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Revealing Peace & Justice through Scripture from – “In the beginning...” (Gn 1:1) to “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen!” (Rev 2:21)™

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Deuteronomy 18: 15 - 20

1 Corinthians 7: 32 - 35

Mark 1: 21 - 28

The Hebrew Testament from Deuteronomy 18: 15 – 20 has Moses telling the Israelites that - “A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up from among your kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested () at Horeb (v 15 – 16b). This Scripture is the perfect metaphor of “pay attention”, because you might get what you ask for.

Then, in Mark 1: 21 - 28 is the healing story of Jesus exorcising an unclean spirit in a synagogue. When the unclean spirit convulsed, “All were all amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this?’ His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee” (v 27a, 28). This Scripture is the perfect metaphor of “got anymore neat tricks”?

These two Scriptures point to the human condition played out from two different directions that go in the same direction. The Hebrew Testament is *Thanks – but we don’t like it now that we have it*. The New Testament is - *What is the Cost of Jesus’ teaching with authority?*

Nothing is Free! There is always some price to be paid, which is the meme written since time began. Jesus paid the ultimate price. Those who read this Weekly Insert know the cost is worth it. The point is to convince others!

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