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*Preach the Gospel (1 Corinthians 9:16)*

# THE ROCK

THE LORD IS MY ROCK.

- **PSALM 18:2**

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## Reflection on (1 Corinthians 9:16):

*"For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!"*



*By B.K.*

Earlier St. Paul wrote: **“Do you not know that those who minister the holy things eat of the things of the temple, and those who serve at the altar partake of the offerings of the altar?”** Moreover, he continued, saying, **“Even so the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.” (1 Corinthians 9: 13,14)**

Those who served at the altar in the Old Testament were allowed to partake (eat) of the offerings of the altar because those who served God also needed food and basic necessities. So also St. Paul and the other ministers of the Lord Jesus Christ needed their necessities too, or else how could they continue their ministry?







St. Paul continues, saying, **“But I have used none of these things, nor have I written these things that it should be done so to me; for it would be better for me to die than that anyone should make my boasting void.”**

St. Paul is not preaching to make a living. He is preaching the Good News of the Gospel of Christ to those who are lost so they may see the light and be saved. However, he still needs food and clothing too.

St. Paul then says, **“For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel!”** St. Paul has nothing to boast (or brag) about because he is compelled by God to preach the gospel. We too, are compelled by God to preach the Gospel (Mark 16:15).

How about you? Are you preaching the Good News?

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