RADIO TRANSCRIPT #22

singing: "When this passing world is done" #600 Trinity Hymnal

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Throughout the scriptures, a stark contrast is made between the kingdoms of this world and the Kingdom of GOD. The kingdoms of this world wax and wane and kings come and go according to the good pleasure of GOD. All governments ultimately fail because that is the design of GOD for them, that the eternal nature of HIS kingdom might be contrasted thereby. We read in the book of Daniel; "that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Is it then any wonder that "politics" is the bailiwick of liars and self serving deceivers? Should we be amazed when governments become oppressors since it is in the heart of men to do only evil continually and the basest of men are in seats of power and rule.

All that can be seen with the natural eye is temporary and passes away. "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." The LORD plainly declared, to Pilate, the origin and nature of HIS kingdom when HE said "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence."

An inability to comprehend this very principle manifests the blindness of Israel to embrace and worship the MESSIAH, as HE walked among them. It is also the inability to comprehend this same principle which manifests itself in those religious Gentiles who try to interpret Bible prophecy in a carnal fashion and look for a kingdom of flesh and blood replete with real estate and earthly conquests.

The triumph of CHRIST over the kingdoms of this world is complete. "And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col 2:15) HE did this in HIS work on Calvary's cross "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;" (Col 2:14) HE manifests that triumph as HE calls those, which are HIS, out of every nation upon the earth. HE calls HIS own sheep by name and the voice of another shepherd they will not follow.

Thus those who are awakened by HIS SPIRIT and born from above by HIS almighty power "translated" from a satisfaction with this present world to a longing for that kingdom "wherein dwelleth righteousness." Those who are the subjects of CHRIST's kingdom are made just by HIS righteousness, and not by their own, and in actual fact; in spite of their innate depravity.

These awakened sons of GOD, confess that they look "for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God." Their satisfaction is not found in this present, sinful realm and their affections are elsewhere. "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

Those who are "born from above" don't desire a continuation of the present world order but rather a deliverance from it. In this desire they are given a hope in the resurrection of CHRIST that they too shall be raised in a body which is incorruptible and fadeth not away.

While the natural man would like to be delivered from death, his desire for life is that he might continue on in fulfilling the carnal desires of his heart. If he loves fishing, then he anticipates fishing through endless days, or continuing whatever makes him happy in this passing world. The man who is born of the SPIRIT however has his affections set upon those things which cannot pass away even as Paul exhorts the Colossians, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory."

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