

Nay World, I Turn Away

by Allan Halton

The sermon urges listeners to turn away from the world and its influence, choosing instead to follow God and His ways.

Scripture: John 15:18, John 17:14, Romans 12:2, Galatians 1:10, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 3:2, James 4:4, 1 John 2:15
Topics: "Separation From World", "Following Christ"

Description

Allan Halton delivers a powerful sermon on the price tag attached to the Testimony of Christ in our lives, emphasizing the presence of Christ Himself with us and the privilege of walking with Him. He contrasts this with the heavier price tag of being a friend to a world that hates God and His Christ, leading to a loss of the opportunity to share in Jesus' Cross and the fellowship of saints. Halton urges the congregation to turn away from the world that crucified the Lord and to avoid being influenced by its ways that can steal God's presence from their hearts.

Transcript

I mentioned last time the price tag that is on the Testimony of Christ in our lives--the Testimony of the Spirit that means the Presence of Christ Himself is with us. This will garner us the same thing it garnered Him.

But there is a price tag--a far heavier price tag--on being the friend of this world that hates God and His Christ. Oh, the loss... to one day discover that in going my own way in this present life (which is but a vapour), I missed out on the golden opportunity and privilege of walking with precious Jesus, and sharing His Cross... and being one in a great company of others who have done so at the cost of their lives in this world- the saints of the Lord.

Do I want to be the friend of a world that has crucified my Lord? A world that through the centuries has spilled the blood of my brothers and sisters in great numbers, and continues to do so even today?

Nay world, I turn away,

Though thou seem fair and good:

That friendly outstretched hand of thine

Is stained with Jesus' blood.

If in thy least device
I stoop to take a part,
All unaware thine influence steals
God's presence from my heart.
I miss My Saviour's smile
Whene'er I walk thy ways;
Thy laughter drowns the Spirit's voice
And chokes the song of praise.
Whene'er I turn aside
To join thee for an hour
The face of Christ grows blurred and dim
And prayer has lost its power.
Margaret Mauro

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