

Dear Zas,

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WORSHIPPING AN UNKNOWN GOD

Many believers are still wrapped up in the natural realm particularly when it comes to the worship of the natural world. One man once said that he wanted to be baptized in the river Jordan and this sounds spiritual, but it is a natural, carnal desire. Then again, the groups, that often organize trips to the so called 'holy land'. One spirit bottle containing the water of the river Jordan, and distributed the same to his friends and relatives. This is a heathen concept. Someone brought a picture of the wooden cross upon which Christ was crucified, and believing that it was a part of the wooden cross upon which Christ was crucified, they embedded a few splinters in the house they were constructing hoping for God's blessings upon their dwelling place. Such desires and actions spring from the natural and have nothing to do with spirituality. It is so sad to see that people who worship natural things that relics from the birthplace of Christ have a spiritual value and importance. Undoubtedly, trips to Jerusalem and Palestine will have educational value, especially for young people, but to think that one could grow spiritual through such things is a height of incredulity.

If one were to take away that which is spiritual from what is written in the Bible, then it would be very difficult to truly appreciate why people worship natural things. The natural reasoning of man cannot comprehend many things that the natural man cannot fathom the ways and acts of God because he cannot see the spiritual.



QUOTE

OUR INHERITANCE HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH SILVER AND GOLD AND OTHER CORRUPTIBLE THINGS. WE HAVE AN INCORRUPTIBLE SPIRITUAL INHERITANCE.



understanding of various aspects of our life and environment. For it is difficult to understand why Moses is considered a holy man of God by the Egyptians. Similarly the natural man knows that God is love and does not understand Old Testament sayings concerning God's wrath and judgment. He understands God's dealings with man by seeing the spiritual aspect of every situation. He does not see the things of the Spirit by the eye of the Holy Spirit. Therefore his interest is not in the physical Jerusalem or in an earthly city, but in the spiritual people (Israel), a heavenly city, and a spiritual country.

Once a man named Naaman, a captain of the Syrian army, was asked to receive a reward from him as a token of his appreciation for what he had done. When the prophet refused to accept any gift, Naaman asked his permission to take some earth/mud back to Syria. Naaman thought there was some hidden blessing in the land; he remarked, "Behold, now I know that there is no God in Syria except the God of Israel." Naaman, an unconverted man from Syria believed that he could have some of the mud and water of Israel back to Syria. Such is the thought of the natural man. The ideas of collecting water and objects from places of pilgrimage in which they would be a blessing are totally unspiritual. One can accept such conditions, but certainly, believers are not expected to subscribe to such thoughts, but certainly, believers are not expected to accept unscriptural and unspiritual thoughts and practices.

If Apostle Paul were to walk into some of the churches of our day, he would be surprised. People discuss about the church, the temple, the land, the city and the things of the world beyond measure! Perhaps he would jump up to take a stick and stone and say, "Why? Because what people teach and believe in church today is so different from what the Apostle had. It would be no surprise if Apostle Paul were to reprove them for worshipping an unknown God because you worship in ignorance" (that is what he said in Athens...Acts 17:23). Many believers are unaware of their place and do not know God's purposes for their lives. One can say, God is still an 'unknown God' in the areas of their lives. They do not know their identity in Christ Jesus. They do not know Him. All they know is that they shall not go to hell. O what a pathetic state of affairs!

Paul states that God's purpose in sending His Son was to bring

being renewed spiritually by the Spirit of God, into ONE MAN and to I
temple, one Body, one flock so that the Father may dwell in them th
men whose minds have not truly been renewed by the Word who
land and the natural Israel. Our inheritance has nothing to do w
corruptible things. We have an incorruptible spiritual inheritance. Go
of the flesh for He is holy. No flesh, no natural man, no natural ter
Him who is God Almighty.

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