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“AIDS=THE PESTILENCE SENT FROM GOD TO AVENGE THE QUARREL OF HIS COVENANT “

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

This is Fred Phelps. Westboro Baptist Church in Topeka is an Old School or Primitive Baptist Church. It has existed in Topeka for 32 years. Such churches are called Primitive Baptists because their doctrines and practices are those of primitive Christianity deriving from the Church established by Jesus Christ on the banks of the Jordan River in the First Century A.D.

“But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form (or system) of doctrine which was delivered you.” Romans 6:17. There is a form or mold or system of doctrine which God himself has delivered to the sons of men. That system of doctrine is called by various names in the Scriptures, but by whatever name it constitutes the exclusive message of God in the earth. Every other message, every other system is a false religious system and is a lie.

That system of doctrine which God has delivered is sometimes in Scripture called: “The whole counsel of God,” Acts 20:27; sometimes called “the wisdom of God,” Proverbs 8:1; sometimes called “the preaching of the cross,” 1 Corinthians 1:18; sometimes called “the report of God,” Isaiah 53:1; sometimes called “the record which God has given,” 1 John 5:10; sometimes called “the word of his grace,” Acts 20:32; sometimes called “good tidings of great joy,” Luke 2:10; sometimes called “the tidings of good and the publication of peace,” Isaiah 52:7; sometimes called “the message of God,” 1 John 1:5; sometimes called “the Word

of God,” John 1:1; sometimes called “the oracles or utterances of God,” Romans 3:2; sometimes called “the volume of the book,” Hebrews 10:7; sometimes called “the covenant of peace,” Ezekiel 37:26; and sometimes called “the everlasting Gospel,” Revelation 14:6.

For the last four hundred years this system of doctrine has also been called, “The Five Points of Calvinism.” That designation has come to be a distinctive name, distinguishing the truth of God from the myriads of perverted religious systems existing in the world today. If you do not understand this, you are ignorant indeed.

This dispute among the sons of men, between those who contend for the truth and those preaching lies, is an ancient dispute: beginning in Genesis Chapter 3. There it is identified as the perpetual war of enmity between the seed of the woman—Christ and his true people--and the seed of the serpent—Satan and his people. This ancient and perpetually ongoing dispute is also called in Scripture, “the wars of the Lord;” Numbers 21:14. And, this ancient and perpetually ongoing dispute between religious truth and religious error is referred to as “the quarrel of the covenant;” Leviticus 26:25. There the Lord God plainly warned the sons of men: “And I shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant, and I shall send the pestilence among you.”

This threatened pestilence has five divinely appointed characteristics. First, it cleaves, or clings, with invincible tenacity. Second, it consumes with irreversible power. Third, it is accompanied by a fever in the body. Fourth, it is accompanied by an inflammation in the body. And, fifth, it is accompanied by an extreme burning in the body. Deuteronomy 28:21-22. The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee; The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption, and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning.” Deuteronomy 28:21-22. This, my friend, is none other than a description of AIDS.

AIDS is nothing else than the pestilence sent from God in fulfillment of his ancient promise to avenge the quarrel of his covenant. “I shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and I will send the pestilence among you.” Leviticus 26:25.

The Scriptures everywhere predict a time near the end of time when iniquity will so abound in the earth, when the truth of God will be so neglected and despised in the earth, that God himself will rise up and avenge the quarrel of his covenant in a most spectacular way by sending an irreversible pestilence among the sons of men as a divine punishment; and the sign of such a situation is expressly said to be that homosexuality will be accepted and respectable; or in other words, that the gays will come out of the closet in full bloom. If you do not understand of what I am saying to you, you are ignorant indeed of the most important body of knowledge readily available to the sons of men to know and understand.

If you are ignorant of the Five Points of Calvinism; that is, the truth of God in the earth; and the ancient and perpetually ongoing dispute among mankind: between God and his truth and the devil and his lies; then you know nothing of the quarrel of the covenant which God has sworn that he would avenge by sending the pestilence among mankind. “And I shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant: and I will send the pestilence among you, saith the Lord.” Leviticus 26:25. The covenant there referred to is nothing other than the Covenant of Grace, which is merely another name for the Doctrines of Grace or the Five Points of Calvinism; that system of doctrine which alone represents the truth of God in the earth. Romans 6:17.

