

CONTEMPT FOR GOD

A lot of people in our nation today are not convinced that the Bible is the infallible word of God, and are consequently not impressed by any argument that is based upon it or supported by it. Contempt for the holy Scriptures is very obvious in our society. I have watched a number of talk-shows on T.V. where anyone daring to quote scriptures was shown the utmost disrespect. According to surveys a large percentage of present-day seminary graduates, and their teachers, do not believe in the most fundamental of Biblical doctrines, such as the virgin birth of Christ, His eternal deity and sonship, His resurrection, etc. This is nothing less than outright contempt for, and a total disdain of, God's word.

It is common in our day for people to express doubt about even the plainest Biblical teachings, such as the existence of heaven and hell. Years ago I heard a man say he didn't believe there was either one. I am sure he knows better than that now, for he has passed away. But even with all his unveiled decadence while he lived, he still displayed a good deal more honesty than some of his family who made great boasts of their having been "born again."

We live in a nation that stamps the words "In God we trust" on its currency, and yet slaughters its unborn children by the millions; a nation that calls itself "Christian" and yet, as a whole, gives its general consent to all manner of ungodly practices that were, in my youth, considered unsuitable even for public mention. Is not this clear evidence of a general disregard for God and His word?

The only hope for this nation is that there are yet a number of righteous souls for whose sake the Lord will preserve it. If there had been as many as ten righteous souls in Sodom the Lord would have spared it. Do we have as large a percentage among our population comparatively speaking, and will God show us the same measure of mercy that He would have shown to Sodom?

---Elder Ralph Harris

