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Ezekiel 20:32

“What you have in your mind shall never be when you say, “We will be like the gentiles, like the families in other countries serving wood and stone.” Ezekiel 20:32

“My son, never long to be like people who are not serving the Lord – glamorous lifestyles, unrestrained from sin and vice, all such appearances are illusionary and while promoting jealousy or envy, their final end is loneliness and spiritual bankruptcy.”

It is a most subtle trap, this desire to be like those outside of the Covenant. It often appears that those living for the world and for self have an instant gratification and an ease of life, all-the-while the faithful believer is plagued and troubled at every turn. First may we clarify such clap-trap? All those outside of a living faith in Christ face a darkness of soul and further it is only a small portion of the elite that we see and are tempted to desire to emulate. Their public lives may appear glamorous but their private lives often reveal quite a different matter.

Son, use your spiritual eyes. All things come into perspective when we can see beyond the now and can gaze into the eternal. Why desire to be like the world and its trappings? Their end is futile, their hopes only illusions and what prosperity so called we see is temporal.

Look to Christ, and be willing to bear what He has chosen for you. You will not be ashamed, disappointed or envious of the sinner on that Day when you stand before Him face to face!

“Lord God, create in me a heart that hungers and thirsts for Your righteousness. Help me to see the end of the unrighteous. Forgive me for desiring that which is vain. In Jesus’ name, Amen!”

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