There is a famine in the land; not a famine of bread or of water; but of hearing the word of God. Amos 8:11. The time has come when mankind will not endure sound doctrine; when mankind has turned away his ears from the truth of God in the earth; and has been by divine decree turned by God’s punitive judgment to believe fables. 2nd Timothy 4:4. The time in human history predicted by the rhetorical question of Isaiah, and repeated by Jesus Christ himself, when almost nobody believes the report of God, the report of the truth which God has sent to the sons of men. Isaiah 53:1; John 12:38. In other words, the time when God has sworn his determination to avenge the quarrel of his covenant by the sending of a pestilence among mankind has come; and the AIDS plague is that pestilence.

AIDS cleaves or clings to the population, refusing to yield to scientific research and all medical endeavors; without a cure or a vaccine; and is always fatal. It fatally consumes, produces a fever, produces an inflammation; and produces extreme burning. Deuteronomy 28:21-22.

We have made homosexuality respectable and acceptable in modern society. And God in response has sent the AIDS pestilence among us to avenge the quarrel of his covenant. And, the religious and political leaders of our day are deaf, dumb and blind to exactly what is going on. These three items are powerful signs of our times: one, a radical and wholesale departure from the truth; two, gays coming out of the closet in a vengeance; and, three, the curse of AIDS.

Jesus said that the mark of the hypocrite is that he cannot or will not discern the signs of the times. Matthew 16:3. Our present day religious and political leaders, almost to the man, are ignorant of these powerful signs of the times. To the man, they are moral and spiritual dwarfs and intellectual pygmies. The mighty are fallen; truth is trodden in the streets; and the good man is perished out of the earth. Isaiah 59:14; Micah 7:2.

Last July 15 Congressman Bill Dannemeyer, a highly respected and knowledgeable Republican from California, delivered a major address to the House of Representatives on the subject of AIDS; and that address is reported in the Congressional Record for July 15, 1987. Each person now listening to me can get a copy free of charge and postage paid, by simply calling the office of Congressman Jim Slattery here in Topeka or by simply calling the office of Senator Bob Dole or Senator Nancy Kassebaum here in Topeka. By getting and reading those pages of the Congressional Record; you may know the truth of the AIDS pestilence which God has sent among us to avenge the quarrel of his covenant. You do not need to read the Bible to become educated on these two powerful signs of our times. One, gays coming out of the closet in a vengeance; and two, the AIDS curse which is upon us.

Listen to these words from the Congressional Record of July 15, 1987; I begin to quote: "The United States leads industrialized societies in AIDS cases. AIDS is a preventable disease that we are allowing to spread throughout our

country at a speed that jeopardizes our very survival and threatens our economic stability. Even if we act swiftly now, we could lose one quarter of the world's population. But we are not now acting swiftly, nor doing any of those things that need to be done. There is no cure and no vaccine. Our society is in grave danger, not merely from AIDS, but from the experts who have consistently misread this epidemic. Gay leaders have resisted measures that might limit or inhibit sexual freedom. The AIDS virus is formidable and lethal, but no longer the major danger. The major danger is the ignorance and cowardice of our religious and political leaders. Scientists holding views opposed by gay activists and by religious advocates and others are actually experiencing discrimination so severe that it affects their ability to make a living and provide for their families. We are dealing today with the first politically protected disease in the history of this country. Political pressures from gays and their friends is resulting in manipulation of statistics when the truth is that now the majority of Americans fall into one of the high risk groups. The politics of these special interest groups results in obscuring an accurate of this disease. Gay activities have been most aggressive in resisting traditional public health measures from management of the AIDS epidemic by frightening people by their political power. Laws have been passed under pressure of gays and their friends that have swept the country and insure the spread of AIDS. These laws forbid contact tracing; forbid physicians reporting the truth about their AIDS patients; and forbid AIDS testing. The World Health Organization estimates conservatively that there are ten million individuals infected with the AIDS virus today and predicts one hundred million by 1991. One billion will be infected by 1996; and ten billion by 2001. The world population is only five billion. Thus, within fourteen years, twice the population of our world will have AIDS. Thus, within ten to twelve years, at the present rate of spreading; the entire population of this world will be infected with the AIDS virus. The annual cost of AIDS in this country by 1991, less than four years away, will be One Hundred Twenty Four Billion Dollars. And, all of these figures are low; they can be multiplied by a factor of ten and one hundred, because they reflect AIDS cases only and do not include ARC or those who are infected yet asymptomatic. Multiply these billions of dollars by ten and already overwhelming figures become

almost unmeasurable.” This concludes the quotations from the Congressional Record.

