



Daily Reflections

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Scripture

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20

Moses spoke to all the people, saying:

"A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen.

This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.'

And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said.

I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him.

Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it.

But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Our Scripture Reflection

Even when people stop listening to God and seeking His will for them, God does not give up. After Moses came the Prophets and in time God sent His only Son. Unfortunately, humans continue to resist the Word of God. Why?

Because we like to have it our way. When will we learn that we will only have Peace, true Peace, when we humble ourselves before God and seek His way?

Food for your Journey

Soren Kierkegaard once told the story of an immense vestibule with two doors. Over one door the sign reads: "Heaven." Over the other door the sign reads: "Lecture on Heaven."

Guess which one Kierkegaard said the people were flocking through?

We have forgotten we are God's people, and we have fallen into the worship of American gods. Now God's word to us is to return. Church historians may someday describe our period as the "American captivity of the church." It is no less real than the Babylonian Captivity in the history of Israel. Trapped in our false worship, we no longer experience the freedom that is our birthright in Jesus Christ.

--Jim Wallis, *The Call to Conversion* (HarperSanFrancisco, 1992), 31.

A Prayer from the Heart

Dear Jesus, Please give me the Grace of humility so that I may always seek Your way, especially when I am tempted to do things my way. Amen