

Apologists

Please Do Not Apologize for Poor Ole God

Christian apologetics is the misunderstood art of explaining the things of God. Jesus was a great apologetic preacher, as he came to make the truth of God plain to men.

While Christian apologetics has nothing to do with apologizing for poor old God, it often seems to enter that arena. God never gets flustered. But preachers can get flustered with their audience's lack of response to their message. A preacher can start to sound like he or she is making excuses for poor old God, who couldn't show up to speak for Himself.

I'm a different kind of apologetics preacher than most you'll see.

I continually see His great power, which is more than able to save sinners, like you and me, to the uttermost. As I am sure God is still speaking for Himself, I merely join my small voice to His, as an additional witness to His power.

I tell those on the rough edge of barely listening; I don't care if they want to disregard my message or me. It's not my opinion or theirs that matters, but God's opinion (2 Cor 10:18). I tell them even though they don't believe in Him, He believes in them, enough to love them past their unbelief.

I tell them, I know God is in the biz of making silk purses out of sows' ears. Satan has made most of what God's world was into something awful. However, God is now turning it all back to good, like it was at the beginning. God sees the diamond in the rough. He willingly digs through the dung covering us. Like Michelangelo, He doesn't see the rough stone. He sees the angelic-like figure within, waiting to be released by His Sculptor's touch.

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what I said to my audience...
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as He speaks into their lives.**

Job's Forth-Coming Fourth Friend:

Job's forth-coming fourth friend was Elihu. Elihu often gets lumped in with Job's three friends, who spoke good religious platitudes instead of the word of God when Job needed a word from God the most. Elihu, unlike the three and Job, spoke the word of God Job and his three compatriots needed. The truth of this becomes very evident when God's version of the little prophet's meager words repeats Elihu's message, accompanied with a display of His infinite power.

When I speak of Him, I am confident He has already been saying what I said to my audience, or what I said will soon be confirmed by His speaking once more into their lives. So, when I speak God's word, like Elihu, I am confident what He put in my mouth will not return to God without accomplishing the purpose He had in mind.

Whether they believe me or not, I know God has already been speaking to their hearts. God will confirm what I say, because I'm just speaking what the Word of God says.

That's the kind of apologist I am. I make no apology for it.

Don't get me wrong. I like to be accepted the same as the next guy. However, when I'm speaking evangelistically or as a prophet, I can't expect to be received by everybody. I need to plunge into uncomfortable spots and just keep preaching.

It's times like this, when I rely on finding my acceptance in section of the Body of Christ, where God has placed me. There I know love and find the support I need to make these forays into the world, as Jesus sends me.

Christians need to have a cool spirit that doesn't leave us feeling we need to apologize for God or for any of our weaknesses in presenting His word.

It's important for other Christians to have your back like this. When we don't feel this support from our brothers and sisters, it's understandable why we don't want to go out to witness for Jesus.

We all need to be somewhere where they will give us this kind of aid to our going and receive us back home to dress any wounds from our battles with the world.

This is how Christian community is meant to support the work of evangelism. Please continue to join with us in this work.

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