TIME AND PURPOSE – CAST AWAY STONES

“...a time to cast away stones,” (Eccl. 3:5) This was especially true in the early history of the world and is still true in some instances today. When land is inhabited, generally something must go. “Casting away stones” is Solomon’s way of saying that.

When positive things are done, negative things must be removed to make place for them. When Jesus built his church, the law of Moses had to cease. It was so stated in scripture, “…having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross;” (Col. 2:14) The Law of Moses and the Law of Christ cannot co-exist. One had to be removed to make way for the other.

We must understand that about other things as well. Truth and falsehood cannot exist together either. When one obeys the truth he must give up error. He must be willing to give up the lies of Satan, that one church is as good as another or one doctrine is as good as another.

If one is to build a house, he must remove those things that interfere with the building, rocks, trees, etc. Similarly, if a man pledge his allegiance to one woman, he cannot act the same toward another. If we can understand these things, why cannot we understand we cannot have the same allegiance to Satan and God at the same time?

In other words, we should all understand that “casting away stones” is not only preferred in some instances, but absolutely necessary.

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