

“IS NOBILITY DEAD?”

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Acts 17:11

“These were **more noble** than those in Thessalonica,”

My soul is troubled. I am well aware that people see things much differently than I do.

My soul physically hurts. A critical eye is useless without a **pure heart!**

Jeremiah says:

How long shall *this* be in the heart of the **prophets that prophesy lies?** yea, *they are prophets of the deceit* of their own heart;

Malachi says:

But **cursed be the deceiver**, which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a **corrupt** thing:

Have you ever wondered about that verse in 1 John about trying the spirits?

1 John 4:1

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but **try the spirits** whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

“...**try the spirits**,” that is to try the preacher and teachers.

Paul did; see below: He will end up comparing the **two sets of Jews:**

2 Tim. 2:15

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

The problem is with men who will not study and become approved in the word of God. And, therefore, not capable to rightly divide the word of truth.

This is the source of false doctrine and division within Churches.

Acts 17: 1-11

1 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to **Thessalonica**, where was a **synagogue of the Jews:**

2 And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days **reasoned** with them out of the scriptures,

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3 Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

4 And some of them believed, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

5 But the Jews which believed not, moved with envy, took unto them certain lewd fellows of the baser sort, and gathered a company, and set all the city on an uproar, and assaulted the **house of Jason**, and sought to bring them out to the people.

But after the death of Seleucus, when Antiochus, called Epiphanes, took the kingdom, **Jason the brother of Onias** laboured underhand to be high priest," (**2 Maccabees 4:7**) Jason may be Jewish and compare with (**Acts 17:11**)

6 And when they found them not, they drew Jason and certain brethren unto the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also;

7 Whom Jason hath received: and these all do contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, *one* Jesus.

8 And they troubled the people and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto **Berea**: who coming *thither* went into the **synagogue of the Jews**.

11 These were **more noble** -of birth- than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness (**diligence**) of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were-even- so. (Tyndale closer to Peshetta/not sure about accuracy birth(T)/Jew(P) or nothing in Greek.)

House of Jason: Timotheus my workfellow, and Lucius, and **Jason (Rom. 16:21)**

These were **“more noble”**: Bereans; That is, the **Jews at Berea** were more noble than the **Jews in Thessalonica**

Just because some churches or ministers are on a list, or are spoken of, of having authority or some other recognizable trait, that they are **NOBLE** men or churches. Sometimes it is just the problem with the men in the pulpit, sometimes it's a larger problem with the whole church.

Are any noble?

A question to ponder now before it's too late.