talking to someone personally.

Re: - posted by bible1985, on: 2008/12/26 1:19

it is sad people like him, ravenhill, wilkerson, , reidhead etc. our not their material being sold at christian stores, they our to busy selling self help, t.v evangelists, joyce meyer, joel osteen, t.d jakes, hollywood movies, jewelry, fictional books than anything else at these stores and missing out on the men like washer who would help the gospel more than anything. Seriously i think most christians would rather see a movie like facing the giants than a documentary on the doctrine of God or a bible study on scripture. You don't think i am serious go on to cbd.com and check out the reviews for facing the giants or any movie in particular tat is acted out and then check out the case for the creator on dvd which is a wonderful documentary and it has like 10 reviews compared to the like 400 reviews of facing the giants. I learned so much more from the case for the creator. What i am trying to say is that we have been so caught up in the things of this world like entertainment that we still hold onto them in the christian world. The things that should be the most influential are not because they our boring. I am sick of people being more interested in christian music and movies and t shirts and completely roll the word of God off to the side and our putting things we our to help us grow in the lord off too. We our commanded to separate from the world, but the problem is their our still goats among the sheeps. So i guess me being sick of it doesn't make sense if their our goats who our like this, you think. Washer and others our not being used in the christian world besides the internet, i wish their messages could get out at like a theatre or something, or a store.