

Prophet's Column

"The World By Wisdom Knew Not God"

By J. M. Little  
 "For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe." (1 Cor. 1:21). I am glad that no man can know Christ by worldly wisdom. The world's wisdom is its own opinion. Every man out of Christ is prejudiced against God, and you have an earthly concept of God. Therefore, in your worldly thinking, which cannot rise above the level of human reasoning, you don't even know who God is. Your thoughts of Him are so dead and lifeless, you couldn't know Him in ceaseless eternities of time. That's right. Man by nature is dead in trespasses and sins, (Eph. 2:1). Even though man is dead and going away from God continually, man boasts of his worldly wisdom not knowing that the wisdom of this world is foolishness before God, (1 Cor. 3:19). Man has had almost 6,000 years on this earth and the world now is in worse shape than ever. Man cannot govern himself. Throughout man's entire course of history, man and man have tried to rule God out of His universe. You say you want to make the world a better place to live in. But you want to make it a better place without Christ. You don't want the Man Christ Jesus to rule over you. Man by nature hates God. Have you ever seen your hatred for God? If you haven't, then you are not saved. And the god you know is not the God of the Bible, but a god of your own blinded and totally depraved wisdom. Your wisdom is not the wisdom of God. Your wisdom is your thinking, reasoning and intellectual and educational ideas.

Salvation is in two parts; knowing yourself first, and then knowing Christ as your Lord and your Savior. It is under the convicting power and work of the Holy Spirit that a sinner is brought to know himself as God knows him. If you are never brought to know yourself, you will never want to know and long for Christ. It is only when the Holy Spirit throws back the skylight of your soul, letting you see what a lost, guilty, wretched, condemned criminal you are. And it is there that you come face to face with the truth about your lost and ruined condition, and come to see and know that you must get to Christ or forever perish. I wish that multitudes of you could get your heart opened now to the truth about your lost condition. Apart from this, seeing yourself under the convicting work of the Holy Spirit, you'll die and go to Hell without warning. It was



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said by some witness of a convicted murderer's death just recently that when he was dying there came a surprising look on his face. That surprising look on his face was the result of his seeing that he was going down into an eternal Hell. And there was nothing he could do about it. Now you had better think seriously on these things. You too, will one day go out into eternity. The multitudes of you are trying to drown out all thoughts of eternity and what you will face there. But you cannot drown it out completely because God said: "And it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," (Heb. 9:27).

I attended a funeral recently. The preacher did not lay on the hearts of his listeners the importance of knowing Christ. We are told in the Word of God: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. You are either going to die in the Lord, which means that you are saved, or you are going to die out of the Lord, which means that you were not saved. Which will it be in your case? I'm glad and thank the Lord that whether I pass out of this world by a natural death, or when Christ comes, I'll depart in Christ. All because the Lord saved me by His grace apart from any works or wisdom of my own. I had no wisdom of my own that would get me to Christ. My so-called wisdom was sinking me deeper and deeper in sin. Let me ask you this question: Have you met the Lord? If

have entered through Him. And some glorious day-break soon, my Lord will come. He is my hope, I have no other. Just look around you, look at the mess the world is in. There is nothing secure in this world. We live in a world of violence and bloodshed from one corner of the globe to the other. There is nothing secure in any world order. Christ is our only Security. I would not want to be without Him. I don't see how you live without Him. It is my prayer that the Lord will awaken you to your lost condition and turn you unto Himself who alone is your only hope. Without Christ, you are in the most awful fix and no amount of this world's wisdom can help you or deliver you out. Only the Lord Himself can deliver you. Will you turn to Him? THE WORLD BY WISDOM KNEW NOT GOD.

you have, He told you all about yourself as He did the woman at Jacob's well and you know that I'm setting forth the truth about how the Lord saves every sinner. If you are bitter and critical of the messages, that is a concrete sign you have never met my Lord. How is it between you and the Lord? I meet so many who are depending on their worldly wisdom to get them to Heaven. You'll never set foot in the Pearly Gates through your wisdom. Christ is my wisdom. I

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After the bleak Winter months, we all look forward to Spring with its promises of newness. As much a part of this seasonal cycle are the Spring fashions. This time around the emphasis is on femininity, achieved through clean lines and an elegant understatement of color. Pales and pastels, soft brights and neutrals fill the fashion pages and store windows.



In makeup this season, less color is definitely more as the perfect complement to the easy, relaxed styles. The focus is on smoky eyes emphasized just enough as they peek flirtatiously from beneath the season's most important fashion accessory—the wide brimmed hat.

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