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WEEKLY SERMONETTE



“Proclaiming Freedom in Christ”

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LIVING RESPONSIBLY BEFORE CHRIST AND MEN – PART 5/DANGERS OF IDOLATRY

Psalm 33:12 says, “Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He chose for His inheritance.” Hebrews 13:7 says, “Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

Jesus warns not to let possessions and money be the guiding purpose in how you live. (Matthew 6:24) The Apostle Paul teaches that idolatry is not the first stage of religion, but the deliberate act of apostasy. When mankind chooses not to worship their Creator, the Lord surrenders them over to all forms of idolatry. When we consider the whole counsel of God’s Word, we see that idolatry is widened to include anything that leads to the dethronement of the Lord from the spiritual heart of mankind. (International Dictionary of the Bible)

Idolatry in the heart of mankind has caused people in America to reject the whole counsel of God’s Word and leave the original foundational truths which first governed the United States of America. Those the Lord is talking about actually make a covenant with sin, make a choice to sin and actually make provision for the flesh to participate in sin. Their brand of sin often becomes apparent because they make it their custom to give servitude

to all who can and will publish and promote their sin. Americans apart from a personal relationship with Christ will appoint politicians, judges and officials who make laws that give them liberties to indulge in

their desired life style. They hire religious leaders who will tell them what the itching ears want to hear, thus bringing mockery to the house of God. They find doctors, specialists of all kinds and others of influence to bring credibility

to their lifestyle. Even in the height of their indulgence the people of America are in bondage. Broken homes, unplanned parenting, single mothers, drug abuse, crime, and unfulfilled dreams at the very least are robbing families of the full enjoyment that God had originally planned for the home.

The removal of God and Christ from our public schools has produced bitterness, unrest, unclear vision and wrong motives for achievement. Striving for wealth and fame has replaced the joy found in servant-hood.

In a country where there is more accessibility to different ways of learning and feeding oneself the Word of God, there is less knowledge of God’s Word today than what our “Founding Fathers” had when this nation was established. Most of them had great knowledge and walked in healthy fear of the Lord. The bondage of self-fulfillment has replaced the hunger for God’s righteousness and the holiness of Christ in too many churches. Any message pointing people to the whole counsel of God’s Word is disregarded as much today as it ever was in the time of Jeremiah, Jesus, and the Apostle Paul.

Through a relationship with Christ, Christians can by choice live for all to see, “In God We Trust.” It all begins with a true faith in Christ Jesus.

Good Morning

When God created mankind, He must have known that most of us would want to sleep late; so our Father adorned the morning with the vibrant colors of the sunrise and the trill of the birds singing. As we open our eyes, we open the gift of a new day; it’s another chance for a fresh start. Psalm 30:5 says, “...weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.” Most of our concerns seem to take on a more positive note in the freshness of the morning. This Sabbath, arise and visit God’s house. Thank Him for each new day and for the gift of every morning.



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