A Brief Exposition on False Prophets

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 thirty-two years, holding public preaching and worship services two times every Sunday, year in and year out, expounding the five points of Calvinism, insisting that the federal and vital union between Christ and His people is the only message of salvation provided by God for man, and is alone the everlasting gospel.

There is no other gospel. Every other message, every other pretended thing holding itself out as the gospel, is a “hidden thing of dishonesty” and constitutes “walking in craftiness” or trickery and “handling the word of God deceitfully.” 2 Corinthians 4:2. Every so-called preacher or priest professing the Christian religion who does not come boldly expounding the five points of Calvinism as the one and only message of truth from God to man, is nothing but a religious charlatan and fraud, a wizard that “peeps and mutters.” Isaiah 8:19. And, every other pretended message of salvation is an irrational hodgepodge of silly man-made doctrines, coupled with patently trivial and foolish ceremonies; at once offensive to
common sense and logic if the same were done in the name of any discipline other than religion.

These lying preachers have familiar spirits and are charmers, speaking perverse things, and who “creep into houses and lead captive silly women laden with sins” and folly. 2 Timothy 3:6. They preach a false gospel about God loving everybody and Jesus dying for everybody, and the sovereign will of man making the difference between Heaven and Hell. The Bible calls them wizards and false prophets; the Bible describes them as being charmers, counselors, idolaters, and as possessed with familiar spirits. These passages refer to men such as Billy Graham, Jerry Falwell, Oral Roberts, Kenneth Copeland, Jimmy Swaggart, Pope John Paul II, and nearly every other so-called preacher and priest living in the world today. They all “peep and mutter,” that is, their so-called gospel insults the intelligence of every rational human being, and their preachments and theology cannot, in reason, stand the light of either the scriptures or common sense.

They call upon mankind to believe incredible fables, and the illogical propositions, in the name of stupidity, superstition, witchcraft, priest-craft, and idolatry. Listen: “And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? [...] To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.” Isaiah 8:19-20. Listen: “And the spirit of Egypt,”--the world--, “shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards.” Isaiah 19:3. “And they shall look unto the earth; and behold trouble and darkness, dimness of anguish; and they shall be driven to darkness.” Isaiah 8:22.

Most people have been thus driven to darkness, that is, to absolute spiritual and moral ignorance, folly, and stupidity because they have heard and bought into the lying doctrines of demons preached by wizards such as Billy Graham and his ilk. If you believe God loves everybody, it is because you have been driven to darkness, that is, ignorance by the wizards that peep and mutter behind the pulpits and over the airwaves of modern America. If you believe that
Jesus Christ died for everybody, it is because you have been driven to darkness, that is, ignorance, by the wizards that peep and mutter behind the pulpits and over the airwaves of modern America. If you believe that you are a free moral agent and have a free will by which you can determine your own destiny, it is because you have been driven to darkness, that is, ignorance by the wizards that peep and mutter behind the pulpits and over the airwaves of modern America.

I am telling you very plainly that any preacher who does not spend his time “[laboring] in the word and doctrine,” 1 Timothy 5:17, opening up and expounding to you the five points of Calvinism, has “departed from the faith” and is “giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils” and is “speaking lies in hypocrisy” and “has his conscience seared with a hot iron.” 1 Timothy 4:1-2. And, I am telling those of you who claim to be gospel preachers, but who, in fact, do nothing but peep and mutter, that is, preach meaningless theological gibberish and nonsense about God loving everybody and Jesus dying for everybody, that you “shall receive the greater condemnation.” James 3:1. That is, your everlasting judgment and condemnation and punishment from God Almighty will be much more severe than that of those ignorant people you have spent your life duping and misleading with your lies.

Christ said, “Woe unto you [religious leaders], hypocrites, for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves. Woe unto you, ye blind guides [...] ye fools and blind.” Matthew 23:15-17. Heretic preachers compass sea and land to make proselytes. Always urging ignorant, stupid people to come forward and take Christ his savior. Always encouraging dumb clods to believe that they have free wills, and that by simply exercising their wills, and taking Christ his savior, they can be saved. Always insisting that God loves everybody and Christ died for everybody. This is nothing other than compassing sea and land to make silly proselytes. Sound familiar? None but Old-School Baptists preach the truth, and they are totally uninterested in making proselytes. Old-School Baptists say, “If God does not want you, we do not want you either in this church. If you are not God’s elect, we will not have you in this church.” “Bring forth [fruit] meet for
repentance” or be gone with you, “you generation of vipers.” “Who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?” Matthew 3:7-8.

