Howards Corner

The spirit of the Lord is always moving

The spirit is going throughout the earth seeking those that He chooses. Has He chosen you or *are you seeking Him* and if not then it is not likely that you are chosen.

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The LORD does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

So, if you are expecting to be chosen then it may not be what you think about being chosen. It may not be how you look or feel or what your background is or what education you have or how many times you have gone to church or what position you have but the Lord says, *"it is the heart he is looking at"*. What I have learned is that He is looking for the humble and contrite heart and not the proud and boastful heart. He hates those who puff themselves up and pretend they have done something or have furthered the kingdom by their works.

That is the great sin of some in the churches and many denominations that have said I can do a better job than God. I can go to the other lands and to the people that have need and I can make them righteous by my hand and I know better than God. So, the churches of today have left the Holy Spirit at home and have gone on to do their self-righteous works but without the Holy Spirit our works are like filthy rags.

So, we see the churches of today with their flags flying that say we have gone to all the foreign lands and have reached out to help those who are disadvantaged but what message have you given them but the pretense of righteous acts and a few meals that last only a short time. They need eternal food which can only be provide by the true word of God and the abiding spirit of Christ.

The only message that changes lives is that of Jesus who has proclaimed the message of salvation by grace through faith and no one will enter the eternal life

except through that message of redemption by the shed blood of Jesus the Christ. Have we done these things in our local environment or in other countries with our plan of doing good work but find that they have backfired and instead of helping they have developed a crutch for people to lean on instead of giving them the strength to lean on that everlasting arm by the power of the Holy Spirit. Life goes on after that first loaf of bread and there must be a sustaining power to carry them to the next level of abiding in the power of the Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

I know it sounds so righteous to help people, but we must understand that to help someone you first have to know what they really need. So now we are faced with a multitude of problems with homelessness in major cities in the USA and if you look closely, you will find it is the sin nature of these people and their many sins of drug use and no responsibility for themselves and ignoring God. You can feed them and help them get another fix, but the problem is not solved because the real problem is not addressed. Your compassion is a natural reaction to their need but that does not solve the underlying problem. The whole world is heading to that place where it is bankrupt and will be judged by God and it is not going to look pretty.

The churches that have changed their message to the social gospel to replace the real and only gospel of salvation by grace through faith have given the world a false gospel that has no power to change lives. Look at the progress you have made with this new gospel. You are losing big time.

The world is getting worse by big strides and the gospel you have invented has made it worse. And the churches of today are no longer preaching the word of judgement to those that are not in Christ. The world has accepted the idea that God is a loving God and would not send anyone to hell, but it is not God who sends them it is they themselves who refused to listen to the words of life and chose the blindness of death. The bible and Jesus's word say there is judgement. You are failing in your responsibilities to tell the truth and the world no longer fears God. Therefore, the world thinks all is nice and all are going to heaven but not all that are in the churches are going to heaven. But Jesus says and many other things--

Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

If you have properly read the word and have believed it then you would have known this already because it has been written and recorded in the bible that we as a church do not change the world to make it righteous for the Lord's return but when He returns it is to destroy the kingdoms of the earth and finally set up the kingdom of God which will last for a thousand years.

We have a world today that has decided that we are alright, and all will just go into some vapor or to nothingness after they die and have no fear but are ok with going to some nice eternal sleep. They will be shocked when reality, which is eternal damnation in hell, hits them and so will those that have been asleep in their church pew when they hear the Lord say to them "Depart from me, I never knew you".

It is better to tell you the truth now rather than let you find out the hard way. Sometimes it is hard to tell the truth especially to those you like and care about, but the Lord was hated by the Jews and He said take up your cross and follow me –they will hate you also. Do you think you are immune from tough times and tough tasks? It is time to take up your cross with total commitment.

Wake up churches!!!!

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