

# The PLAIN TRUTH

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Dear Brother Taylor:

Greetings in Jesus' name. I feel led to write you this afternoon, and I shall act on this impulse, for I believe it is a good one. We heard some little time ago that you had moved to Roseburg, and had gone into a pentecostal work, turning from the Sabbath. This latter we could not, and did not, believe. But last evening some friends visited us who had heard directly from you, and told us you were not keeping the Sabbath any more. At first we told them we knew they were mistaken. But they assured us they had heard from you direct and it was true. I am still hoping it is not true. If not, won't you assure me yourself, direct, --that is, if I am able to secure your address, so that this ever reaches you?

Brother Taylor, you are not blinded. It was you who explained to some of us so interestingly one day three and a half years ago, how in the 11th of Romans, ISRAEL is blinded, until the end of Gentile times, and how God blinded them, and so, beginning with the Second Coming of Jesus, with the blindness removed, God will give them a chance, and yet save all who are willing. I am convinced you have too much understanding of God's Word to be BLINDED. You know just as well as I know that God gave His creatures whom He created, beginning in the Garden of Eden, A LAW to guide man's conduct and living. But we all, like sheep, have gone astray. How? Every man to HIS OWN WAY---not the way of God's Law---and for this reason, God has laid on JESUS the iniquity of us all! (Isa. 53:6). Man does not know right from wrong. Conscience is no guide. Paul thought he was doing right when he persecuted Christians. After being converted he said he would not have known sin, but by the law, for he would not have known it was wrong to desire, or lust, except the LAW had said, Thou shalt not covet. You know as well as any living man on this earth that GOD'S LAW points out SIN, and you know as well as any living man on earth just WHAT LAW points out sin.

You know, too, that it is the PREACHERS that have led the people astray, or as Jer. 50:6 says, "My people hath been LOST SHEEP: their shepherds have caused them to go astray." How have they gone astray? By going the way that seems RIGHT to a man, straying from God's Law. You know what God Almighty says to those false ministers who CAUSE the people to go astray. If you are now in that class of ministers, Bro. Taylor, listen, I beg of you in Jesus' name, to the Word of the Living God: "Thus saith the Lord God; Behold I am AGAINST the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand." (Ezek. 34:10). I don't need to tell you WHERE these texts are---you know them as well as I. You know, too, that as the first verses of this chapter says, it is BECAUSE the shepherds have been FEEDING THEMSELVES, and not the flock. Looking for their own prosperity, and following, and power, LACKING FAITH TO TRUST GOD! And you know too that Isa. 30:8-11 says it is a prophecy for the LATTER DAY (margin, v.8), when the people WILL NOT HEAR THE LAW OF THE LORD, saying to the preachers to preach soft and smooth things, and DECEITS to them. Brother Taylor, I cannot believe you have descended to do that. Have you? God's Word says: "Be ye CLEAN, that bear the vessels of the Lord." You have told me many times yourself that we are commanded to PREACH THE WORD---and the Word is profitable for correction, reproof, and instruction in RIGHTEOUSNESS, and "ALL thy Commandments are righteousness,"-Ps. 119:172.

WHERE IS YOUR FAITH, Bro. Taylor? Can't you remain faithful to our dear Lord, and TRUST Him to take care of you, and feed you, and give you whatever position He has



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for you? Now that I am writing, I am going to talk STRAIGHT to you, with boldness, and not mince words---for we are right into the very LAST DAYS of this age, and you are soon going to be called to account, if you are wrong, and I do not want to see the terrible condemnation of God fall upon you for misleading any of His flock. It will be the most TERRIBLE punishment that will be suffered by any.

Three years ago last summer you invited me to come to Eugene and join you in the Lord's work. We were to be as Paul and Barnabus, joining our hearts together in a bond of love. Together we prayed earnestly, and dedicated ourselves anew to the Lord. To me, Bro. Taylor, that was SERIOUS. It was FOR LIFE, and when I did it I MEANT IT. I learned to love you. I felt you and I would work on together until the Lord comes. I had never heard such preaching as yours in the tent, and I have never yet heard any that I will rate with it. Our partnership was a serious and sacred thing to me. I have never gotten over the wound of having it broken up. I learned to love you, as I said, and while I have, frankly, been MUCH DISAPPOINTED, I have never ceased to love you.

