

## Melbourne 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009: A modern-day 'Tower of Babel'

In the wake of God's judgment by the great flood of Noah's day, the Lord said in **Genesis 9:1** to those whom He had preserved "**Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth**". Just two chapters later we find men disobeying God and pursuing their own 'wisdom' and agenda for we read in **Genesis 11:4** how they said "**Come let us build us a city and a tower whose top may reach unto heaven and let us make us a name**".

The tower constructed at Babel was a monument to man's rebellious pride and once more invoked God's wrath and judgment for we read in **Genesis 11:8** "**So the Lord scattered them abroad from there upon the face of all the earth**" – God saw to it that His desire for there to be "**separation**" [see **Genesis 10:6**] and "**division**" [see **Genesis 10:32**] was not thwarted by human 'wisdom'.

Following God's judgment upon sin on the Cross of Calvary when He made His beloved Son "**to be sin for us**" [**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:21**] the risen Christ then gave commands to His followers to "**Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature**" [**Mark 16:15**] and to "**teach all nations... teaching them to observe whatsoever I have commanded you**" [**Matthew 28:19-20**].

The focus of the mission of faithful followers of Christ is, through preaching and teaching, to be used in the rescue of a people for whom Christ died, a people whose future eternal destiny will be in "**a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God**" [**Hebrews 11:10**]. This speaks of the glorious 'Promised Land' [the eternal 'glory' itself with Christ] for Christians and this is what we, like Abraham should be "**looking for**".

The Christian mission is not to seek to patch up this fallen world that is destined for God's fiery judgment – our focus and calling should not be on things that are seen for they are "**temporal**" but rather they are to be on the unseen things which are "**eternal**" [see **2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:18**]. Fallen humanity of course seeks to follow its own 'wisdom' and agenda just as it did back in **Genesis 11:4**. In the name of 'religion' it has its own 'great commission' and rescue plan and it has nothing to do with the Cross of Calvary or "**a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God**".

The 'great commission' of the Lord Jesus Christ will result in '**separation**' and '**division**' as the Lord Himself explained in **Luke 12:51-53** when He said "**Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, nay, but rather division. For from henceforth there shall be five in one house, divided three against two and two against three. The father shall be divided against the son, and the son against the father; the mother against the daughter and the daughter against the mother; the mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law**". What are these people going to be '**divided**' over – the unique gospel, claims and mission of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Christians know that what politically has been termed '**social cohesion**' through smorgasbord religion is a sinful pipe dream that they must distance themselves from and yet this is precisely what the 'wisdom' of the world is seeking to achieve and sadly they are being aided and abetted by the likes of so-called 'evangelical' Rick Warren with his unscriptural **PEACE** plan involving a co-operating 'partnership' of all faiths, governments and business consortiums.

However there is another upcoming major expression of this worldly 'wisdom' with supposed 'Christian' input planned for **Melbourne, Australia from 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009** when the latest gathering of the '**Parliament of the World's Religions**' is scheduled to take place.

This link will take you to the web site for the event  
<http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/index.cfm>

Earlier I referred to the political desire for '**social cohesion**'  
and this is clearly spelt out on this link  
<http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/index.cfm?n=7&sn=21>

I also referred earlier to '**smorgasbord religion**' and this is clearly illustrated in the array of speakers [some viewed by the world as being 'Christian'] detailed on this link  
<http://www.parliamentofreligions.org/index.cfm?n=7&sn=41>

God's revealed plan is to "**purify unto himself a people of his own**" [Titus 2:14] and, despite this latest expression of human religious pride and rebellion, He will, as in Genesis 11, proceed with His plans and will not be thwarted. His sovereign will shall be accomplished and will climax in that greatest of all '**separation**' and '**division**' that we read of in **Matthew 25:34** "**Then shall the king say unto them on his right hand, Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world**" and **Matthew 25:41** "**Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels**".

On that great and solemn day the deliberations and decisions of the so-called '**Parliament of the World's Religions**' will be shown to have been foolish and soul-damning as God shall surely "**destroy the wisdom of the wise and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent**" [1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1:19]. The folly of human 'understanding' will be exposed for the foolishness that it is and will be painfully plain for all to see when God separates His '**sheep**' from Satan's '**goats**' [see **Matthew 25:32**].

As this world spirals even further down into the pit of '**damnable heresies**' [2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 2:1] surely the heartfelt cry and prayer of God's people should increasingly rise to heaven in the words of John "**Even so, come, Lord Jesus**" [Revelation 22:20].

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