

# **WESTBORO BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS:**

*THE OLD SCHOOL BAPTIST HOUR, 12<sup>TH</sup> IN A SERIES,*

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**LIKE SODOM: AMERICA IS DOOMED; BUT “EVEN SO  
THEN AT THIS PRESENT TIME ALSO THERE IS A  
REMNANT ACCORDING TO THE ELECTION OF GRACE.”**

**ROMANS 11:5**

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, maintaining and defending pure gospel truth. The style of every Old School Baptist preacher is polemical; that is, argumentative, disputative, confrontational. Just as was the style of every Old Testament Prophet and every New Testament Apostle; and just as has been the style of every faithful declarant of the word of God from Adam to now.

William Rushton<sup>1</sup>, a great English Baptist preacher, of the early 1800s, said: “But how can we contend earnestly for the faith without being contentious, without disputation. Christ said, “I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled? ... Suppose ye that I am come to give peace on earth? I tell you, Nay; but rather division.” Matthew 12:49, 51. And, further, “Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the

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<sup>1</sup> Editor’s note: William Rushton’s writing entitled “A Defence of Particular Redemption,” 1830, is well worth the read: <http://www.mountzionpbc.org/Index/index06.htm>

daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake [and the gospel's] shall find it." Matthew 10:34-39.

And, in every age of man on earth; from Cain, who killed his brother Abel because Abel preached the truth to him with great plainness (Genesis 4:8), to now; the reprobate sons of Adam have been hating and persecuting those who maintain and defend pure gospel truth in the earth. It is the essence of all false religious systems to hate the truth and fight against it, and persecute those who preach the truth. Listen, "Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. [And you will] fill up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: and some of them ye shall kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city: that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel [to now]." Matthew 23:31-35. And, "Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." Luke 11:52. And, "But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the counsel of God against themselves, [refusing the baptism of John the Baptist]." Luke 7:30.

Old School Baptist are in the line and lineage of the Old Testament Prophets and the New Testament Apostles; and stand upon the shoulders of the spiritual giants who went before them, and who now compass them about as a great cloud of witnesses to the truth of God in the earth. Hebrews 11:1. Listen, "So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his

blood will I require at thine hand.” Ezekiel 33:7-8. On that account, the Apostle said to those among whom he lived and to whom he preached: “Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.” Acts 20:26-27.

Old School Baptists are squarely in the line and lineage of the Prophet Ezekiel and the Apostle Paul; and Westboro Baptist Church and her pastor, with great plainness of speech, boldly call the inhabitants of Topeka and the region round about to record, that we are pure from the blood of all men. Because for the last thirty-two years, since the providence of God placed us in this evil and contemptible place, we have lived among you and have steadfastly, year in and year out, declared unto you all the counsel of God. Your blood is upon your own head, as an evil and adulterous generation, a veritable seed of evildoers, fornicators, and Christ-rejecters. Matthew 12:39. And, our message is the same today as it has been for the past thirty-two years. “Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, saying, Go unto this people, and say, hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: for the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” Acts 28:25-27. And, our message to you is that of Stephen and his persecutors: “Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye. Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? And they have slain them which shewed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: ... When they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed on him with their teeth.” Acts 7:51, 52, 54.

And, our message to you is that of the Apostle to the reprobates and perverts of Antioch in Pisidia, whose spiritual and moral condition was not nearly as bad as that of Topeka and Kansas in these closing days of the apostate twentieth century, saying: “Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man

declare it unto you.” Acts 13:40-41. And, our message to you is that further word from Isaiah: “Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.” Isaiah 8:18. I have often said that if I had to go to hell, I would ask the Lord God as a matter of equity, to give me thirty-two years off for the time I have spent in Topeka, Kansas, trying to preach the truth to this generation of vipers.

Topeka, Kansas, the only place in the universe with the zip code of 666, which the Bible declares to be the mark of the beast, may be the most evil place on earth; where Satan’s seat is; where the synagogue of Satan is; and which is the acknowledged world capital of that organized system of witchcraft and idolatry known as modern psychiatry. Revelation 2:3, 13. Listen: “And [Christ] said also to the people, When ye see a cloud rise out of the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it is. And when ye see the south wind blow, ye say, There will be heat; and it cometh to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern [the signs of the times]? Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?” Luke 12:54-57.

There are three great and powerful signs of our times, and the hypocritical leaders of this city, this state, this nation are too evil and ignorant to discern these three plain signs of our times. They are, first, a wholesale, radical, and pervasive departure from the truth of God in the earth. Second, homosexuals en masse coming out of the closet and achieving an acceptance and respectability from our respected leaders unprecedented in human history. And, third, the world-wide plague and curse of AIDS; sent among us by God Almighty to avenge the quarrel of his covenant, and punish this nation and this world for their iniquity. Listen: “Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee ...; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall have executed judgments in [the midst of thee], .... For I will send into her pestilence, and blood ... and the sword ... on every side; and they shall know that I am the LORD.” Ezekiel 28:22-23. And whether they will hear, or whether they will refuse to hear: yet shall they know that there hath been a prophet among them. (Ezekiel 2:5).

