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Three
Important
Points to
Consider

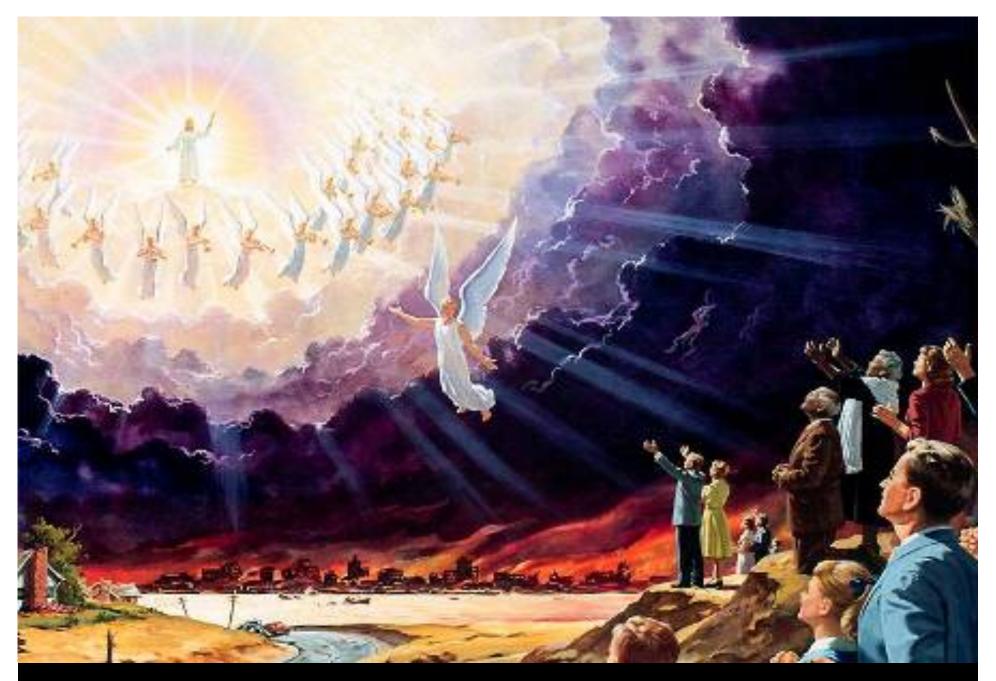
The Proper Emphasis of Prophecy

- 1. We should focus on mission and ministry more than signs and events.
- 2. There are many antichrists who are opposed to Christ and/or claim to do His work.
- 3. We must share our prophetic understanding in the context of the gospel and with a sensitivity to our hearers.

Before Revelation introduces and identifies the beast from the sea and the beast from the land, it introduces illustrates the person, character and work of God!

Characteristics and activities of the beasts that help us identify them.

Denial of the character of God.
Save ourselves
Counterfeit Trinity

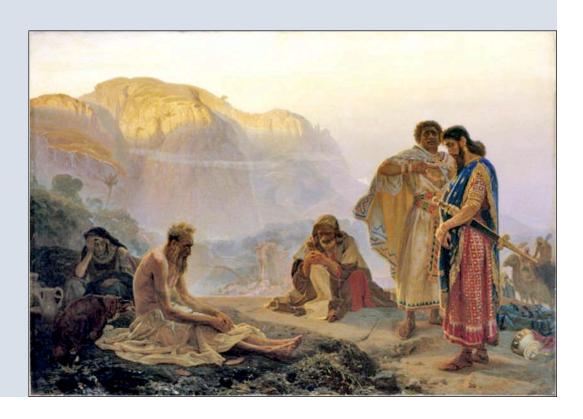


How do we proclaim end time events?

2 Biblical Examples for Sharing Truth

Job and his "friends" – 3 Principles

1 – Truth must convey the character of God



Job 42:7-8 (ESV) ⁷ After the LORD had spoken these words to Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite: "My anger burns against you and against your two friends, for you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has. 8 Now therefore take seven bulls and seven rams and go to my servant Job and offer up a burnt offering for yourselves. And my servant Job shall pray for you, for I will accept his prayer not to deal with you according to your folly. For you have not spoken of me what is right, as my servant Job has."