But I do not believe in beating around the bush, and God is teaching me to be a great deal bolder than I used to be, both in preaching and in personal conversation, for I believe He wants us to be bold, as was Peter and Paul and Jesus. So I will say frankly that you have made a number of mistakes, Bro. Taylor, and you have done several things that YOU KNEW were not right, and I call them to your attention not to accuse, but to make one final effort to help you, because I want to see you, IF YOU ARE WILLING, back where the Lord can use you. There certainly is no evidence that I have been aware of that He has been using you since our Eugene experience. He can, and will use you, IF you are willing, and will repent.

Why, Bro. Taylor, did you tell us in Eugene, in those days, of your Pentecostal experience in Mrs. McPherson's work, and then tell our brethren publicly, later, in preaching, that you had always been prejudiced against tongues and pentecostalism, and had just come to "see" it for the first time? WAS THAT HONEST? Why did you tell me in Eugene that you could put up a clever argument on the "Jesus Only" theory, and even mislead me on it, as you asserted, but that it was wrong, and then a few months later in Salem, when you came among some "Jesus only" people, deliberately preach that doctrine you told me was wrong, to cater to those people? Were you honest, or seeking leadership and the favor of people in a DECEITFUL way? You'll FACE THESE THINGS AT THE JUDGEMENT, Brother, unless you face them and confess them now, and get them UNDER THE BLOOD. Let me say now, that you could not fool or convince me for one moment on the Jesus only question, and I was able, in less than five minutes to convince one of those you preached it to please in Salem that it was wrong. Why did you let me go to Salem to pack and move to Eugene, and then later that same day after I left write me that THE BRETHREN were objecting, and not to move until they decided, when it was not THE BRETHREN, but YOU that was objecting, and taking all the initiative in it? Why were you NOT HONEST in these things? Why did you study the Beast question with me during the day you were to preach on Rev. 13 at the tent, agree with me on what was the truth and how it should be preached, and how you would preach it, so I could follow you up next night on Rev. 17, and then that same night preach deliberately a DIFFERENT DOCTRINE ALTOGETHER, because it was "Church of God doctrine," and you thought it politically expedient to cater to a doctrine you had agreed was incorrect? And then you avoided me that night after the meeting, and tried to get away without my seeing you. WERE YOU HONEST in that? Then how about that church deal? You said you LOST. But, Brother Taylor, while I've said nothing to any of the brethren, or talked about you behind your back, I HAPPEN TO KNOW THE FACTS! And you know them, and one other knows them, and that is GOD, and Brother Taylor, at the JUDGMENT you shall face the fact that every dime of equity in that church, which was in YOUR NAME, and which included considerable CASH MONEY put in by our brethren, was traded for some lots, and they in turn for the island farm, which you finally sold, and perhaps, for all I know, are now living off the proceeds. WERE YOU HONEST IN YOUR BUSINESS DEALINGS? Why was your reputation bad in Eugene, until several business men have told me you were DISHONEST in your business dealings? You will face these things at the judgment, Brother Taylor, UNLESS YOU MAKE THEM RIGHT, make restitution, and get them UNDER THE BLOOD. Why did you, after going all the way into "tongues" and "manifestations" at Salem when you held meetings there, tell me, at Harrisburg in the Spring of 1933, when at my suggestion and motion you were once more granted license as one of our ministers, tell me that there was an opportunity in Salem IF WE WOULD ONLY AVOID THE PENTECOSTALISM and the fanatical manifestations, saying things not too complimentary about some of these people in Salem, and then, later, move back to Salem and start another "tongues" movement there yourself? Would you admit it was because it offered you a way, as you thought, to personal power in a new religious movement? Why did you deliberately disobey I Cor. 6:1-8 in going to court before the unbelievers? Why did you "not rather take wrong?" if you thought you were wronged? When the facts came out it became plain that you were in the wrong, and the fact



Will you search your own heart, and see there what you must know God sees there, that most of your zeal for religious work is a zeal, not to serve God, but to serve and elevate TAYLOR? And that you have been willing to compromise with God's Word and the Truth, time and again, for personal gain, considering everything from the viewpoint of the politician--expediency--what will pay YOU, and give YOU more position or power at the HEAD of some kind of movement? You must be the head or nothing. Are you so far blinded you cannot see yourself as others plainly see you? For this reason, Brother Taylor, God has never permitted you to be the head of anything that counted, or was lasting, or that bore real FRUIT for the Kingdom. You have been shunted around from one place to another, and don't seem to be able to stand very long any any one place. And for this same reason, God is never going to permit you to have any position of real leadership, until after you have surrendered to Him, repented, humbled yourself, and become willing to serve a long enough time in a lower, and subordinate, and HUMBLE position, to PROVE YOURSELF.

