

Daily Devotional, June 20, 2020

“Rebellious Children”, (Isaiah 30:1, NKJV)

“Woe to the rebellious children,” says the LORD, “Who take counsel, but not of Me, And who devise plans, but not of My Spirit, That they may add sin to sin” (Isaiah 30:1)

A rebel can be defined as someone who displays inward or outward defiance against authority. We see this evident in some of the signs wielded and actions taken by the protesters in our land, which largely go uncondemned and are even justified by certain people. We see how the violent confrontations that have resulted do not lead to peace, but rather to more escalation, *“that they may add sin to sin.”* The open rebellion against authority is clearly against God’s institution of human government and divinely sanctioned enforcement of human law for the purpose of restraining sin (Romans 13:1-7). The actions of the rebels will not end well for anybody, as they stand in opposition to peaceful justice.

Our text illustrates the spiritual aspect of this very same point. The *“rebellious children”* who act in defiance of God’s authority will not come to a good end. Such individuals take counsel of the world system, and the adversary is only too pleased to fill their minds with more worldly wisdom and nonsense. Each day people plan for the things in this life, but they fail to plan for their souls. The result is a multiplication of sin, which if left unrepented of, will lead to spiritual death, and separation from God for all eternity. *“For the wages of sin is death”* (Romans 6:23).

Friends, let us take heed to seek the counsel of God daily, and include Him in our plans. May we seek God the Holy Spirit’s leading in our hearts, minds, and actions. Instead of adding *“sin to sin”*, may we keep short accounts with God by coming to the foot of His cross as repentant sinners, thereby reducing sin’s presence and effect in our lives.

“Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, And you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him” (Psalm 2:12).