

What Are You Concerned About?

People are sometimes concerned over the strangest things. I saw a news article the other day that said the arctic sea ice is at its second lowest level in history. You and I are supposed to be alarmed over that? Meanwhile, the personal morality of many of the American people is at one of, if not its lowest, level in our history, but few people seem to care. The unrighteousness of worldly people has them headed headlong into a reservation with the devil and his angels. The people of God who live soberly, righteously, and godly (Tit. 2:12, 13) are building for themselves an indestructible mansion in the eternal abode of the soul.

As happens every four years, Americans are preparing to elect new political leadership. Our founding fathers would be shocked and appalled if they could know the real contest boils down to which candidates can manipulate a sufficient majority of their fellows to make government deliver the most for the most people. The founding fathers never intended for the U.S. to have a government of benevolence. What is worse, though, is God is surely appalled when we put faith in men instead of Him. Jesus stated it simply, "Have faith in God" (Mk. 11:22). We have all heard the line, "all men have clay feet." The imagery is from Daniel 2:34, 35. Men will let us down; a lesson America has yet to, and seems reluctant to, ever learn. God, on the other hand, will exalt us in due time (1 Pet. 5:6), and will comfort us in all tribulation (2 Cor. 1:4).

The financial "spot" in which the housing market has the investment community, resulting from the granting of subprime loans to home buyers who could not qualify on the basis of merit, is the news story of the day. They tell us we avoided major depression by the skin of our teeth. The sweet psalmist of Israel wrote: "I have been young, and now I am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken nor his seed begging bread" (Psa. 37:25). Those who would be rich fall into temptations, a snare, and many foolish and hurtful lusts (1 Tim. 6:9). Those who put work ahead of worship are worried over the things Jesus said the Gentiles are concerned with and do not fall into the category of those who seek God and His righteousness first (Matt. 6: 24-34). If God's children would believe those ten verses, attendance at every worship service would increase significantly.

Many people about us live as though their sole purpose in life is to fulfill all of their fleshly desires. Cultural elitists and doomsday alarmists are worried about drowning from the water of former arctic icebergs. The political show is orchestrated by gurus who misinterpret the meaning of America so they can convince you that those you should want to rule over you are the ones who can promise and deliver the most. Your neighbors are hurrying and scurrying about in their efforts to make a living instead of depending upon God. While all these people are seeking the things of the world, like Martha cumbered about much serving, and worried over temporal matters; what concerns you?

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