Christian Manhood,

Man John the Baptist

Jn. 1:6, 19-23, 35-37

* John the Baptist was a man’s man.
* Forerunner (предшественник) of Jesus Christ.
* When asked who art thou? He answered

22 Тогда сказали они ему, Кто ты? чтобы нам дать ответ тем, кто по­слал нас. Что говоришь ты о себе?

23 Он сказал, **Я голос вопиюще­го в дикой местности, Прямым сде­лайте путь Господа, как сказал про­рок Исаия.**

**I.** **THE MANHOOD** мужество **OF JOHN** (Jn. 1:6)

God’s looking for a man. There is a man.

If He could find a man, he’ll give him a mission.

Ezek. 22:30 И искал я среди них человека, который поставил бы изгородь, и стал бы предо мной **в проломе** за эту землю, чтобы я не погубил ее: но не нашел никого.

**ILL.**Martin Luther

*«Если я провозглашаю громчайшим голосом и с яснейшей выразительностью все части истины Божьей кроме именно той маленькой части, на которую в ДАННЫЙ МОМЕНТ НАПАДАЕТ МИР И САТАНА, то я не исповедую Христа, с каким бы дерзновением я о Нем ни возвещал»*

But here came John on the scene, out of the wilderness.

1. He was a ‘Biblical’ man (v. 22, 23)

-He didn’t puff up. He was prophesied about. (vss. 20-22)

-His physique (телосложение) was not what made him a man.

**A.** He Was A **Solitary** одиночный Man. “a voice” “wilderness”

i. Christina manhood – willing to stand for truth even if it meant standing alone, even if no one else stands.

* a solitary life — уединённая жизнь

ii. You’ll have to get alone. The Holy Bible makes a man out of you.

Independence, individualism.

Cf. character

lack the character, no guts, no time alone with God

communism forces people to live together.

**ILL.** A man that will not stand for something will fall for anything.

Character is what a man is when he is alone, or in the dark, when nobody would ever find out about it.

Character really doesn’t mean much to people.

Biblical character - Test of your character is what it takes to stop you from doing right in any and all situations.

Doing right is always right, when nobody knows about it.

What it takes to stop weak people – what others say about them, ridicule you, make fun of you.

iii. It will take effort, manhood

iv. Circumstances are not what break a man, but just reveal who he is.

Sin does not slip up upon an individual but what a man thinks about it

(Prov. 23:7) **Ибо как он мыслит в сердце своем, таков и *есть* он:**

Street preaching men mostly do not react but women react more often.

Cf. effeminate age, “queen of heaven” Effeminate

**ILL.** In orthodox churches Mary is the main person Богоматерь

матриархальнoe общество

**ILL.** Women preachers All roads lead to Rome.

**B.** He Was A **Strong** Man “**crying** in the wilderness” (Jn. 1:23)

He was strong in spirit (Lk. 1:80)

**И младенец рос, и становился сильным в духе, и был в пустынях до дня явления своего Израилю.**

2 Chron. 16:9 *Strong* whose heart is perfect

Ибо глаза ГОСПОДА пробегают туда и сюда по всей земле, чтобы **показать себя сильным** ради *тех*, ***чье* сердце совершенно** по отношению к нему.

**C.** He was a **separated** “in the wilderness” (Jn. 1:23)

Что говоришь ты о себе?

23 **Он сказал, Я голос вопиюще­го в дикой местности, Прямым сде­лайте путь Господа, как сказал про­рок Исаия.**

i. Where he was not – He was not in the bars, associating with foolishness, etc.

Folks want to dabble in sin. Mess with stuff that leads up to sin.

**ILL.** Owner lived up in a mountain. One driver answered “As far as possible…”

Heb. 7:26 “holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sin…”

**Ибо такой первосвященник подобáл нам, *который* свят, безоби­ден, неосквернен, отделен от греш­ников, и сделан выше небес;**

Rom. 13:14 “make no provision

1 Cor. 15:33 “evil communication corrupt…”

Who will make a difference?

**ILL.** Stonewall Jackson would not go back to a man’s house. “Your daughters are too beautiful. I find myself too attracted. I must leave.

i. He was not too proud to acknowledge his own weakness.

ii. He also had enough character to know what to do.

He took himself out of the way.

Flee youthful lusts.

**D.** He Was A Straightening Man (Jn. 1:23) **Прямым сде­лайте путь Господа**

i. He was to straighten out things.

ii. Make crooked things straight.

