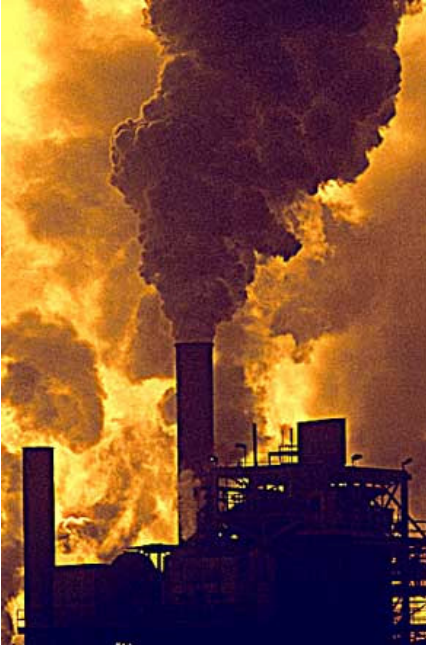


“This Is Not Your Rest”



Imagine living in a country where so much pollution is pumped into the atmosphere that the people could no longer see the sun. How sad it would be for people who never knew anything else. People who had lived all their lives in such a place might even begin to doubt that the sun even existed.

I know you would not like to live in a country so full of smog and dirty air that you could not see the sun. Nobody would. However, many people are living in a state spiritually which approaches this condition. The sun is the supreme object in the sky, and God is the supreme being of the universe. But so many people are filling the atmosphere with talk about how the Creator God doesn't exist and how we really are just the product of random chance that an entire generation is growing up having great difficulty believing that God exists.

The amount of false teaching denying God's existence may be overwhelming. It is like the amount of pollution that blocks out the sun. But, it will never alter the truth – God lives and reigns supreme! He is the great “I am” — the eternally existent one without beginning or end. He is far greater than man. His existence doesn't depend on any other, while the existence of every other person or thing depends totally on him. He is great in every way, whether in love, kindness, mercy, righteousness, holiness, or wrath.



In the greatness of his love, He sent his Son into the world to die in the sinner's place. This same love is active in the world today seeking sinners, showing them their lost condition, and then leading them to faith in the Savior. A person's sins may be as black as the pit of hell, but those sins will be totally washed away if they turn to the Savior in faith. **“Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow,”** the psalmist wrote and his words are absolutely true for every soul that trusts in Christ.

Only by coming to the Lord Jesus can anyone leave behind the pollution of sin, shame, and unbelief, and have as it were the sun of God's love shine into the depths of their hearts. They might have caught glimpses of its faint glowing outline before, but until a person comes to Christ they can never know God's love in its depth, breadth, and life giving power.



God has instruction for those who persist in living as if he doesn't exist. It is found in Micah 2:10, "Arise and depart ye, for this is not your rest, it is polluted, it shall destroy you with a sore destruction." The "sore destruction" speaks of the everlasting punishment of hell. God is not willing that any man perish. He wants all men to arise and flee from pollution that brings eternal death. He wants them to turn to the Savior and find the eternal life He alone can give. "I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish." The Lord Jesus has life for every sinner who trusts in him.

Oh be forever done with the pollution caused by fallen man who wants to do away with the truth of God, and come to the Lord Jesus by faith today that you might receive the gift of eternal life.