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SCARY



These are scary days.

It is scary when we celebrate demons, devils and evil forces. It is scary when some seek to communicate with the dead. It is scary when we depict the dead coming out of their graves in order to terrorize mankind. It is scary when we call evil "innocent fun." Ephesians 5:8 indicates that we were formerly in darkness, "but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light." Just a few verses later Paul cautions, "Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret." (Ephesians 5:11-12)

It is scary when some are confused about spiritual matters. Many are caught up in a maze of religious experiences but without any real direction or satisfaction. Even some who saw and heard Jesus wondered about Him saying, "Who then is this?" (Luke 8:25). Another scary thought is when people believe that everyone will someday end up in Heaven. It is scary when they do not believe God's Word that tells us that "it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Perhaps they do not know or refuse to believe Psalm 9:17 which indicates that "the wicked will be turned into Hell, and all the nations that forget God." (NKJV). It is scary when people fail to believe there is a real Hell, with real fire and real torment (see Luke 16:19-31).

It is scary too when Christians are silent. When believers are too terrified to tell an unsaved friend about salvation through Jesus Christ, that's scary. When saints don't care about the condemned and thereby "pull them out of the fire," (Jude 23), that's frightening! It's also scary when the saints are silent about their sins and refuse to confess them. David acknowledged, "When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me;" (Psalm 53:3-4a). David did not live in a creaky haunted house but did live in a crippled and horrified body. He lived in this condition because he kept silent about his sin.

Indeed, these are scary days!

Looking Up!

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