The sure mark of the heretic preacher is a passion to increase church membership any way he can. Religion is a business with him: he has no message from God; he has no fire in his belly; he has no woe in his soul. Listen: “For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning” the doctrines of grace, “the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” They are “filthy dreamers” and “speak evil” of the absolute sovereignty of God and the doctrines of grace, the five points of Calvinism. “But these speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things” they preach and “corrupt themselves.” Jude 4, 8, 10. Listen: “Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward.” Jude 11.

The way of Cain was to practice a vegetable religion, a bloodless religion, a natural, earthy, human religion; and to oppose the true religion of grace and faith and the blood of the everlasting covenant, that is, the five points of Calvinism practiced by his brother, Abel; and finally, to rise up and kill Abel because of Abel’s preaching to him the only truth of God in the Earth. Genesis 4:8.

The error of Balaam was to preach a phony, lying gospel such as Billy Graham and his kind preach, a work-mongering religion of free-will-ism and do-good-ism, a come-forward-and-take-Jesus-as-your-savior system of idolatry and witchcraft; and to oppose and resist the elect of God in the Earth, even as the elect were clearly recognized as such, and as being the only advocates of the truth of God in the Earth. That is, Balaam, even as he attempted to call down the curses on Israel, acknowledged that Israel alone was God’s elect, holding forth accurate notions of the universal sovereignty of God and absolute predestination of all things, that is, the five points of Calvinism.

Nevertheless, for money, Balaam continued to preach lies. Thus, we see the second identifying mark of the heretic preacher: he preaches for money! Heretic preachers demand salaries, job benefits, pensions, and financial security, or they
will not preach! They pass collection plates at every service. They hold fundraising events such as bingo, ice cream socials, suppers, subscription drives, and a host of other money-making schemes. On radio and television, heretic preachers are constantly begging and pleading for money! Every false religious system is literally driven - by money! It is a money machine! Listen: “And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.” 2 Peter 2:3.

In these words, ascribing the motive of greed to these heretic preachers, Peter warns of false prophets among the people “who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the LORD that bought them,” that is, denying the doctrines of grace, the five points of Calvinism, “and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways;” and “by reason of whom the way of truth,” the doctrines of grace, the five points of Calvinism, “shall be evil spoken of.” 2 Peter 2:1-2. Thus we see, the third identifying mark of the heretic preachers: they steadfastly oppose, resist, and hate the doctrines of grace, the five points of Calvinism. It destroys their money-making machine! And they caused “this way of truth,” that is, the Old School Baptist way, maintaining and defending pure gospel truth in the Earth, opening and expounding with great plainness the five points of Calvinism, they caused this way of truth to be evil spoken of.

These preachers walk “after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and” they “despise government,” that is, they despise accurate notions of the absolute sovereignty of God, that the Almighty governs absolutely and in minutest detail all the affairs of the universe, pursuant to His immutable decrees and absolute predestination of all things. This is the government that they despise. “Presumptuous are they, self-willed,” that is, preaching a gospel of free will that man controls his own destiny by himself. “They are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.” 2 Peter 2:10. That is, these heretic preachers are not afraid to refer to the doctrines of grace, the five points of Calvinism, embracing the absolute sovereignty of God and absolute predestination of all things, as the government and the dignity of God himself: they pronounce, and are not afraid to pronounce, the truth as evil.
Heretic preachers are blind and ignorant of divine truth, and at the heart of such blindness and ignorance is a total failure to see and understand and take in grasp of the doctrine of the federal and vital union between Christ and His people. Listen to these scriptures: “For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” 1 Corinthians 15:22. “For if through the offence of one,” Adam, “many be dead, much more the grace of God which is by one, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many for the judgment was by one,” Adam, “to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. For if by one man’s offence,” Adam, “death reigned by one; much more they which receive grace and the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offence of one,” Adam, “judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one,” Christ, “the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life. For as by one man’s disobedience,” Adam’s, “many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one,” Christ, “shall many be made righteous.” Romans 5:15-19.

