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False religion . Horatius Bonar - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2007/5/29 10:12

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(Horatius Bonar, "False Religion and Its Doom")

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There is such a thing as false religion.

It may be earnest and zealous, yet false.

No amount of sincerity or zeal will make that true, which is in itself false.

False religion is the worship of a false god, or the false worship of the true God.

We worship the true God untruly when we give him only half a heart, half a soul.

Do not think that the utterance of some true words, or the expression of a little sentimental devotion, is the true worship of the true God.

False religion is useless.
It profits nothing and nobody, either here or hereafter.
It is not acceptable to God.
It will not be counted a substitute for the true.
It does not satisfy the conscience.
It does not make the man happy.
It does not fill the heart.
It does not remove burdens.
It will not stand the fire.
It is but wood, and hay, and stubble.
The judgment will sweep it all away.
It is useless both for time nor eternity,
both for earth nor heaven.

It is irksome and unprofitable, only cheating the poor worshiper into the belief that he has felt or performed something good and worthy.

God abhors false religion.
It has not one feature that is pleasing to Him.
It is merely external.
It is untrue.
It is against His revelation.
It is dishonoring to Him.
It is self exalting.
It is pure mockery.
It is rottenness and death.
It is a mouthful of words, a handful of dust and ashes.

Therefore God abhors it.

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Re: False religion . Horatius Bonar - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2008/3/9 14:43

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Horatius Bonar said

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There is a sermon by Carter Conlon, from 20th April, 2003, called 'When Worship Calls for a Sword', which gives a penetrating address to this topic, and offers a step towards praying effectively in a personal way.

(<http://media.tscnyc.org/mp3/2030420S1.mp3>) When Worship Calls for a Sword

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2008/3/9 23:02

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