

Revelation - Lesson 22

“This cry and challenge [to come out] do not involve a coming out at a definite moment. They imply a certain ‘aloofness of spirit maintained in the very heart of the world’s traffic.’ They describe the essential apartness of the Christian from the world. ... The Christian is not conformed to the world but transformed from the world (Romans 12:2). It is not a question of retiring from the world; it is a question of living differently within the world.” (WILLIAM BARCLAY)

“Hope means a continual looking forward to the eternal world. It does not mean that we are to leave the present world as it is. If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were just those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this.” (C. S. LEWIS)

“Wherever the Christian finds himself, and whatever his calling in life, his life must stand as a radical protest against the world and its standards.” (DWIGHT HERVEY SMALL)

WHAT AGREEMENT HAS THE TEMPLE OF GOD WITH IDOLS? FOR WE ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD; AS GOD SAID, “I WILL LIVE IN THEM AND MOVE AMONG THEM, AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. **THEREFORE COME OUT FROM THEM, AND BE SEPARATE FROM THEM, SAYS THE LORD, AND TOUCH NOTHING UNCLEAN;** THEN I WILL WELCOME YOU, AND I WILL BE A FATHER TO YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE MY SONS AND DAUGHTERS, SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY.” (2 CORINTHIANS 6:16-18)

“Merchandise is brought from every land and sea, everything that every season begets, and every country produces, the products of rivers and lakes, the arts of the Greeks and the barbarians, so that, if anyone were to wish to see all these things, he would either have to visit the whole inhabited world to see them—or to visit Rome; so many great ships arrive from all over the world at every hour, at every season, that Rome is like some common factory of the world, for you may see such great cargoes from the Indies, or, if you wish, from the blessed Arabias, that you might well conjecture that the trees there have been stripped naked; clothing from Babylon, ornaments from the barbarian lands, everything flows to Rome; merchandise, cargoes, the products of the land, the emptying of the mines, the product of every art that is and has been, everything that is begotten and everything that grows. If there is anything you cannot see at Rome, then it is a thing which does not exist and which never existed.” (ARISTIDES)