

To Publish Depends on a Witness

Jeremiah — Pr 2:1-5,10-12 give us commands. Men have gone to great lengths (or depths) seeking after hidden treasure. If we seek for understanding and discernment with the same urgency, then our Father will bless us. If we don't have discretion, we could be hurt by evil men. It is so valuable to have discretion, because people use what we say to slander us because we didn't have discretion. If we are wise, our Father will deliver us from men who speak perverse things about us.

Chets Barur — Pr 2:7 — He stores up sound wisdom for the upright. It's conditional on seeking wisdom and understanding and walking uprightly. Pr 2:8-9 — *Then* you will understand, *when* knowledge is pleasant to you... Are His traditions pleasant to us, or are we just conforming?

I have been someone who has been quick with my tongue, and I was told to read this. I thought, "I'll just keep my mouth shut." But it's talking about seeking wisdom and walking uprightly, seeking wisdom as a speck of gold in what a brother says to you. If we seek for wisdom, then discretion will guard us. It's not about just trying to keep your mouth shut. "I'm not going to say anything anymore, because I always say the wrong thing." The reason discretion wouldn't be guarding us is because we are not walking uprightly, not seeking Him, not crying out to be delivered from evil.

I have spoken with some of our youth who started to walk with our Master that they would read that, especially the last two verses of Proverbs 2, but also in Proverbs 1. "The upright will dwell in the land; the blameless will remain in it, but the foolish will be cut off from the earth, and the unfaithful will be uprooted." Pr 1:26-27 — "I will laugh at your calamity. I will mock you when the terror comes like a storm, and when your destruction comes like a whirlwind, and distress and anguish come upon you." Why? Because they didn't turn at His rebuke. Because He called and they refused.

Do you know anyone who has been called, but he refused? Pr 1:23-33 — "I stretched out My hand and no one regarded it, because they disdained all My counsel and would have none of My rebuke... Then they will call upon Me, but I will not answer them. They will seek Me diligently, but they will not find Me." It's just like Heb 6:4-6 — they can't bring themselves to repentance after they hang our Master up to public shame.

ha-êmeq — Today a man came into the Adobe. He didn't look like a layabout, but he put his hand out boldly and said he needed money. Gader said, "We have some food." But the man said, "I don't really want food. What I want is a beer." Gader told him that he didn't have any money, but he could give him some food. Rex (the beekeeper we get honey from) was there, and he said something like, "Odd circumstances you're in." Then the man said he was actually a beekeeper by trade, and he had been baptized into the Church of Christ, but here he was, completely enslaved to alcohol. He could have been a strong man. It was a pity. He was in the clutches of something too strong for him. We said, "If you want to give your life to God..." Then he said, "I've been baptized." And we all said together, "It didn't work!" Even Rex said it.

We said, "You have the wrong Jesus. The one you called on didn't save you." His Jesus wasn't strong enough to save him from the grip of the demon that had a hold of him. We told him that our God demands 100%. He will do as He promises, and Yahshua will save us if we give 100%, life for life. If we're upright, He'll be a shield to us. We told that man to come back if he really wanted help, because our Yahshua was strong enough to save him.

Rex said, "You could really help people like him." We said, "Yes, we could really help people like *you!*" It's people like that, people like me. It's all of us. You read Proverbs 2, and you know it's true. We've seen our friends in the grips of all kinds of things, and we've seen Him save all kinds of people. His Name is "powerful to save."

To Publish

Look at Mk 1:45 and Mk 13:10. In the KJV, the word here is *publish*. In the NKJ, it says *proclaim freely*, whereas in the KJV it says, "He went out and began to publish it much and to blaze abroad the matter." *Publish* (#2784) is to show forth as a witness, rather than merely a verbal preaching. There are a lot of preachers who blab continually, but don't have any witness. They don't know what in the world they are talking about, actually. They have the Bible, they read it and preach it, and they're marvelous speakers, but there is no demonstration or witness. *Publish* is to show forth as a witness, rather than merely a verbal preacher without a witness.

Mk 13:10 — *Publish* means to spread abroad, to become either famous or infamous. Our Master was famous with some, but infamous with others. Our Master was both ways. We are famous, but we are infamous also.¹ We are known, but sometimes we are known as a cult. Our Master was known as a cult leader and a heretic.

Publish means to spread abroad, to be a demonstration, even as a fire spreads. We had a fire here last year. It spread, and they couldn't do anything about it. It destroyed thousands of homes and killed many people. They couldn't do anything about it. It just kept on spreading and spreading. A fire that no one can put out is what it means here when it says to *blaze abroad*. It means spreading from town to town. It will have to be that way with us — we'll have to spread from town to town. That is what *swarming* is — spreading from town to town, and you can't stop it. We have to be in every town in our region. You can't stop it, if we are truly *theedah* — not just words, but the witness. We will go from place to place in every part of our tribal region.

