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“LOOK UP ‘TOTAL DEPRAVITY’ IN THE DICTIONARY AND YOU’LL SEE A PICTURE OF THE SODOMITE AND THEIR ENABLERS”

The Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas, presents “The Old School Baptist Hour”, with Pastor Fred Phelps:

This is Fred Phelps, and you’re listening to “The Old School Baptist Hour.”

Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka is an Old School or Primitive Baptist Church. It has existed in Topeka for 32 years. Old School Baptists are sometimes called T.U.L.I.P. Baptists, because they have historically believed and vigorously expounded the so-called Five Points of Calvinism. The word T.U.L.I.P., as used in T.U.L.I.P. Baptists, is an acronym; which means that each of the five letters making up to word T.U.L.I.P., T-U-L-I-P, is the first letter of the name of one of the Five Points of Calvinism.

“T” stands for the doctrine of Total Depravity. Which means that man is totally depraved and is therefore without any ability whatsoever to save himself or to contribute in any way to his salvation.

The letter “U” stands for the doctrine of Unconditional Election. Which means that God from eternity past has unconditionally elected or chosen certain specific people, a very small number, to be saved; and all the rest, the overwhelming mass of mankind, to be damned.

The letter “L” stands for the doctrine of Limited Atonement. Which means that Jesus Christ died or atoned for only a very limited number of mankind, to wit: only for those whom God elected or chose from eternity past to be saved.

The letter “I” stands for the doctrine of Irresistible Grace. Which means that each of those whom God elected to be saved, and for whom Christ died or atoned, will sooner or later during their lifetimes on earth be irresistibly called or drawn to salvation and to believe these doctrines.

The letter “P” stands for the doctrine of Perseverance of the Saints. Which means that each of those whom God the Father elected to be saved in eternity past, and for whom God the Son died at Calvary, and who are therefore irresistibly called or drawn to believe these doctrines and be saved, will certainly and inevitably persevere in this faith all their days on earth and make it to heaven at last because notwithstanding their trials they are kept by the power of God continually.

These Five Points of Calvinism are really nothing other than the Doctrines of Grace; which are nothing other than the Gospel of the Grace of God; which is nothing other than the only message of divine truth from God to this world.

If you do not thoroughly understand and heartily believe and love the Five Points of Calvinism; you know nothing of the truth of God in the earth, you know nothing of the Gospel; “[a]nd this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.” John 17:3. This verse plainly says, from the mouth of Christ himself, that eternal life is one and the same with having a knowledge of the true nature and attributes of God the Father and God the Son.

If you do not thoroughly understand and heartily believe and love the Five Points of Calvinism; you are ignorant of the true nature and attributes of God the Father and God the Son. Ergo, you have no eternal life. You are still in a state of darkness, ignorance, sin and superstition.

You are ignorant that God is an absolute sovereign, whose will alone is free and unfettered; and whose will alone prevails in every circumstance. By

definition, an absolute sovereign is one whose will prevails absolutely. Your so-called Christianity teaches you that you have a free will; that you are a free moral agent; and that by the power of your free will you determine your destiny; that you're free to accept or reject Jesus Christ as your Savior. Therefore you are your own Savior; your free will has saved you; you are the absolute sovereign and can frustrate and thwart the will of God. That even though you say Christ died for everybody, and God loves everybody and wants everybody to believe and be saved; you and your puny will can frustrate and thwart the will of God by deciding to reject Christ and his invitation to salvation. My friend, you are ignorant of the nature and attributes of a sovereign God. You are ignorant of the Christ of the Bible who says: "I give unto my sheep eternal life; and they shall never perish." John 10:28. And who prays to God the Father, saying: "As thou hast given me power over all flesh, that I should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given me." John 17:2. And, who says to the multitude: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him;" and, "All that the Father giveth me shall in inevitably come to me;" and, "Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come to me except it were given unto him of my Father." John 6:37, 44 & 65.

