

PREACHING N°74: SHIBBOLETH

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[*Brother Philip reads Judges 12:1-6...*] This evening, I want to talk about the subject: *Shibboleth*. The men of Ephraim came up against Jephthah and against the men of Gilead and they said: We are your brothers and why did you go to fight against the Ammonites without us? For that, we are going to burn the house of Jephthah. Then Jephthah also revolted and he gathered his men to fight against Ephraim and when the Ephraimites were defeated, Gilead set ambushes for the survivors. And when the fugitives of Ephraim wanted to pass, they were asked, I am going to read that: "*And Gilead took the fords of the Jordan before Ephraim; and it came to pass that when the fugitives of Ephraim said, Let me go over, the men of Gilead said to him, Art thou an Ephraimite? and he said, No., Then they said to him, [if you are not Say now Shibboleth!] and he said, Sibboleth, and did not manage to pronounce it rightly. Then they took him, and slaughtered him at the fords of the Jordan. And there fell at that time of Ephraim forty-two thousand.*". You see? They know that an Ephraimite cannot pronounce "sh". Then they said to him: *If you are not an Ephraimite, say: "Shibboleth"*. But he said: "*Sibboleth*". He made some efforts, he adjusted his mouth and his tongue to come up with the sound "sh" but it was "s" that came out of his mouth. There is an "h" missing! He said in himself that he had said: "*shibboleth*" but the man of Gilead said to him: I have seen your identity papers on which it is written: Gileadite, born from a father and mother who are Gileadites. The city and the district of Gilead you say to be your city and your district do exist in Gilead and the names and the people you say to be your parents are indeed in Gilead but you have said: "*sibboleth*". [Ed: *The congregation says, "Amen!"*] Then he was taken and slaughtered at the fords of the Jordan. If you have the blood of a son of Gilead in you and right from the breast, you have been brought up by an Ephraimite family, you will be able to pronounce: "*shibboleth*". And the Bible says that at that time forty-two thousand of Ephraim died. What is it? It is the blood impact on man!

In the beginning, we know that there is Adam and the serpent. And thus there were mixtures, graftings, hybridisations and so on as I showed it in the *preaching on Gen.7*. And not only the language but the skin colour and many other elements in every man! Elements that neither human efforts nor some science can change because that is in the blood and has been transmitted to us from generation to generation! You see? A black girl will try to bleach her skin, she will use all kinds of products and she will do everything and for some time she will tend to be white but that will be nothing other than a mere conflict between the white skin and her black skin which will definitely overcome because of the blood impact. And so in the same country, there are some people who can pronounce some words and others cannot. And it is the case here of Ephraim and Gilead who are both Jews, sons of Joseph and living so closely, one to the other.

Well, let's see what it is spiritually. Why does God say to woman: You shall bear children with pain? Because the original sin was a sex sin! Why does Gilead take Ephraim back to the word? Because it is all about the Word! It is on the basis of the Message that we have not had any communion with you! Can you pronounce the Message exactly as we do? They said: You could have invited us to your vigil or other because we entirely believe the midnight Cry as well as you! [Ed: *The congregation says, "Amen!"*]. We believe every word the messenger said, we have this, we did this and that. Then Gilead said: Okay, we want to see you preach! And Ephraim preached but it was not exactly the Message. There was an "h" missing! [Ed: *The congregation says, "Amen!"*]. If each letter represented a doctrine, the letter "h" would be related to a mystery. It can even be mute, more absent than the "*iota*", without any inscription in some words. You see? But you must pronounce it! Remain on the mountain of Gilead in order to be able to recognize the pronunciation of Ephraimite pastors, apostles and prophets! [Ed: *The congregation says "Amen!"*].

As soon as the Ephraimite brothers had started to develop certain things and so forth, they had lost the real pronunciation of the Message. And something was going wrong there. And as soon as "*sibboleth, sibboleth, sibboleth*" started to come out of the Ephraimite pastor's mouth, the brothers of Gilead tried to call him back to order. We must pronounce exactly the same way. That's it. Be it in one year, two years or ten years, we must always give the exact pronunciation.

And if somebody says he believes in the midnight Cry, that's good but it is by getting out of the baptism water that his joy has to be manifested. And if he is not an Ephraimite pastor, he will come to the baptism water as soon as the opportunity is given to him, before preaching this Message under whatever form. And if he is not an Ephraimite pastor, he will openly present the Message or he will ask even a more strengthened person to do it in his stead.

Brethren, time will pass, the Message will advance and many people will come up but keep this evening's Message in mind. It is completely obvious and normal that you should check to know whether somebody is not an Ephraimite pastor before following him. Some churches believe here and some churches will believe everywhere in the whole world but if you notice an Ephraimite language, behaviour, move away from it! Brethren, we must make sure that they pronounce the Message in the right way. Keep yourselves virgin and pure in accordance with the Message for the rapture! May God bless you! And let's stand up to pray so that God will keep us forever.

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