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Subject: Modern Prophets

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I ran across an interesting statement by Apollonius:

Quote:

After ward he says: "Does not all Scripture seem to you to forbid a prophet to receive gifts and money? When therefore I see the prophetess receiving gold and silver and costly garments, how can I avoid reproving her?"

For we will show that those whom they call prophets and martyrs gather their gain not only from rich men, but also from the poor, and orphans, and widows.

But if they are confident, let them stand up and discuss these matters, that if convicted they may cease transgressing. For the fruits of the prophet must be tried; "for the tree is known by its fruits".

He had quite a bit to say concerning people calling themselves prophets and then receiving expensive gifts.

When you look back in history we see a lot of the same problems they dealt with, are still with us in these end times. While reading this I could not help to remember those who call themselves prophets, who rent 20,000. suites at luxury motels, flying in on their Lear jets to spend a few days at a Bible seminar.

Elisha had to deal with people wanting to give him expensive gifts:

Quote:

15 And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel; now therefore, please take a gift from your servant."

16 But he said, "As the Lord lives, before whom I stand, I will receive nothing." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

Elisha refused the gifts! Sadly though his servant decided he wanted the gifts:

Quote:

20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, "Look, my master has spared Naaman this Syrian, while not receiving from his hands what he brought; but as the Lord lives, I will run after him and take something from him." 21 So Gehazi pursued Naaman. When Naaman saw him running after him, he got down from the chariot to meet him, and said, "Is all well?"

22 And he said, "All is well. My master has sent me, saying, 'Indeed, just now two young men of the sons of the prophets have come to me from the mountains of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two changes of garments.'"

23 So Naaman said, "Please, take two talents." And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and handed them to two of his servants; and they carried them on ahead of him. 24 When he came to the citadel, he took them from their hand, and stored them away in the house; then he let the men go, and they departed. 25 Now he went in and stood before his master. Elisha said to him, "Where did you go, Gehazi?"

And he said, "Your servant did not go anywhere."

26 Then he said to him, "Did not my heart go with you when the man turned back from his chariot to meet you? Is it time to receive money and to receive clothing, olive groves and vineyards, sheep and oxen, male and female servants? 27 Therefore the leprosy of Naaman shall cling to you and your descendants forever." And he went out from his presence leprous, as white as snow.

The Prophets of old did not need the expensive gifts that the world had to offer. Their eyes were on the Lord God, true Prophets of God will not have their eyes on mammon.

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