

Howards Corner

How do you get anyone to listen?

The world has left God and His word and is following their own way without reference to God's word at all. Do we just make up what we want to believe? Do we ever consider that the Lord of all of life is speaking to us and we are ignoring Him? I am not just talking about the non-Christians but am also referring to the supposed Christians. Those Christian that are in the churches and sing their songs of praise to God and to our savior Jesus. Have we decided to just go along with the current flow of the world? Do we not have a word to say to the world? Where is our voice?

I have been observing what is going on and have decided that the churches of today have no voice and have nothing to say because we have no real commitment to God's word and the bible. We are going through our rituals on Sundays and do our ritual things and have lunch somewhere and go home and have our naps and the world is going to destruction and we are not lifting a finger to stop it. The organization church- that is the mainline denominations- do not have anything to say because they have checked their real beliefs at the door. What is next? What happens when they come to shut us down and say we cannot preach the word. And they come to arrest us and put us in prison or kill us? Will we have any courage to take a stand? I say what I see now is that we will not be able to stand because we do not have the Holy Spirit abiding in us but have substituted ritual and ceremony and think this is pleasing to God.

Of course, I am not talking about all churches and all congregations, but I am concerned about the churches with which I am familiar. The mainline denominations have gone to sleep. There may be an occasional church that goes against the tide, but most are asleep. Have we not read the whole word, or have we just been selectively reading the scriptures and say I do not agree with that, or I have my own interpretation? Error creeps in when we do not understand that the scripture is in harmony and is meant to be read as a whole and not divided into pieces that we agree with and the ones we do not.

We have serious issues today! The United States of America is falling apart because we no longer believe in God but instead believe in something else that we have thought up or let other convince us that it is right but is simply not right, but we allow other voices to override ours. We have just been through a serious confrontation with the issue of abortion. There are those that go into the streets and protest even after the Supreme Court decision. They are furious that they cannot freely go on killing their baby's. That is one of the things God judged Israel for because they were sacrificing their babies to other Gods. God will judge those that have no heart for their own children and want to kill all they want to.

It makes me furious to think women would parade in the streets so that they can go on doing such an evil thing. If I, being an imperfect man, can see this with anger how much more the

righteous Father God must be saddened that He has let us go on this long before His judgement day. He has allowed other nations to go on for a while until they reached the point that finally He put a stop to it by destruction of that nation. We have little hope of God's blessing this nation if we continue to do such evil things. Not by weakness or failure at one moment--but by desire to do so with calculated consent to do evil is this nation doing such things. Why is it not on the lips of every preacher in every church to say the words of a prophet and condemn such things or face the judgement of God. Where are the kind and protective Mothers in this society? I know they are there but are silent but also the church is silent.

Where has the church been in this confrontation? Hiding behind their pulpits with little or no concern? I have not heard even one mainline church take a public stand. Are we afraid that the government will take away our tax exemptions or are we just going along with the world view which is contrary to God's word and will?

The church of today is a weak church and changes its doctrines at the drop of a hat. We are indeed the Laodicean Church that is lukewarm and does not want to fight the battle with this world's system.

This is not the only battle that is being dodged! I could name a hundred things that are going on that the church does not want to touch but wants to smooth over and take the easy and passive posture in the world not wanting to ruffle anyone's feathers. Do we have any leaders in the churches that are willing to stand and be persecuted or do we just want to have our quiet and well-mannered services and sing our hymns and go home and ignore what is happening in the world? No wonder the younger generation does not think we have anything to say.

I say all these things to say that the reason is that the mainline denominations have lost their way and have taken their position as "church" to think that their denominations have somehow been ordained by God to be the official voice of God and have taken upon themselves to think they are given the truth and that the lay people are subservient to them and they have been given the right to offer salvation to people by membership in their organization. It is not in the bible! The church has not been given the right to save or not to save but instead we are brothers and sisters in Christ and are not of higher authority over others but if you wish to be head of a church then you should be servants and not want to be served.

This then is a whole new subject that I would explore at another time but at the present time I do not even have anyone that will listen to what I have already said. We are too busy doing church to really read and understand the word and open our deaf ears and our blind eyes.

I love you or I would not say these things to you. If you are a true believer, then I am only your brother saved by grace trusting in Christ alone!

Open your eyes and unplug your ears for God has said many things you need to know.

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