

revolutionaries who use the cover of the church for Communism, God-is-dead theologians, and truly the abominations of the earth. It will be seen just as that even by the nations that the beast rules over. In the end the world state will turn on the world church and the conclusion is, "In one hour is thy judgment come" (18:10). Only to those who believe every word of the Holy Scriptures will this be understood and believed. But the prayer of Jesus of John 17, "Keep them from evil" is being answered by the remnant on the earth as they cry out against the coming of the bride of the Antichrist and take their stand outside the gate.

VII. SEPARATION

John 17 is one unending petition to the Father. Twice, Christ emphasizes and singles out, "I pray for them . . . for they are thine." Revelation, chapter 18, calls on God's own to flee from this rising Babylon. His command is unconditional, "Come out of her, my people."

A monstrous evil today is the great apostasy afflicting Christian churches as they use their resources and recognition to bring the churches into this world superstructure. Satan has set himself to use John 17. In this very day, this dream is now before the world, the churches, the people of God. Who cannot read the press, who cannot see the church assemblies crying for unity for all the polyglot churches of the world? Who does not know that the New Testament church was called to be separate from the pagan temples of Rome? Who does not read the Word which says Christians are to turn away when in the last days men shall be "giving heed to seducing spirits." The command to separate does warn, "Be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues."

The very call to be separate and "touch not the unclean thing" must be obeyed by every born-again believer in these last days. There can be no excuse, delay, no justification of any kind, no earthly appeal for disobeying. To disobey is to deny Christ's lordship and aid Satan's grand design to use God's

people, their money and means, to build his Babylon with its blasphemies. The conflict of the ages is reaching its final crescendo of rebellion against the Lord and His anointed.

The Old Testament closed in Malachi, chapter 3, with a faithful remnant full of discernment, which is indeed the discernment that the same saints living at the close of this age need in the concluding days of the 20th Century. Malachi wrote: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another: and the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. Then shall ye return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not" (3:16-18).

VIII. THE SENT ONES

Christ gives His own in John 17 their marching orders. He puts it in these terms: "As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world" (v. 18). It has been thus for each generation. The believers are to persuade men that Christ was sent from God. They are to carry His message to the ends of the earth and to look to Him as the author and finisher of their faith.

The ecumenists themselves, by making their thesis, "that they may all be one," indeed compelled the believers to tear John 17 out of their hands and to make it especially theirs as the sent ones, sent from God, sent to obey.

John 17 is not the possession of the World Council of Churches to use for the Devil's cause. None of the Bible is, but especially not this chapter. It is indeed the responsibility of every Bible believer to occupy, to resist the Devil, and to use every resource at his hand to preserve and maintain Christian churches made up of those for whom Christ died who will witness and suffer for the glory of Jesus Christ. Christ identified them when he said, "They have kept thy