

**NAY WORLD, I TURN AWAY**

~Other Speakers G-L: Allan Halton:

I mentioned last time the price tag that is on the Testimony of Christ in our lives—the Testimony of the Spirit that means the Presence of Christ Himself is with us. This will garner us the same thing it garnered Him.

But there is a price tag—a far heavier price tag—on being the friend of this world that hates God and His Christ. Oh, the loss... to one day discover that in going my own way in this present life (which is but a vapour), I missed out on the golden opportunity and privilege of walking with precious Jesus, and sharing His Cross... and being one in a great company of others who have done so at the cost of their lives in this world—the saints of the Lord.

Do I want to be the friend of a world that has crucified my Lord? A world that through the centuries has spilled the blood of my brothers and sisters in great numbers, and continues to do so even today?

Nay world, I turn away,  
Though thou seem fair and good:  
That friendly outstretched hand of thine  
Is stained with Jesus' blood.  
If in thy least device  
I stoop to take a part,  
All unaware thine influence steals  
God's presence from my heart.

I miss My Saviour's smile  
Whene'er I walk thy ways;  
Thy laughter drowns the Spirit's voice  
And chokes the song of praise.  
Whene'er I turn aside  
To join thee for an hour  
The face of Christ grows blurred and dim  
And prayer has lost its power.

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