If things are wrong, make it right.

**ILL.** Resentment, bitterness (возмущение; чувство обиды) that builds up because not making things right.

Make things right first with the Lord, then straighten out your relationship with others. Make up. Get along.

Eph. 4:28

**ILL.** Nathan Bedford Forest forgave a man that almost killed him.

They both were in a hospital next to each other.

The measure of a man. Billy Sunday

1. His character, what he is. Reputation is what others think. Character is what God knows about you.

2. Character – what he does.

3. Contribution – what he gives. Some are always takers, Others are

4. Creed – what he believes.

5. Companions – who does he hang around with.

**II. THE MISSION** миссия **OF JOHN** (Jn. 1:6)

1. He was sent ¶ **Был человек, посланный от Бога, чье имя *было* Иоанн.**

2. To point Israel to their Messiah (Lk. 1:16)

**И многих из детей Израиля обратит он к Господу Богу их.**

His mission was to exalt Jesus Christ the Messiah. (Jn. 1:29)

**Вот Ягненок Божий, кото­рый устраняет грех мира.**

3. To deal with the family (Lk. 1:17)

**И пойдет перед ним в духе и силе Илии, чтобы обратить сердца отцов к детям, и непослушных к мудрости праведных; чтобы приго­товить народ, подготовленный для Господа.**

4. Prepare the way of the Lord (Lk. 3:4)

**Как написано в книге слов Иса­ии пророка, говорящего, Голос во­пиющего в дикой местности, При­готовьте путь Господа, прямыми сделайте стези его.**

“I’m not that prophet nor the Christ, nor Elijah.

I’m just a voice.

-He was to plow, prepare the way.

-He said, “I’m not the one...” (Jn. 1:20) **И он исповедал, и не отрекся; но исповедал, Я не Христос.**

21 **И они спросили его, Что тог­да? Ты Илия? И он говорит, Я – нет. Ты тот пророк? И он ответил, Нет.**

Israel was waiting or their Messiah for many years. John was the man to prepare the way.

You ought to be letting people know the way.

5. He was a dispensationalist in a transitional period

He was to preach straight in a transitional period.

Matt. 11:13 **Ибо все пророки и закон про­рочествовали до Иоанна.**

i. The law and the prophets were until John;

- Therefore, John’s ministry was a transitional period between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of heaven.

- The third dispensation was the future kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Cf. Charismatics “yesterday, today and forever”

Иисус Христос тот же вчера, и сегодня, и вечно. They can’t divide the book (2 Tim. 2:15).

**ILL.** “You should not show this banner of hell. It scares people. This is bad for young children”

John the Baptist said, “It is not lawful…have your brother’s wife.” (Jn. 6:18)

He didn’t care about what they said. He preached to the soldiers, and others Lk. Matt. About hell.

I should be baptized of you.

Behold the Lamb of God.

He was baptizing others but told his own disciples NOT to follow him but the Messiah.

“Guys start following Him and not me.”

Jn. 10:40-42 He wasn’t picked as one of the 12 disciples.

On the contrary, he was left to sit in a jail.

**III. THE MISTAKE OF JOHN** (Matt. 11:2-9)

11:10 he was a messenger, not an “Angel” (Synodal)

John began to doubt.

He came in the spirit of Elijah.

Elijah was also “put out”

Jealousy is the rage of a man. **Ибо ревность *есть* ярость мужчины:**

“Self” is a bad attitude.

Matt. 11:7

v. 3 John knew better. He didn’t waver in faith. He was offended.

*APPLICATION:* You know better what to say. What not to say.

You know better where truth is being covered up.

You’d better to know what to do and then do it.

A man will speak the truth in love (Eph. 4:15)

They both preached with courage.

They both were called to do a specific job.

They were both hated by a wicked woman. Jezebel wanted to kill Elijah. Илию

Herodias wanted John the Baptist dead.

They both prepare the way of Christ’s coming. John – the 1st, Elijah Илия the 2nd.

Invitation

Matt. 3:7 “Flee from the wrath to come.”

7 ¶ **Но когда он увидел многих из фарисеев и саддукеев, приходящих на крещение его, он сказал им, О род гадючий, кто предупредил вас бежать от ярости будущей?**

Be honest preaching doom to sinners.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Courage and grace to warn people.

Conclusion

Invitation

Saved

Unsaved