

Howards Corner

What has called you to this writing today?

There are many out there who need the truth and not man contrived words or hopes or dreams but solid truths that last for eternity.

There is only one eternal word and those are from the Lord Jesus who is the son of God. All else is a fake and is made to look true but is a counterfeit which has been spread into the hearts of men and into the societies of the world by the cunning and deceitful enemy of God.

It is not only the world, but it is the Christian churches of not only today, but it is the system of church organizations that have led many through the many years from the first churches. Have we made those church organizations the source of our salvation and allowed anyone in the seat of pastor or bishop to declare us as saved or not. The power has not been given to them but is reserved for the one and only Lord –the savior and redeemer who has paid the price and who is worthy to redeem our souls from the judgement.

So, we today listen to many voices, but do we filter these many voices with the lens of the word of God. Do we listen to people that are supposed to know what they are telling us because of their worldly education or degrees from those sophisticated sounding institutions. We may think that surely, they will know the truth but remember that the disciples of Jesus were fishermen and tax collectors and normal men that first delivered the message from Jesus our Lord.

So, it is with the many “church” related voices of today. They are full of church sounding words, but many are not operating in the spirit of Jesus themselves but are false words to deceive us. But the word is true, and it must be measured by the word and not by sweet and syrupy words and sentimental misguided compassion for people’s conditions in this world nor by the emotional church congregations with many amens with voices, but few amens in the hearts or true worship services.

Many are in trouble and are lost because they are not righteous and have strayed from the common knowledge of doing what is right. This is not necessarily the straying from the word of God but the basic word that God has given all men in his

very being. So, we are without excuse. We know it is wrong but continue to do wrong and from this wrong behavior we reap the results of our actions. So, when we by our compassion for the suffering of this world we try to help them, we should be reminded that they are of this world and should keep our guard up because they are still of this world and are our enemy until they receive the spirit of Christ Jesus. So do not cast your pearls before swine. They may turn and destroy you.

So, this reminds me of the need to select closely our friends for those that are not traveling, the righteous path you are on, can and do lead us astray. If they are of the world and practicing things that are not of Christ Jesus, we are susceptible to being led into their sins. Because you like them does not mean you should follow them but pray for them but keep your distance from them. It can happen in a minute, and you don't realize what has happened. Worldly friendships can be so deceiving, and emotional attachment can be very strong and the enemy wants to deceive you and make you his next victim. Satan knows our weaknesses and will use these circumstances to lead you astray.

Remember that the enemy—the prince and power of the air—is opposed to Jesus and His words and His ways and all that profess to follow Him. His plan from the beginning is to produce counterfeit righteousness which looks so real if looked at through human understanding but when looked at through the lens of God's word and His spirit we can see its falseness. Remember in the garden of Eden he said, "Did God really say?" so the door was open for Eve's fall from truth, and she then led Adam into the temptation and gave him the fruit to eat that caused man's fall and curse.

When Jesus was led into the wilderness and after 40 days of fasting Satan came and tempted Jesus with these words

"If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." 4 But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you, 'and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'" 8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and the glory of them; 9 and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Begone, Satan! for it is written,

'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

So, you see even Satan knows the scriptures but uses them to deceive and not to enlighten you. You thus must know the scriptures in your heart enough to not listen but instead listen to the whole counsel of God so that you will not be deceived.

Church organizations and pastors and bishops and many people know parts of the word but do not understand the meaning of these words and have confused many. All that are called Christian are not necessarily Christian and the churches of today are full of lost people. They may look good from the outside and may be very likeable and you may think they are a nice person but be careful if there is no spirit of righteousness in them.

Many are on the broad path to destruction, and few are on the hard narrow path which leads to eternal life. Which road are you on? Maybe the Lord has led you to this writing today. He is always leading those who diligently seek Him. Are you just playing a "Christian" part or are you "hungering and thirsting for righteousness" today? This may be the day for you to decide.

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