If you have no profound, experimental, internal knowledge that God is an absolute sovereign, "who has mercy on whom he will have mercy and whom he will he hardens" (Romans 9:18); you know nothing of salvation; you are yet in your sins; you have no such knowledge within you; because it has not pleased God to show such things to you. "Who in his times he will shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate (sovereign), the King of kings, and Lord of lords." 1 Timothy 6:15. There you have it: in God's own good times he reveals his nature and attributes to his elect, and they then see and understand. Who in his own times he will show that he alone is sovereign. God has never revealed his absolute sovereignty to you; and that is solid evidence that you are lost.

If you do not thoroughly understand and heartily believe and love the Five Points of Calvinism; you are yet in your sins; you are yet ignorant of the truth of the Gospel.

If you have no profound, experimental, internal knowledge of absolute predestination of all things; that God has from eternity past predestinated all things whatsoever that come to pass in time; you know nothing of salvation; you are yet in your sins. “According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will.” Ephesians 1:4, 5, & 11.

My friend, if you do not have a thorough knowledge and profound love for the doctrine of absolute predestination; you are a truly ignorant person; you are truly wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (Revelation 3:17); moreover you are willingly or willfully ignorant (2 Peter 3:5); because the very heavens themselves declare this glory of God, that is his eternal power and sovereignty (Psalm 19:1); and these invisible things of him—these accurate notions of God’s nature and attributes--from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things which are made, even his eternal power and godhead--that is, his deity, his infinitude, and his sovereignty--so that they are without excuse (Romans 1:20).

You are without excuse; pretending to believe and rely on the religious fables and outright lies, that your will is sovereign, that you are a free moral agent, that God loves everybody and Jesus died for everybody; and somehow your free will can make the difference between heaven and hell. You have changed the truth of God into a lie, and are worshipping and serving the creature—man, with his vaunted free will--more than the creator. Romans 1:25. And you have changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man. Romans 1:23. You are, in essence, worshipping yourself. And such idolatry is called in the Scripture, “will worship.” Colossians 2: 23: “Which things have indeed a shew of wisdom in will worship, but which are only after the commandments and doctrines of men.” Colossian 2:22. Your religion is nothing else than “the commandments and doctrines of men,” consisting of darkness, ignorance and superstition.

If you do not thoroughly understand and heartily believe and love the Five Points of Calvinism; you are yet in gross spiritual darkness, ignorance and superstition; you are yet in your sins; and this is none other than that darkness that covers the earth and that gross darkness that covers the people, spoken of in Isaiah 60:2. And there in that darkness you will lie and there in that darkness you will die; unless through the tender mercy of our God whereby “the Day Spring from on high doth visit you to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide your feet into the way of peace.” Luke 1:78-79.

I have been expounding the doctrine of Total Depravity; and I have opened unto you that will hear the message of Romans Chapter One, wherein a most solemn warning is given against the ultimate in human depravity, that is: homosexuality. Your enlightened self-interest, my friend, would logically dictate that you heed this heavenly warning:

And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not seemly (that is, those things which are defiled and disgusting). Romans 1:27-28.

Thus homosexuality is declared by God himself to be the ultimate evidence among mankind of mankind’s total depravity. There is no question to anyone at all familiar with the Bible and who is taught by the God of that Bible that the worldwide plague of AIDS is anything other than the judgment of God Almighty upon this generation, pursuant to the specific warning of Romans Chapter 1.

We have made it comfortable, and acceptable, and respectable for homosexuals to come out of the closet, in the modern jargon. Homosexual conduct has been declared to be acceptable as an alternate lifestyle by our recognized and respected leaders. In 1969 it officially began when the American Psychiatric Society (the APA) formally voted and approved the reclassification of homosexuality from abnormal to normal.

In the mid-1970s our State legislatures beginning with California, under the leadership of one Willie Brown, a black legislature in the gay section of San Francisco, began to repeal all our laws against sodomy. And there has been a steady movement in this country and around the world to create a climate and an atmosphere whereby homosexuals may become militant and aggressive in their godless perversions. And where the cultural and spiritual and moral and political leaders of any society thus put the imprimatur of respectability upon homosexual conduct: such is precisely the sin of ancient Sodom and Gomorrah; and that day has arrived in America. Homosexuals are ensconced in high places of government, in Congress, in the legislatures, in the executive branches, in our schools and universities, in strategic positions in high finance and big business, and even in our courts. In Kansas, and even in Topeka, homosexuals sit as District Judges of respect and dignity. One, here, even uses his phone in chambers at taxpayer expense to call pornographic phone numbers and listen to filthy pornographic recordings.

