

Covid Keys & Cures in 2 Chronicles

Please read 2 Chronicles Chapter 2

Solomon represents a shadow (type) of Christ. Of all Israel/Judah's kings he was invested most with wisdom, might & splendour, etc. Notice the ease with which Solomon spoke of his religious devotion to God when addressing Hiram king of Tyre. True religion has nothing to fear of its inherent truth and virtue. The Bible does not need defending; rather, as Spurgeon quipped, like a fierce lion it needs letting loose – it will defend itself.

Notice too that both David & Solomon had forged friendly associations with this Gentile leader (v3). Solomon's peculiar wisdom on this occasion consisted of recognising God's common grace given to humanity in general – on account of our manufacture in God's image (Gen 1:26). Accordingly, special talents/gifts are to be recognised in others universally. Hiram was a skilled craftsman. Hiram (king of Syria) sent him to Jerusalem to coordinate & teach the Solomon's masons & craftsmen in their project to construct an awesome Temple for the worship of God. In doing this, they were demonstrating prophetically what our own international leaders & governments have been called to do:

'And the nations of them that are saved shall walk in the light of it, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it.' (Rev 21:24)

Most strikingly, it wasn't the indigenous Jew that bore the burden of construction (vs 17-18); rather it was the foreigner within the camp. God can make good use of those formally outside of the Church to help build His throne & kingdom in this world! This mindset (wisdom) of Solomon needs to be adopted by ourselves too. All of life is sacred. Every enterprise is worthy of the same Christian reconstruction which Solomon demonstrated here. Science, medicine, art, architecture, civil jurisdiction, etc, (all legitimate God-honouring pursuits) must be purified of the dross which has historically sullied them and transformed by God's grace into serviceable activities which resonate with the glory of God. This accords with Habakkuk 2:12-14

"Woe to him who builds a town with bloodshed, who establishes a city by iniquity! Behold, is it not of the Lord of hosts that the peoples labour to feed the fire, and nations weary themselves in vain? For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

- ***Is medicine a good work? What place if any should the Scriptures have in formulating its practice? (see 2Tim 3:16)***
- ***Is Science a good work? Is civil governance a good work? What place if any should the Scriptures have in formulating their practice? (see 2Tim 3:16)***
- ***Is Jesus, as we sing, Lord of all?***