

THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH (JND)

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The day of apostasy is hastening on with rapid strides, as is the day when the Lord shall come to snatch His own away.

This is a solemn matter. Godly men, everywhere, who watch the signs of the times, see the moment approaching which shall terminate this day of grace.

It is time to talk of these things.

By God's grace you have been gathered out of the seething mass of idolatry and wickedness which now threatens both Christianity and the world, a threat greater than Sodom and Gomorrah. You must realise your blessedness, and be living like men and women whose eyes have been opened.

Satan is occupied with his evil intentions and that applies to you. And his occupation with you is to be feared because of the subtlety of his operations.

His object is to draw your attention away from Christ while you suppose that you are on safe ground and have nothing to fear. He would destroy you with the very truth itself. You are only on safe ground while Christ is your All in All. Interpose anything between you and Christ and your Philadelphia will become your Laodicea and your ground will be unsafe. You will become weak.

Some of you here tonight, are young people having been brought to the Lord, but you do not know the depths of Satan. But you are solemnly warned of your peril and, if mischief overtakes you, you cannot plead ignorance. I say to you again, Satan has his eye on you for the purpose of forming something between you and Christ. He cares not how this is achieved. It could be in little and trivial things, harmless trifles which contain insidious poison destined to ruin your testimony and withdrawal from Christ.

You are being infected with the spirit of the world as to how you dress, your manner, your talk, your lack of spirituality and these are dead weights, a restraint, a lack of power that eventually reveals itself both privately and publicly. A form of godliness without power is beginning to be seen among some believers. As surely as you become involved in the world, it will expose you to greater condemnation. It must be Christ or the world. God's grace draws you out of the world and God will never allow you to prostitute His grace and play fast and loose.

A Christian is a privileged person whose eyes have been opened; on the other hand, those who are still in darkness and without Christ are in a dreadful place. But Christian beware. Do not be at the wedding feast without a wedding garment. Christian, remember the place in which you are. Saints have stood in the breach these past centuries and, like us, they wait for the trumpet sound of the day of victory and to go and take possession of our glorious inheritance. Do not lower yourselves to the world and its standards so that your faith be dashed to pieces. You belong to Christ and He belongs to you. Break not this holy union.

Let none of us, as the betrothed of Christ, be unfaithful to Him, our Heavenly Bridegroom, and not be ashamed at His Coming.