



How different are the feelings and the language of a soul under the first shinings in of the Sun of righteousness from the scoffing recklessness of the profane worldling, the rebellion and enmity of the self-righteous Pharisee, and the hard, unfeeling, talkative presumption of the dead professor. The mere doctrine of grace does nothing for the soul. As long as it is a mere notion or opinion, it has no more saving or sanctifying power than any other notion or opinion... How many, O how many of those who sit in our chapels amidst the saints of God are perishing in their sins with the Bible and hymn-book before their eyes, the sound of the gospel in their ears, the doctrine of grace in their lips, but the love of the world in their hearts. Not so with the soul under the teaching and blessing of God. Grace is to him a "charming sound," not because the word pleases his ear or the doctrine gratifies his mind, but because its inexpressible sweetness and power have reached his inmost soul.

~J.C. Philpot

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One of the masterpieces of Satanic craft has been to effect a divorce between morality and religion, while God's plan is to join them inseparably together. Nor does our great enemy seem to have any marked preference for religion without morality over morality without religion. Why should he? Morality without religion is but a smooth way of descending to hell. Religion without morality is monstrous. Williams: "Neither painted hypocrites, nor self-righteous Pharisees, nor mere formal professors; but the true worshippers only of the true God will Jehovah admit to reside with him." A wicked life destroys all hope of salvation arising from any boasted experience, or the most flaming profession. Judgment, mercy and faith are weighty matters of the law, Matthew 23:23. If professed piety makes men no better, what is it worth? Clean hands and a pure heart must accompany any valid profession of religion. Spotless outward behavior without real sanctity of internal character proves no man to be on his way to glory.

~Plumer

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# Netherlands Reformed Congregation

Sioux Falls, SD



*I will sing a new song unto thee, O God:  
upon a psaltery and an instrument of  
ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.*

*Psalm 144:9*

Church Times: 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 or 6:30 p.m.