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he difference between antient and modern preachers taken from the Scriptures. If any think me too severe to the Clergy, let them study the examples of CHRIST and his apostles, and compare the picture.

Antient.

CHRIST call'd his preachers to renounce their wealth,  
And set a glorious pattern in himself,  
Who, tho' he did possess all things in store,  
Yet for our sakes, became exceeding poor.

Modern.

Some preachers now, large salaries do fix,  
So that, by preaching, they may now grow rich,  
So far departing from their blessed Lord,  
They worship mammon and a golden god.

Antient.

CHRIST told them, to be wise, they must be fools\*  
And that not all the knowledge of the schools  
Could ever teach one soul the way to heaven,  
That this is only by his spirit given.

Modern.

But now, some go unto the schools of men,  
Expecting heavenly wisdom to obtain,  
And that, by reading books, they may acquire  
The holy spirit, the baptismal fire.

Antient.

CHRIST charg'd his followers, titles to contemn  
And, often faithfully, admonish'd them  
Not to be called RABBI, learned, wise,  
But all ambitious selfishness despise.

Modern.

Now, some are call'd Archbishops and Prelates,  
Reverend Doctors, learn'd, wise, and great,  
The reverend parson, and master of arts,  
Old pharisaick pride, in all its parts.

Antient,

CHRIST told his followers, to be meek and mild  
As low and humble as a little child,  
That they must not aspire to lofty seats,  
But must come down and wash each others feet.

Modern.

Now some, in garments long, do love to stand,  
With college flourishes, they wave their hands,  
Read their writings, and then call it preaching,  
Old orthodox apostolick teaching.

Now money, schools and books supply the place  
Of humble love, and sanctifiing grace,  
When money fails, these teachers often flee,  
The reason is, because, they hirelings be.

When any now, are call'd of GOD, to teach,  
And by his spirit, are sent forth to preach,  
These learn'd scholars soon, will them degrade,  
Lest their cheap preaching should spoil their trade.

Antient.  
CHRIST told his followers that they must expect  
The world would hate them treat them with neglect,  
That as they hated him without a cause,  
So they would hate his followers and his laws.

Fools in the eastern of the world.

Modern.  
No, say some modern preachers, 'tis not true,  
The world will love us and respect too,  
We are commanded for to live in peace,  
We will not then disturb their carnal ease.

Antient.  
CHRIST told them, a distinction they must make  
That they, the sheep and goats, must separate,  
That, as the sheep were separate from wolves.  
They must not be by worldly maxims rul'd.

Modern.  
No, say some teachers, this is a mistake;  
Therefore, we now will join the church and state.  
Tho' this is very far from GOD'S design,  
This jargon union, they attempt to join.

Antient.  
CHRIST oft declares, the help of man is vain,  
And, that except a man be born again,  
And that except we all converted be,  
GOD'S kingdom we can never, never see.

Modern.  
Some hold, that there is yet some power in man,  
And that by creeds, and modes, and forms he can  
Profess, confess, and plead, and, by degrees,  
The holy, angry, jealous GOD, appease.

Antient.  
CHRIST says he is the way, the truth, the life,  
That, our of him, we have no strength or light.  
We have no faith, no hope, no might, at all.  
He is our joy, our hope, our all in all.

Modern.

Why then, among the herdsmen, is such strife,  
When all of them can't bring a flea to life.  
Striving, both night and day, to proselyte,  
And yet cannot make one hair black or white!

Antient.

CHRIST'S followers, of old, were of one heart,  
Did, with their worldly int'rest, freely part;  
Neither did any say, ought was his own;  
It all in common stock was freely thrown.

Modern.

Some christians now, so selfish they are grown,  
It is with trouble, we can get our own  
And sometimes are obliged to complain  
Unto the laws, our rights for to obtain.

Antient.

Christians all took their names from CHRIST, their head,  
All party names, from them, entirely fled  
No Parthians or Medes with them were known,  
No other names, but christians, they would own.

Modern.

Christians are so divided, in our days,  
The want of true religion it betrays  
Presbyterian, Churchmen, Baptist, Quaker,  
Methodist, Universalist, and Shaker.  
It makes me almost sick,  
To see the names I've writ,  
My pen I now will quit,  
And will not waste  
My paper.

**Re: ANCIENT AND MODERN PREACHERS. - posted by Christisking (), on: 2005/12/26 1:29**

This is great! Who wrote it and when? If it was true in the past - it is even more so true today!

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2005/12/26 1:34**

By the looks of it possibly the 1800's even early in that century. The writer is anonymous that information could not be found.

Quote:

-----If it was true in the past - it is even more so true today!

Yes when I found it I had an erie feeling that it was something that was speaking very directly to our day. We need trump et blasts such as this one to wake us up out of our slumber. The "Old Paths" are not been trodden anymore and we have lost our way. How refreshing it is to see some of these old paths and witnesses.