When this nation, this state, this city, acting by and through our respected political and religious leaders, deliberately ignore and insult the revealed will, opinion and judgment of the Almighty God, by making homosexuality respectable and demanding that perversion be accepted as merely an alternative lifestyle, ought we not to expect that God Almighty will punish this nation, this state, this city? Indeed. The Almighty, in the plainest terms, has declared that homosexuality is the lowest link in the chain of human depravity; the one sure sign that a people has descended to the bottom, morally and spiritually. Yet we, in defiance of such pronouncements and warnings from the Almighty, have allowed homosexuals to occupy positions of respect and power in Congress, in state government, and even our judicial systems; which are supposed to be the guardian of truth and justice. Right here in Topeka we have homosexual judges, who flagrantly practice their perverted and depraved lifestyle; and the lawyers and other officials know it and laugh about it. Listen: “Who knowing the judgment [or opinion] of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” Romans 1:32.

“Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God ... and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to [the] face.” Deuteronomy 7:-10.

Concerning homosexuals, the Almighty God has declared that they are so totally depraved, that he has given them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own minds, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves; that they have changed the truth of God into a lie; and that they worship and serve the creature; that God has given them up to vile affections, whereby even their women—female homosexuals, lesbians—change the natural use of the body into that which is against nature; and that male homosexuals, leaving the natural use of the woman, burn in their lust one toward another, men with men working that which is unseemly—disgusting, filthy; that God has given them over to a reprobate mind to do those things which are abominable, depraved, unspeakably vile; that homosexuals are filled with all manner of unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, maliciousness; that homosexuals are inventors of evil things, without

understanding, without natural affections, implacable, unmerciful. Romans 1:24-31.

These verses in the plainest and clearest of language describe the opinion or judgment of God, the truth of God, about homosexuals. And in the face of such plain language, and in defiance of such clear warning from God Almighty, our political and religious leaders tell us that homosexuals are really respectable and must be accepted as good people who merely have an alternate lifestyle. Baloney! Our respected political and religious leaders are flat lying to us, and are bringing the judgment of God Almighty down on our heads in the form of the AIDS plague. "Let God be true, but every man a liar." Romans 3:4.

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. I have before me the text of a homosexual newspaper dated February 21, 1987. The name of the newspaper is, "The Boston Gay Community News." You, my friend, should get it and read it. This article is by a self-described gay revolutionary, named Michael Swift. He says: "We shall sodomize your sons, emblems of your feeble masculinity, of your shallow dreams and your vulgar lives. We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms, in your sports arenas, in your seminaries, in your truck stops, in your all-male clubs, in your houses of congress; wherever men are with men together. Your sons shall become our minions and do our bidding. They will be recast in our image. They will come to crave and adore us. All laws banning homosexual activity will be revoked. If you dare cry, "faggot," "fairy," "queer" at us, we will stab you in your cowardly hearts. All churches who condemn us will be closed. Our only gods are handsome young men. We shall be victorious, because we are fueled with the ferocious bitterness

of the oppressed. We too are capable of firing guns and manning the barricades of ultimate revolution.”

This, my friend, is the true character of all homosexuals as the Bible declares them to be. And, I repeat that this is an article appearing in the February 21, 1987, issue of a homosexual newspaper called, “The Boston Gay Community News.” A similar story appeared in the September, 1987, issue of the magazine called, “The New American.” And, in the October 5, 1987, issue of “The Berea Baptist Banner” newspaper. And, if any listener desires a copy of that article, that newspaper article that I just quoted, I will give it to you upon request. And the natural question comes: will our already demoralized society have the necessary strength to protect itself? And I suggest to you, my friend, that the answer is no. Because we are a nation that has wickedly departed from the Lord our God. As it is written: “The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not.” Isaiah 3:9. And, it is written: “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD.” Jeremiah 6:15. “And I will smite the inhabitants of this [nation], [and] they shall die of a great pestilence,” saith the LORD. Jeremiah 21:6. “Ah sinful nation, a people laden with [sin and] iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward...the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in [this nation]; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores. ... Your country is desolate and your land is desolate ... Thy [leaders] are rebellious and they are companions of thieves; [everyone takes bribes and the judges are corrupt.] Therefore saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies.” Isaiah 1:4-7, 22-24.

Two times in Bible history human depravity reached full flower in the form of rampant homosexuality. Times when homosexuals came militantly out of the closet, just as they are doing today in America. Times when homosexuals were accepted and respected as mere harmless practitioners of so-called alternate

lifestyles. But once in power and protected in their perversions by the force of law, those homosexual populations demonstrated their true nature. Once in Genesis Chapter 19 and once in Judges Chapter 19.

In Genesis Chapter 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 [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 when once they rise to power. They persistently and shameless 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.

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 on the prowl], 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 homosexual perversion on him].” The host protested. “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.” And, within minutes, she died from their abuses. Judges 19:21-25. Again, behold the true nature of the homosexual animal. “Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, maliciousness” indeed; given up by God to vile affections and a reprobate mind indeed. Romans 1:26-29.

Yet, these homosexuals in modern America have insidiously maneuvered themselves into positions of power, assisted by our political and religious leaders. Positions of power in our government, in the executive branches, the legislative branches, and even the judicial branches. Such that flagrant homosexuals, with their reprobate minds and perverted notions of right and wrong, actually sit as judges on our benches. Not only in America, not only in the state of Kansas, but right here in Topeka. And, just as God visited Sodom and Gomorrah and the ancient tribe of Benjamin, with wrath and destruction when homosexuality reached full flower; so he will deal with this nation in due course. And, "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. And, "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." Romans 11:5.

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This is Fred Phelps, pastor of Westboro Baptist Church. More next week at this time on this station.