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STUDYING IN THE SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS

and gleaning some lessons good for all times.

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I. Some General Comments in an Introductory Way:

- A. Prophets Old Testament and New Testament are the messengers of the Lord. Those of the Old Testament were more subject to direct and immediate revelation, those of the New have the full council of God in the Holy Scriptures. The essential ministry of making the Word of God known is the key ingredient in both Testaments. In the case of both groups the ministry was more directive than revelatory although the Old Testament made more of the latter. Truthfulness in prophetic ministry is and was determined by faithfulness to the revelation God had made known and in the case of predictive prophesy in the matter of honest fulfillment. There are a lot of varying views on this....we will not argue about them at this time! Maybe later at a table tennis table.
- B. Perceptive students already know there was no "school of the prophets" in terms of our modern understanding of "school". There was more a prophetic fellowship in the Old Testament that is referred to as the "sons of the prophets", apparently followers who served in the ministry of the prophets and at times grew to prophetic stature as in the case of Elisha...the servant of the "man of God", Elijah.
- C. The lessons that will be pronounced in this series of talks are inductively discovered (the buzz word "inductive" is almost a needed term if one wants any sort of credence in Biblical studies today... whether it is used honestly in all cases is a hard point...don't press me in this case.) These lessons are consistent with godliness throughout the Scripture and if learned well are enormously encouraging. Only five will be discuss in this series and it is obvious there are many more but for now.....
- D, The bulk of our Scripture will be found in 1-2 Kings with side trips to Isaiah and Jeremiah. The characters with whom we will deal the most are Elisha, Gehazi, Jeremiah and Baruch....although no doubt some others will show up in the categories of "unnamed prophets or servants."
- E. So this is the end of our Introductory material....the preliminary stuff that makes students restless and teachers worrisome..but somehow it always seems needed at least to the makers of the course material.