

As the Days Passed Into Weeks

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K.P. Yohannan's sermon critiques the misplaced spiritual values of Western believers and highlights the need for awareness of deeper spiritual truths amidst cultural distractions.

Scripture: Matthew 6:19

Topics: "Materialism", "Spiritual Values"

Description

K.P. Yohannan reflects on the spiritual values of Western believers, expressing concern over their absorption of humanistic and materialistic ideals prevalent in secular culture. He warns of impending judgment on the United States, emphasizing that God's abundance is not guaranteed forever. During his time in Texas, he is struck by the contrast between the superficial achievements of large churches and buildings and the simple blessings that many in the Two-Thirds World cherish. He notes the overwhelming presence of media and noise in American life, which he finds troubling and indicative of a deeper spiritual malaise. Yohannan's message calls for a reevaluation of what truly matters in faith and life.

Transcript

As the days passed into weeks, I began with alarm to understand how misplaced are the spiritual values of most Western believers. Sad to say, it appeared to me that for the most part they had absorbed the same humanistic and materialistic values that dominated the secular culture. Almost immediately I sensed an awesome judgment was hanging over the United States--and that I had to warn God's people that He was not going to lavish this abundance on them forever. But the message was still not formed in my heart, and it would be many years before I would feel the anointing and courage to speak out against such sin.

Meanwhile, in Texas, a land that in many ways epitomizes America, I reeled with shock at the most common things. My hosts eagerly pointed out what they considered their greatest achievements. I nodded with politeness as they showed me their huge churches, high-rise buildings and universities. But these didn't impress me very much. After all, I had seen the Golden Temple in Amritsar, the Taj Mahal, the Palaces of Jhans, the University of Baroda in Gujarat.

What impresses visitors from the Two-Thirds World are the simple things Americans take for granted: fresh water available 24 hours a day, unlimited electrical power, telephones that work and a most remarkable network of paved roads. Compared to Western countries, things in Asia are still in the process of development. At the time, we still had no television in India, but my American hosts seemed to have TV sets in every room--and they operated day and night. This ever-present blast of media disturbed me. For

some reason, Americans seemed to have a need to surround themselves with noise all the time. Even in their cars, I noticed the radios were on even when no one was listening.

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