Publish also means to report thoroughly, to blaze abroad, or to divulge,² to make famous, to make prominent display of, as our Master said, "I came to give witness of the truth." It means to distribute among all, to cover the earth, territory, or area. *Publish* is to spread in our area, in every region. *Ablaze* in the KJV is being on fire, being on fire for our Master Yahshua, because of His love for us. *Blaze* means to make public, or to publish, to be conspicuous. Conspicuous sounds like a bad word, but it is not necessarily a bad word. It means to make oneself generally known, publicly. In that way, we have to be conspicuous.

Publish could include a freepaper, but if a freepaper is not consistent with the evidence of our life then we are in trouble. We are a false witness. We are liars.

¹ Famous means widely known. Infamous means having an exceedingly bad reputation, notorious.

² Divulge means to make information known to the public that was previously known only to a few people or that was meant to be kept a secret.

Conspicuous is striking, noticeable, remarkable, outstanding. As our Master said in Jn 13:35, “If you obey Me and love one another as I have loved you then you are going to be conspicuous. You will be strikingly noticeable, remarkable, outstanding, and all men will know you are My disciples.” All men will *observe*. It means you can’t blab about something that you’re not a witness of. There are thousands of Christian preachers continually blabbing every Sunday and on the air, preaching something they know nothing about. They don’t do it. (And we’re just as bad if we don’t know what we are talking about.) They don’t know what the gospel is, but we do. We have a living demonstration of being set free from whatever was keeping us in bondage. We used to smoke, or take drugs, and everything else under the sun, but we called on the One who is powerful to save, and He saved us from all the things too strong for us.

It’s a supra-culture that we’re talking about here, meaning a culture above all the rest, making us all one. We all have the same culture, which is the actual expression of the love that we have received.

The Spread of Love

Many years ago, back in Los Angeles, something came to me that never left me concerning the spread of love — that someday we were going to go out. I didn’t know much about communities back then, but I knew that something had to happen, something had to spread. I didn’t even know what *spread* meant, but I know now. It means to set fire to (Lk 12:49), to distribute, to cover the earth or territory, to spread abroad.

Shemiyah — Every fire that is set ablaze is fueled. What caused that man in Mark to spread that message is that he was thankful he had been healed. What is going to fuel the demonstration of our Master’s life and the publication of the gospel is a thankful heart. We have to guard over our thankful heart. I have handed out thousands of papers because that’s what we did, not because, “Look, I was blind and now I see, and I want to tell you about it.” If we watch over our thankful heart, it will be our Father who does everything.

Hadassah — Our life has to be like a fire that people can't quench. It made me think of Acts 4:19-20 and how they turned the world upside down because they believed to the point of death.

Jeremiah — It has to dawn on us who we are. It's not about growing up in the Body and being a carpenter. Our Father has so much more. He wants us to spread the gospel. We have so many opportunities every day, but we could be weighed down by the busyness of this life. Many times we don't take the opportunity.

Mevaser — If our freepapers present something that we are not living, then we are false, worse than if we never made any papers or never told anyone. 1 Pet 1:22 — We are to fervently love one another from the heart. The little ways that we are inadvertent and lack love, take away our confidence to say, "Come home to where love is." We are not perfect, but we have received an imperishable seed. It's the spread of love, not the spread of words. Love is the substance of the message we have to preach. Without love, our words are like wind.

1 Pet 3:19 is not *preach*, but *divulge*. *Preach* there is not necessarily a verbal preaching, but to divulge something, to be a witness to it. Our life speaks louder than words. Our behavior speaks louder than words.

ha-êmeq — Today we got visits at both of our houses by an irate inspector who thought she would find all kinds of violations here, and sure enough, love met her at the gate and it disarmed her, and she is going to give us a chance to prove that even though we have a lot of people in our house, we're not bad or unsanitary. Love met her. Love was in the kitchen. Love was in the living room.

Zakar — In Pr 30:16, it says there are three things that never say, "enough," and fire is the third. If we have that fire blazing in us, it will never say, "enough." It will always keep on spreading and spreading until everyone has heard about it and our Master can come back.

Our Master said to preach the gospel of the Kingdom as a witness, and then the end of the age will come (Mt 24:14) and our Master will return — then Satan is defeated and thrown into the abyss. The greatest thing is our witness. Then when our neighbors ask for the hope they see in us, we can explain what it is. Our neighbor came over yesterday, and we gave her some chai mate with goat's milk and honey. Our Father is speaking to her.