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Reaping the harvest of immorality



For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come,

1 Timothy 4:8.

Purity of life brings its own physical rewards, even as wickedness

brings with it an immediate harvest in time as well as the fuller harvest

in eternity. Isaiah said: "Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings," Isaiah 3:10.

Britain is beginning to reap the consequences of her abandoning of the law of God as the only rule of faith and practice and her adopting of the philosophy that may be summarised by the phrase: "If you believe it is right, it must be!" Thus sodomy became legalised and sanitised and as a result the plague of AIDS fell upon the nations. Alarming reports have been emerging from Government departments of another plague, or combination of plagues, afflicting the young of the nation and it is directly linked to the moral decline within society. A recently published report by the Health Committee of the Commons has indicated a most alarming rise in the number of cases of sexually transmitted diseases. So great has been the increase that the report states that the NHS is no longer able to cope with the number of people infected.

The report states that one in ten of young people are now infected with Chlamydia. This disease can cause infertility in women.

The rate of syphilis infection has increased by 500% in the last six years and gonorrhoea infections have doubled.

Last year some 6500 people were reported as having been diagnosed with HIV. This is the highest annual rate yet recorded.

One South London specialist, Dr. Mark Pakianathan, said that some 40,000 people attended his clinic last year. That is more than double the number of five years ago. Some of those seeking treatment are as young as 12. Because of the pressure of demand for treatment, thousands are being turned away untreated. This can but lead on to an epidemic of infections. Dr. Pakianathan stated that daily the doors of the clinic have to be closed early and people turned away. He also stated that Britain has the worst record of dealing with such diseases in Western Europe.

All this is a direct result of the promiscuity that modern ethics have promoted.

Young people are the chief victims of those who lead the nation in casting aside the Bible and pursuing after the gods of modernistic atheism.



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Saddest reading of all are the responses and answers that the experts propose.

An urgent review of the staffing needs of clinics dealing with these infections has been called for. An immediate screening programme for Chlamydia is being demanded. MPs, we are told are recommending sweeping changes to the way schools teach sex education! They claim that many young people may not have “even a basic factual knowledge about sex and sexual health!” This last statement is astounding and if it is true, it is not the fault of national television for it seems to major very largely on that particular subject.

Question

But what of all the other “sweeping changes,” in sex education for the young, that have taken place in the past? It seems that for the last twenty years there has been increasingly explicit teaching of this subject. What of all the activities of the Brooke Clinics and their free hand-outs of the means of contraception? All this has failed it appears and, of course, the wise men and women of the nation wish to accelerate this failed method of countering this trend by more of the same failed measures. Teaching youngsters the means of avoiding the consequences of their sin cannot work and that for the simple reason that there is no way that the human being may sin and avoid the consequences. God has stated: “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting,” Galatians 6: 7-8.

Facts

These are the facts of life that children and adults need to be taught. There is no way round this truth nor will man or devil ever be able to invent a way by which these truths may be negated. The only way by which such a harvest is to be avoided is by forsaking sin and living in holiness. That presents us with the ancient problem: “How may a sinner cease from his sin and live a holy life?”

The answer to that question is what the gospel is all about. It reveals God’s answer to man’s dilemma.

Man fell into sin through Adam’s transgression. God’s purpose in Christ is to redeem elect sinners from the corruption of sin and deliver them completely from the consequences of the fall. Paul summarises the plan in Romans 8:28-29. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

The final outworking of the plan is seen in such scriptures as 1 John 3:1-2. “Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.”

From sin to glory

Thus sinners are lifted from their sins and state of condemnation into the glories of heaven and made to share in the glory of Christ. God is able to take the guilty and bring them to heaven because a full atonement for their sins was made by the Lord Jesus Christ at Cal-



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vary. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him," 2 Corinthians 5:21. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich," 2 Corinthians 8:9.

This great work of redemption was foretold by the prophet Isaiah. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all," 53:4-6.

Full deliverance

Full deliverance from the consequences of sin and its enslaving power is to be found in Christ. This is what He offers when He calls sinners to Himself. "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest," Matthew 11:28. "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," Luke 19:10.

The greatest summary of God's wonderful purpose in Christ is John 3:16 & 17. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved," John 3:16-17.

This medicine is the only curative for sin and the dreadful consequences that follow its practice. Augustus Toplady stated the matter well in his well known hymn.

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood, From Thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, Cleanse me from its guilt and power.*

*Not the labours of my hands Can fulfil Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears for ever flow,
All for sin could not atone: Thou must save, and Thou alone.*

*Nothing in my hand I bring, Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress; Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Saviour, or I die.*

*While I draw this fleeting breath, When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar through tracts unknown, See Thee on Thy judgment throne;
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in Thee.*