These homosexuals are fawned upon and courted for their votes by many politicians, and are so politically powerful as to be even now demanding that Congress pass a law adding them to the protected classes in the Civil Rights Acts; thus making it a crime to discriminate against them in such sensitive areas as housing, schooling, employment and other areas. These evil people are declared by God in Romans Chapter 1, to be given up by God himself to vile affections and reprobate minds: declared by God himself "to be filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness and maliciousness." Yet they are occupying high positions of power in government, business, religion and even our courts. In addition to the local District Court Judge I referred to earlier, who openly flaunts his homosexuality and from his chambers at taxpayer expense places long distance calls to pornographic tape recordings, another local judge propositions convicted males for homosexual favors in return for more lenient sentences; a lesbian law professor in a nearby law school openly flaunts her lesbianism and practices her filthy lesbianism with certain of her female students and with certain of the wives of her male students, all at taxpayer expense. Another professor at a nearby

university, tax-supported, openly flaunts his homosexuality and has been merely warned about sexually harassing his students.

This nation, this state, this city, by and through our respected leaders in government, industry, education and religion; have created a climate of respectability and acceptability for homosexuals to not only come out of the closet but to flaunt their filthy, anti-God lifestyles. And, such a situation is precisely the condition of affairs in ancient Sodom which brought the wrath of God in fire and brimstone and spelled final doom for that unhappy civilization.

For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrhah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; ¶ And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their vile and filthy lifestyles). 2 Peter 2:4-8

Adding this passage in 2 Peter to Romans Chapter 1, there is a plain and unambiguous warning from the Almighty to this nation and the world of our day, wherein homosexuality has now by our respected leaders been made respectable and acceptable; the dramatic destruction of ancient Sodom by the direct intervening hand of Almighty God is expressly declared to be an example to us and a warning to us. The plague of AIDS, which threatens to decimate our population and bankrupt this nation, is unquestionably an adumbration, a harbinger, of unmitigated divine wrath and judgment to come.

You may ask, "But is there no hope, no way out for our country in this modern world?" My answer: probably not. My Gospel does not offer hope to reprobates: "But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversary." Hebrews 10:27. Nor did our Lord Jesus Christ offer hope to you reprobates; saying: "He that believeth on the Son hath

everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.” John 3:36.

The great overwhelming majority of those to whom I now speak are without hope and without God in this world. They are strangers to the covenants of the promise and they are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel. Ephesians 2:12.

My message, this Gospel of the Grace of God, is addressed only to a very small remnant of mankind. “Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.” Isaiah 1:9. “Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” Romans 11:5. According to God’s everlasting Gospel, the great overwhelming mass of mankind is lost and doomed and damned. Only a very small remnant--the word “remnant” signifying a very tiny sliver compared to the whole clothe—are predestinated to be saved. And, my Gospel is only to that remnant.

Don’t you understand me? There is no hope for the vast majority of you who belong to the corrupt mass of mankind. “Though the number of the [people] be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.” Romans 9:27. “I will gather the remnant of my flock.” Jeremiah 23:3. “I will save my people, the remnant of Israel.” Jeremiah 31:7. “I will surely gather the remnant of Israel.” Micah 2:12.

These hoards of lying preachers who swarm over the land, yelling to you reprobates the false doctrines that God loves you and that Jesus died for you, understand neither what they say—have no rational understanding of what they are saying—nor do they have a rational basis for the things they so confidently affirm. Titus 1:7.

Only God’s elect, consisting of a very small remnant of mankind, are favored to receive a profound warning in their souls and are seized with an inward compulsion to flee from the wrath to come. Hence, John the Baptist asked rhetorically of the pretenders and the hypocrites who came to listen to him

preach on the banks of the Jordan: “O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” Luke 3:7.