Biblical Principles for Sharing Truth

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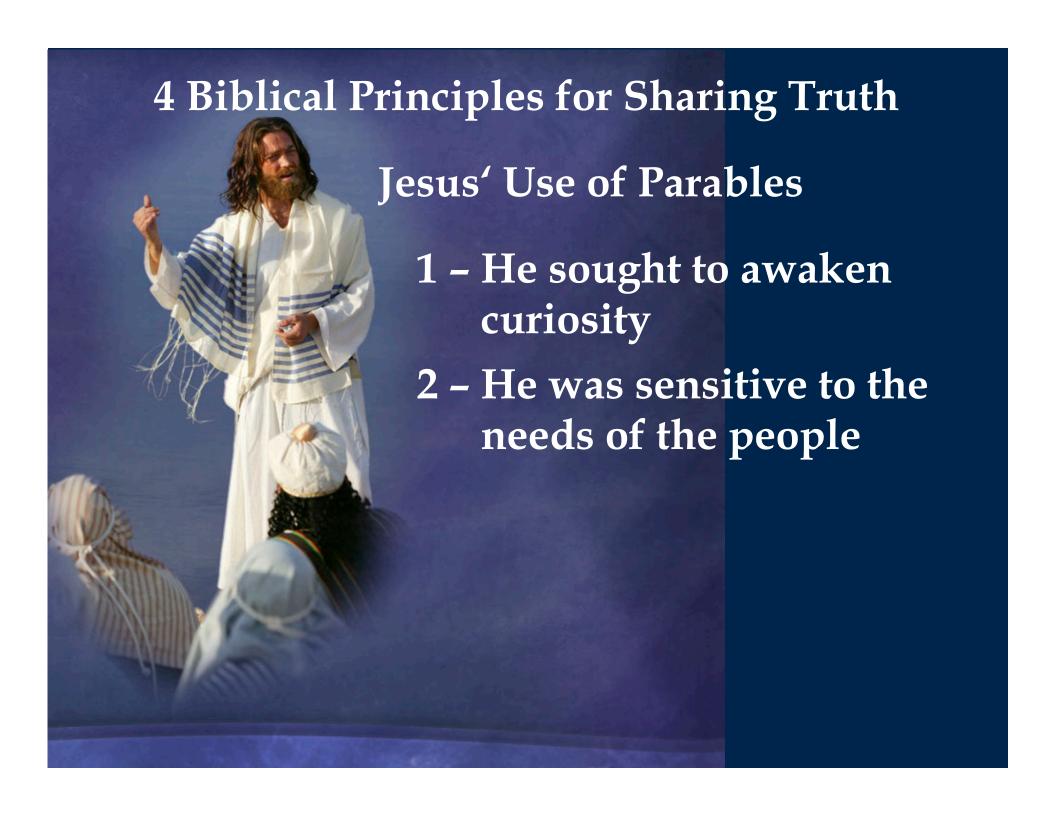
2 - You must listen with sensitivity to the people you are attempting to teach truth

Psalm 87:4-6 (NIV) 4 "I will record Rahab (Egypt) and Babylon among those who acknowledge me-- Philistia too, and Tyre, along with Cush-- and will say, 'This one was born in Zion." ⁵ Indeed, of Zion it will be said, "This one and that one were born in her, and the Most High himself will establish her." 6 The LORD will write in the register of the peoples: "This one was born in Zion."

3 Biblical Principles for Sharing Truth

Job and his "friends"

- 1 Truth must convey the character of God
- 2 You must listen with sensitivity to the people you are attempting to teach truth
- 3 You must share your personal relationship with God



"Christ had truths to present which the people were unprepared to accept or even to understand. For this reason also He taught them in parables. By connecting His teaching with the scenes of life, experience, or nature, He secured their attention and impressed their hearts. Afterward, as they looked upon the objects that illustrated His lessons, they recalled the words of the divine Teacher. To minds that were open to the Holy Spirit, the significance of the Saviour's teaching unfolded more and more. Mysteries grew clear, and that which had been hard to grasp became evident.

Ellen White, Christ's Object Lessons, p. 21



Jesus' Use of Parables

- 1 He sought to awaken curiosity
- 2 He was sensitive to the needs of the people
- 3 He spoke out of His relationship with His Father
- 4 He disarmed His critics

Factors to consider:

- > Christianity is declining in America
- > The Bible is losing its authority
- > Church attendance is decreasing
- ➤ Attacking other religions or being intolerant is not acceptable
- > Needs of others, learn from them?
- > What is your picture of God, faith like?

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