You may continue to deceive yourself, jumping around from this to that, from place to place, getting some kind of existence and living out of it for yourself, always thinking you are going to build up something that will put you in the exalted position or personal power and leadership you crave, yet never attaining it--but unless you come to your senses, Brother Taylor, and see yourself as God sees you and as others plainly see you, and get right with God, and make things right with your former brethren, and HUMBLE YOURSELF, and realize that the WHOLE THING of the Gospel is the fact we like sheep have all gone astray, every man to HIS OWN way, and for this cause God laid on HIM, Christ, the iniquity of us all, and that He is our Saviour to bring us back into the RIGHT WAY of God's Law, and then give us the gift of eternal life--and that God's Holy Spirit is given, then, to them that OBEY HIM, to give them UNDERSTANDING of what to do, and POWER to do it, and God's LOVE, and FAITH, and to enable us faithfully and humbly to serve Him, and, if we yield so that He can use us, real POWER to carry the Gospel both as a WITNESS, and to bring souls to Christ. The Holy Spirit is not given to gratify sensual lust and desire for thrills, and personal "blessings" as you MISCALL it, and FEELINGS of sublimated sex. I think you've been into it enough to know honestly in your heart that MOST of this modern brand of pentecostalism is DEMONISM, and is LUST, and is FLESH, and is ROTTEN and FILTHY. There is so much of the counterfeit today the genuine scarcely ever shows. God wants OBEDIENCE. He wants SURRENDER. He wants us to CRUCIFY self, not exalt it, and lust for sensual feelings and thrills to gratify self. If and when we surrender He will place within us His blessed Holy Spirit of LOVE, and kindness, and gentleness, and meekness, and when HE comes, HE SHALL NOT SPEAK OF HIMSELF, and brag, and boast, as do pentecostal people continually.

Brother Taylor, God needs STRONG MEN, whom He can fill with HIS Spirit, and not a false spirit, to lead His lost sheep from their false way, and to sound the final warning with a LOUD SHOUT to the whole world. He COULD HAVE used you, and if you had remained straight and true, as plastic clay in God's hands, letting Him fashion and shape you according to HIS pattern, you could be used with great power today. The little work He has started thru me here in Eugene, if you could have gone on TRUE TO HIM, from where you were in 1931, and we were still together in it, could go from here out into a WORLD-WIDE work. God has placed a wonderful opportunity before us here, and, Oh, how He could use you in it, IF YOU WOULD HAVE LET HIM! He is opening the way for a work so much bigger than you and I used to dream of, it would stagger your imagination. I have NEEDED YOU, Brother Taylor. I need someone with me now, and I have never yet known anyone who could fill the bill like you COULD HAVE filled it. It is a work of FAITH, letting God open the way, provide for it, and lead ALL THE WAY. How I have needed you! My heart aches yet when I think how it MIGHT HAVE BEEN! But now you yourself have made it, of course, utterly impossible. God will take care of that, and when the time comes supply the man to fill the place you might have filled. But in the meantime, HE COULD YET USE YOU WITH GREAT POWER, somewhere, if you would surrender to HIM, get right, make things right, humble yourself, PROVE YOURSELF over a period of time that will leave no doubt, in an humble, subordinate position, and learn what FAITH is--for I think you never yet learned that, and I know now that God's Work must be a WORK OF PURE FAITH in every way. It is HIS work, and lack of faith takes it out of HIS hands. I don't know what you'll think of this. It may do no good. I send it in love, not to hurt but to help, yet confessing frankly I have lost confidence in you as have ALL the brethren in the state, and unless God answers prayer and performs a miracle by opening your eyes and bringing you to a real repentance, perhaps against your own will, it will have been a vain effort. I am sending also a copy of The Plain Truth on "TONGUES," which might prove helpful to you IF YOU WOULD LET IT.

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