

### Jesus Is The One, The Only One

I was recently looking through a Christian magazine and was once again struck with the "Christian Seminar" ads that are being put on by Prophet this, or Prophetess that; by Apostle Big Name, and so on. Obviously, you must be in their meetings to hear the **REAL WORD** or experience the **REAL MANIFESTATIONS** of God's Holy Spirit. I have at least two major problems with this.

First is simply stated this way: **If you have to give yourself the title, you don't deserve it** (Jer. 14:14; 23:21).

Second: **Jesus is always the One we must look to and exalt, no other.** Some would argue that God has given us prophets, apostles, and gifted spiritual leaders to look up to and follow (as in Eph. 4:11-13). But God's Word doesn't say that. In fact, here is what it does say:

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The apostles, prophets, etc., are given by Jesus for the equipping of the saints, for the edifying of the body (not themselves), for unity of faith, for the knowledge of Jesus, and to the fullness of Christ. Not a single item in this list says: "Here I am, God's anointed one, so esteem me and

follow me." On the contrary, everything points to Jesus Christ (as it must always do).

One does not need to be a scholar of the Hebrew language to understand that: "**You shall have no other Gods before Me**" (Exod. 20:3), includes apostles, prophets, pastors, and other ministry leaders. Respect the office, yes. Respect the tested and proven anointed of God, yes. But exalt them or follow them, **NO. Follow Christ!** Only He is your Savior, your Lord, and your God. By the sacrifice of Jesus Christ alone is the veil torn, giving **YOU** direct access into the Holy of Holies. (cf Philip. 2:12)

Any prophet, apostle (or whatever title he/she goes by), who doesn't constantly say things like: "**Look to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our faith,**" and "**He {Jesus} must increase but I must decrease**" (Heb. 12:2; John 3:30), is **not** a man or woman to be followed. **Follow Christ!**

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 1 John 4:1 (NKJV)