In light of such somber facts and statistical evidence, my friend, Congressman Dannemeyer said, “I am not an alarmist, but I am alarmed. I am not a political activists, but I have become politically active. I am not funded or subsidized, but I am so concerned that I am working full time for AIDS prevention in the nation and in the world. We are in a war against AIDS; and so far the AIDS virus is winning.” Of course the AIDS virus is winning; and it will continue to win because the decree of a sovereign God states: “The Lord shall make the pestilence cleave or cling unto thee.” Deuteronomy 28:21. When the Almighty commands a pestilence to cling, no human power can frustrate that order and loosen the grip of that curse. When the time has come for the Almighty to avenge the quarrel of his covenant, no human power can defeat that divine vengeance.

This nation, and mankind, has turned a deaf year to the preaching of God’s covenant truth in the earth; this nation, and mankind, has made homosexuality acceptable and respectable; and God, in fulfillment of his oath to avenge the quarrel of his covenant, has now come and smitten the earth with a curse. Malachi 4:6. And, that curse, AIDS, will cling, consume, inflame and burn. Deuteronomy 28:22. Congress cannot pass enough laws; and neither this country nor the whole world combined can generate enough funds for research and medical care to even to begin to cope with the AIDS curse.

Listen, “Now go, write it a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever: That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from among us. Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant.” Isaiah 30:8-13.

You do not understand and love the Five Points of Calvinism; you do not understand and love the doctrines of the absolute sovereignty of God and absolute predestination of all things; you reject and hate and despise the doctrines of Total Depravity, Unconditional Election, Limited Atonement, Irresistible Grace, and Perseverance of the Saints; you do not believe this record that God has given of his Son; and you will not endure sound doctrine. Thus, all hope has gone for you and the hour of judgment has come. “I shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant, saith the Lord.”

These three items are powerful signs of our times: one, a radical and wholesale departure from the truth; two, gays coming out of the closet with a vengeance; and three, the curse of AIDS. Weak, effeminate politicians rule over us; and weak, effeminate preachers preach lies to us; and there is no moral or spiritual power to deal with the AIDS curse. The religious and political leaders of this nation, this state, this city, this world; are deaf, dumb and blind to exactly what is going on. Even while the everlasting judgments of the Almighty are raining fire and brimstone upon the earth in the form of the devastating AIDS plague; “I shall avenge the quarrel of my covenant, saith the Lord.”

And, even now, even as I speak, the overwhelming majority of those listening to my voice cannot understand what I am saying. A spiritual blindness and paralysis has seized this nation and this people. Listen: “I have smitten you with blasting and mildew, yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord;” “I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt, yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord;” “I have overthrown some of you as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the Lord;” and, “Therefore thus will I do unto thee: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel, O people of this earth.” Amos 4:9-12.

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 down 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; ... and spared not the old world, ... bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah 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 lifestyle of the wicked: For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their file and filthy lifestyles.” 2 Peter 2:4-8.

Homosexuals have 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 image 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 Scriptures.

In Judges Chapter 19, a traveler through the land of Benjamin reached the city of Gibeah and stopped for the night in the home of a friend: “And they washed their feet, and did eat and drink. Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial,”—homosexuals—“beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him”—perform acts of sexual perversion upon him. The host protest, “but the men would not hearken to him: so the man took his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her,”—performed acts of sexual perversion upon her—“and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go.” Judges 19:21-25.

My friend, behold the true nature of the homosexual animal: “Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness;” given up by God to vile affections and a reprobate mind. Romans 1:26-29.

Yet they have insidiously maneuvered themselves into positions of power in this nation, this state, this city; in the executive branches, the legislative branches, and even the judicial branches of government; such that flagrant homosexuals, with their reprobate minds and perverted notions of right and wrong actually sit as judges on our benches.

Just as God visited Sodom and Gomorrah and the ancient tribe of Benjamin with wrath and destruction; when homosexuality reached full flower and their cup of iniquity was full; so he will deal with this nation in due course, and this explains the present plague of AIDS that has been sent among us.

“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.

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