

# WHO IS WISE?

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Today we live in the age of great luxury. All the wonderful little things that make our lives very comfortable: fine cars, fancy houses, great looking clothes, and every convenience to make this life one of "ease". Yes, we have been blessed abundantly and this cannot be denied by the honest of heart. Are we thankful? Do we know who is the source of all these things?

"Who is wise? Let him understand these things. Who is prudent? Let him know them. For the ways of the LORD are right; the righteous walk in them, But transgressors stumble in them." {Hosea 14:9}

What grave mistake had Israel made, which brought the passionate plea of God's prophet Hosea?

"For Israel has forgotten his Maker, And has built temples; Judah also has multiplied fortified cities; But I will send fire upon his cities, And it shall devour his palaces." {Hosea 8:14}

Israel was at ease and at peace. Prosperity and abundance were on every hand. It seemed to be the "best of times". Everything was going her way. Now she did not need God, so she forgot Him. Could history be repeating itself in our own day?

We live in what most folks call "the greatest nation upon the earth". By far we are one of great wealth and prosperity. Peace is enjoyed on all fronts in our homeland. Is it all as it appears to be? Are things that good in the old USA?

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." {John 7:24}

My love of this country goes without saying and I would desire to live no where else on earth, yet America has some serious problems. Let me give you a couple examples.

**Breakdown of the home.** Today broken homes are the rule instead of the exception. One out of every two marriages will end in divorce. What about the children of a broken home? Truly, they are the ones who pay the greatest price. Single parenting is on the increase. Our society even points with pride the great number of single mothers raising their kids. Marriage is looked at as "out of touch with the times". Recently, I heard one so called expert make this statement: "It's just not dealing in reality to think one man and one woman will stay faithful to each other until death of one or the other".

"So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate." {Matthew 19:6}

"Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." {Hebrews 13:4}

God says that marriage was a good relationship from the time He instituted it! Man is the one who needs to reconsider his thinking!

**The Glorification and Glamorization of Sin.** Homosexuality is not immoral, it is an alternate lifestyle. Abortion is not murder, but the right of choice. Adultery and fornication are depicted as being pleasurable and "sowing your wild oats". Drinking is the thing to do, of course, one must act maturely, so be sure to get a "designated driver!". Watch any sitcom in prime time and one of these themes will be promoted in a positive light. Our children are watching and listening. America, wake up before it is too late. We are being programmed by the devil.

Do I need to go on? Many other things could be said but these will suffice. Brethren, don't get caught by surprise. Who is wise? God is wise and so are all His ways! \*\*\*