My friend, if these solemn truths of the Gospel produce in you a feeling of awe and profound solemnity; such could be good evidence that you are indeed one of God’s elect. If so, I am interested in you because you may be one of the sheep. But, if these awful doctrines of election, predestination and reprobation produce in you a negative response and hostility, than such probably indicates that you are not a sheep but are rather, in Bible metaphors, a goat, a dog, and a hog.

Such constitutes the essence of Total Depravity: “The natural or carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.” Romans 8:7. The word, or truth of God, is here referred to as a law because of its inflexibility of substance and its universality of application. The verse means simply that your mind hates God and his doctrines when those doctrines are plainly presented to you. You have a powerful, natural antipathy to these truths I am preaching, because of your total depravity deriving from your father Adam and your mother Eve.

You do not believe these doctrines I preach, these Five Points of Calvinism, and hence you are an unbeliever. The Jesus you profess to believe in is a figment of your imagination, a kind of Dagon whose real name is “free will”. You made him up in your fables, with the assistance of the false prophets, preacher and teachers you have heaped to yourself having itching ears. 2 Timothy 4:3. You do believe the doctrine of Total Depravity because you are totally depraved. And, the essence of total depravity is to damn its victims with overwhelming and irresistible urges to hold the truth in unrighteousness. That is, to corrupt and pervert the very truth of God. Romans 1:18.

And, the ultimate manifestation of irrevocable depravity is, as I said, homosexuality and tolerating homosexuality: making it acceptable and respectable. Homosexuals have a compulsion, a strange compulsion within them, which is a restless and relentless drive to come out of the closet and violently impose their perversions upon others. It is the essential nature of their depravity

that they feel compelled to flaunt their filthy lifestyle and force others to join them in it. Contrary to their pretensions of peace and their stereotypical images as wimps; they are by nature violent in their determination to convert others by force to their disgusting perversions. If you do not believe this to be true it is because you are ignorant of the plain pronouncements of the Scriptures.

Two times in Bible history human depravity reached full flower in the form of rampant homosexuality. Homosexuals came militantly out of the closet; just as they are doing today in America. They were accepted and respected. And these homosexual populations then demonstrated their true nature; once in Genesis Chapter 19 and once in Judges Chapter 19.

If you were to understand total depravity, I urge you to take your Bibles and read Genesis Chapter 19 and then read Judges Chapter 19.

In Genesis 19 two angels in male human form were visiting in the home of Lot in ancient Sodom. *“And he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them (that is, perform acts of homosexual perversion on them). ... And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.”* Genesis 19:3-9.

Behold the true nature of homosexuals. They persistently and shamelessly drive for full recognition and acceptance by force of law, so that they may flaunt their perversion and by violence compel others to join them in their depravity. “Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah.” Isaiah 1:9.

In the year 1700 a little Baptist congregation in Wales decided to move to America. They sold out all their holdings, every family in Wales, and soon after 1700 hired a sailing ship and came to Maryland. They obtained land from the

English King and built their transplanted church near what is today Salisbury, Maryland.

From that day to this, throughout the intervening 285 years, the Welsh Tract Baptist Church has maintained and defended pure Gospel truth; preaching Old School Baptist doctrine. They publish today a bi-monthly paper entitled, "The Remnant"; wherein are re-printed sermons of the Old School Baptist preachers from days long gone by; great sermons by great and godly Old School Baptist preachers, who being dead yet speak today through the pages of that paper, "The Remnant".

If any of my listeners would like a subscription to "The Remnant"; you may have it free of charge, upon request. No donations will ever be solicited or accepted. "They went forth taking nothing from the heathen." 3 John 7. Abraham said: "I will not take so much as a thread or a shoe string from this King of Sodom, lest he say, I have made Abraham rich." Genesis 14:23. It is the Old School Baptist way.

This is Fred Phelps, pastor of Westboro Baptist Church. More next week at this same hour, on "The Old School Baptist Hour" on this station.