Listen: “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.” Isaiah 26:19. “Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise;” these passages suffice to show the doctrine of the federal and vital union between Christ and His people. Herein is the heart of the gospel, the heart of the doctrines of grace, the heart of the five points of Calvinism: the federal and vital union between Christ and His people. Heretic preachers betray their utter blindness and ignorance right here, in a total failure to take this doctrine in grasp and open it and expound it: the federal union, the vital union, between Christ and His people.

Listen: “For as in Adam [all his seed died], even so in Christ shall all [his seed] be made alive.” 1 Corinthians 15:22. My friend, you should read 1 Corinthians 15:22, that short little verse, and study it, and seek to understand the message of it. For as in Adam all his seed died, even so in Christ shall all his seed be made alive. There was a federal union between our father Adam and all his seed, or, the race of Adam; thus, when he sinned, he plunged the race into sin and ruin and death. Death passed upon all mankind; death reigned to everlasting
condemnation. For as in Adam all his seed died, in just that same way, even so there is a federal union, a covenant relationship, between Christ and His seed, the elect. Even so, in Christ shall all his seed be made alive, that is, brought to life, redeemed from the curse of Adam.

And this union between Christ and His people is from eternal ages past, when the matter was resolved and settled between the members of the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. When the Council of Peace was held, in the Great Council Hall of Eternity, this mystical union, this federal union subsisted between Christ and His people in every step of His mediatorial work and in every act of redemption, so that when Christ perfectly obeyed the law, His seed obeyed the law in Him. When He died, His seed died in Him; and when He rose, they rose; and when He ascended on high and was seated at the right hand of the Father in glory, they ascended and were seated together with Him and in Him.

This union, this everlasting union, is so fixed and certain and immutable by divine decree as to be unshakable and unchangeable. And this union is the foundation of all the benefits which His people ever did or ever will receive from the death of Christ. And this union, by whatever other name it may be and often is called in the scriptures, is what is meant by federal union. And heretic preachers never have understood and never will understand this simple yet profound doctrine because they are blinded by their sins and their greed. And they are become blind leaders of the blind such that they and all that follow them are destined to fall into the great ditch of Hell fire and brimstone called the Lake of Fire, where the Beast and the False Prophet are. Matthew 15:14.

We are become a nation of false prophets and their ignorant followers, driven to darkness - ignorance - in the words of Isaiah. And such a nation of abject spiritual ignoramuses, led by wizards that peep and mutter, is constitutionally and congenitally unable to cope with the weighty issues of life and the staggering problems of our day, such as the AIDS curse and militant homosexuality. When weakness and effeminacy characterizing the pulpits of America, coupled with mental and moral cowardice and inability in our political leaders at every level, it
is time to consider the warning of the ancient prophets looking to these days. Listen: “For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity.” Isaiah 26:21. This is referred to as the coming of the Great and Dreadful Day of the LORD, on the eve of which the Almighty has announced that He will come and smite the Earth with a curse. Malachi 4:6.

This remarkable warning from God Almighty, found in the fourth chapter of Malachi, undoubtedly is being fulfilled in our days, just before the end of the world, when iniquity is abounding, that is, homosexuals coming out of the closet, aggressively seeking converts to their filthy lifestyle, and our respected leaders rewarding them with respectability and acceptance and political power. God Almighty has plainly announced that at that time, He will come and smite the Earth with a curse. Malachi 4:6. That awful curse is even now in the Earth, and is none other than the AIDS pestilence which threatens in the very near future to destroy this nation and this world. AIDS is a lethal virus, always fatal, without cure or vaccine, and is spreading among us silently and mysteriously and gathering speed as it goes. And because we as a people have abandoned the truth of God in the Earth, our religious and political leaders are absolutely impotent and paralyzed to effectively respond, either to the threat of militant homosexuality or to the curse of AIDS. And these things are the great and powerful signs of our times, signaling the doom of our race and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and glory, to punish His enemies and make up His jewels. Malachi 3:17.

I have before me the text of a homosexual newspaper of February 21, 1987. The name of the newspaper is The Boston Gay Community News, and the 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 vulgar lies. 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 all 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 is the true character of all homosexuals as the Bible declares them to be in Genesis 19 and Judges 19. If any listener desires a copy of that newspaper article, I will give it to you upon request. “The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, and hide it not.” Isaiah 3:9. “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush.” 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.

The question is, will our already demoralized society have the necessary strength to protect itself; and the answer is, my friend, no.

This is Fred Phelps, Pastor Westboro Baptist Church. More next week at this time on this station, on “The Old School Baptist Hour.”