

An Appeal to God's People

Dear child of God, we read in the Scriptures “Come now and let us reason together.” This is what we would like to do now to the glory of God. That popular and worldly season of the year called Christmas will soon be upon us again. Multiplied millions will be spent on a boundless shopping spree. Under the pretense of religion saint and sinner alike will join hands in the celebration of that which is not only foreign to Scripture but that which will lay waste to the soul and that which drags the name of our Lord into the filth of the world. This is a very serious thing!

What part will you take in it? Will you completely sever yourself from this unholy thing or will you be found with the “mixed multitude” observing this pagan holiday with the enemies of Christ? These are very pertinent questions for there is not one Scripture in the entire Bible that tells us when Christ was born, neither is there Scripture that allows anyone to celebrate His birthday. God's word says, “Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labor in vain” (Gal. 4:11).

History shows that this is a pagan celebration handed down from one generation to another until the whole world has become a slave to it. As a child of God how can you or I become a partner with the world in such a season of levity and mockery to all that which is holy and eternal? Christmas is a time of feasting, drinking and frivolity for the world, done under false religious sentiment for the natural man. Sending out Christmas cards with Scripture verses on them is compromising that which is holy with that which is unholy. Can Christ have fellowship with Belial? “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness” (Eph. 5:11) is God's command to His people.

Little do we realize that we are a living lie to our children when we observe in any way this religious worldly holiday and when we so much as mention the myth of Santa Claus to them. What about the tree? Does not the carnal heart glow with pride as it looks at the work of the hands? Isaiah said, “Shall I fall down to that which comes of a tree?” God says, “Learn not the way of the heathen...For the customs of the people are vain, for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the ax. They deck it with silver and with gold, they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not” (Jer. 10:1-5).

What are we going to say to these things? Why do we have anything to do with that which God hates? Are we afraid of the ridicule of the world? Has not the Lord of glory condemned all that is of the world and commanded us not to be conformed to it? Can we be a testimony for Christ and be worldly at the same time? Are we not taking part in the “pleasures of sin for a season” when we become part of the world's celebrations? Does not the humiliation and suffering that our Lord endured for us mean anything to us? Oh that every one of God's people would hear that voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins” (Rev. 18:4), and again, “Touch not the unclean thing.”

God warns His people to be a separate people, a different people, a representative of Himself and of all that is pure and holy and good. We are never to unite with the world in a worldly round of fleshly gratification in the observance of days and seasons whether they be religious or political, for again God says, “Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil” (Ex. 23:2). There is not a day or season upon this earth that is so highly esteemed by man as Christmas. God says, “That which is highly esteemed among men is an abomination to God” (Luke 16:15). Shouldn't this settle the matter forever? Let us not dishonor our Lord any longer by making Him a part of this idolatrous celebration. May we cry to Him for deliverance. Let the world say what it pleases and think what it pleases and let this be our motto, “As for me and my house we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

We entreat you again to turn from the world and its holy days, touch not the unclean thing, associate not the birth of Christ with the fables of paganism and apostate Christianity. Hear His voice, “Be ye separate, O My people.” Consider well, as before God to whom you must surely give an account. May God give us strength and purpose of heart to cleave to the Lord alone.

“Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean thing; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the Lord” (Isaiah 52:11).