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AS MANY AS WERE ORDAINED TO ETERNAL LIFE BELIEVED: NOT ONE MORE AND NOT ONE LESS.

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 this place for thirty-two years; holding forth the only message from God to man; and “endur[ing] all things for the elect’s sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.” 2 Timothy 2:10. This Church, in company with every true church from the days of John the Baptist to now, has not the least interest in or expectation of saving the world or winning the world to Christ. Indeed, the very opposite is true. Scripture teaches, and therefore we believe and preach, that most of mankind is doomed and damned and predestinated to split hell wide open the instant they die. They are without hope and without God in the world. Ephesians 2:12.

As for the great mass of human beings, they are hated of God, were never at any time loved by God, were not included in the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the cross; and therefore will never believe the truth, because God himself has blinded their eyes, stopped their ears, and hardened their hearts. John 12:40. Listen: “And when the Gentiles

heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed.” Acts 13:48.

There you have it: “As many as were ordained to eternal life believed.”

My friend, I know with a profound certainty, that only those who are ordained to eternal life will believe the things that I preach. And, I further know, that only a pitiful few are ordained to eternal life. Especially as the end of this age draws nearer, and the spiritual darkness predicted by Jesus Christ settles in. Listen: “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” Matthew 24:37-39.

The population of the world in Noah’s day was approximately what it is today: between four and five billion people. And of that huge number only eight souls were saved. All the rest were doomed and damned and destroyed by God. They were all busily going about their everyday affairs until the very day the flood came, and took them all away. And, you can take the words of Jesus Christ for it: As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the days just preceding the second coming of Christ; and those days are upon us now. Don’t you understand the implications of what I am saying to you? My message to you is that the high probability is that you and all of you now listening to my voice are doomed. I have absolutely no hope or expectations that you will believe my message, repent, and be saved. That God never, no not from eternal ages past, loved you; but has always hated you; and

very soon now the flood of God's wrath will come and take you away to eternal hell fire and brimstone. However, if you were ordained to eternal life, you will certainly and inevitably believe my message in due time and be saved. There may be one or two of God's elect left in Topeka, Kansas; maybe not.

But the true Church of the Lord Jesus is not now and never has been interested in any but that small remnant of mankind; known as God's elect, God's sheep. Their message to all the rest is, and ever has been, if God doesn't want you, we don't want you. And, we will not have you in this Church if you don't present strong internal and external evidences that you are indeed one of God's elect; and that you have been powerfully warned in your soul, by God himself, to flee from the wrath to come. Luke 3:7.

Listen: And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ... And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth ... but Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD." Genesis 6:5-8. And, "once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved." 1 Peter 3:20. And, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be [when the Son of man cometh]" Luke 17:26. Listen: "the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men. ... But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. [Even the coming of the

day of God.] [W]herein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat.” 2 Peter 6-12. These verses describe accurately: the wrath to come; and define the doom of the great mass of mankind, including most of you now listening to my voice. Only a very small number of human beings are appointed to escape the wrath to come, to escape the damnation of hell, and to escape, what are called in the scripture, “all these things.” Matthew 23:33; Luke 21:36.

And, only those who were ordained to eternal life will believe this report. Acts 13:48. And, in addition to comparing the last days to the world in Noah’s time, Christ also announced that the last days would be comparable to ancient Sodom and Gomorrah, saying, “[I]ikewise also as it was in the days of Lot [in ancient Sodom]; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” Luke 17:28-30. Hear that word, from the lips of Jesus Christ himself: “[e]ven thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.” The days of Sodom were famous for one thing only: the flowering of homosexuals in that society. That is, homosexuals came out of the closet. That is, homosexuals—sodomites—were accepted and respected as normal. And that, my friend, is precisely the state of affairs in our American society and the world generally today. Our leaders, from the American Psychiatric Association to the state legislatures, to the Congress, to the courts; have placed the stamp of society’s approval upon the perverted lifestyles of the sodomites that now abound among us. The perversions of homosexuals are now officially accepted and respected as normal as merely alternate

lifestyles. Just as it was in the days of Sodom. From the White House to the statehouse to the courthouse, the modern so-called gay rights movement has prevailed to a large degree. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot in ancient Sodom even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed at the end of the world. Luke 17:28-30.

We are living in days of abounding sodomy, immorality, and idolatry; probably unprecedented in human history. And our spiritual and political leaders are effeminate, weak and perverted themselves; and hence totally unable to cope with the weighty problems that face us. Homosexuals—sodomites—occupy positions of power and influence in our schools, our churches, our businesses, and our governmental offices. Sodomites, to a substantial degree, control the news media and the entertainment industry whereby public opinion is warped and perverted to accept homosexuals as normal and innocent if not indeed heroes to our youth; just as it was in the days of ancient Sodom. Sodomites sit as federal and state court judges, rendering decisions that taint, corrupt and undermine the morals and standards necessary to the preservation of society. They have no fear of God, nor understanding of truth and decency. Listen: “And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.” 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9.

Listen: “Likewise also as it was in the days of [ancient Sodom]; even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed [at the end of the world].” Luke 17:28-30. Sodomites filled the land, then; and

even so Sodomites fill our land today, and are getting stronger and more aggressive with each passing day. And, there are not enough good people left who know better in this Godforsaken city of Topeka, state of Kansas, and nation of America; to do anything effective about the fact that sodomites are taking over our institutions and threatening us with AIDS and the wrath of God. “Even so, come [quickly], Lord Jesus.” Revelation 22:20. “As for my people,” said Isaiah in days similar to ours, “infants and weaklings are their oppressors, and women—effeminate perverts—rule over them.” Isaiah 3:12. A spreading virus of sickly effeminacy covers our land. Effeminate people dominate the so-called churches of today. When we simply quoted a Bible verse on the radio last week people went crazy, not angry, and called to express shock that we would even say such a thing on the air. They could not believe such a thing was in the Bible.

I will read the passage: “God is not the author of confusion [in the churches] Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law. And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church. ... Acknowledge that these things ... are the commands of the Lord. But if [anybody will] be ignorant on the matter, let him be ignorant.” 1 Corinthians 14:33-38.

Most people act as though this passage of scripture, and many others just like it, did not exist. Also, this passage refers to Old Testament verses, including Genesis 3:16; where the Almighty instructed the woman as follows: “and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.” These plain and plenteous passages of scripture are despised and rejected nowadays. And such

universal and pervasive rejection of God's unchanging word constitutes powerful and compelling evidence that we are indeed living in the last days. Such as the days of Noah were and such as the days of ancient Sodom were. Virtually every church, or so-called church in this city, this state, this nation, has women teaching and preaching and dominating the institution at every level. Sunday schools abound, usually taught or otherwise run by women.

Sunday schools themselves are human inventions, not authorized in scripture; and hence, idolatrous. Before every so-called church service; the people are divided up into little groups, and herded off to separate little rooms, where women stand up to teach and preach and expound the scriptures; and teach silly little stories and fables. Listen: "Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; ... for it is a shame for women to speak in the church." 1 Corinthians 14:34-35. There stands the unadulterated, unadorned word of the everlasting God: "Let your women keep silence in the churches." What will you do, brother, with that decree of the Almighty; you heretic pastor! Upon every pretext you are propping up some women to speak, to teach, to preach, in church.

You are trotting people off in little groups, labeling them Sunday school classes; headed up and taught and presided over by women. The solid, plain word of God stands like a mountain of brass condemning you; yet on you go. "He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, is there not a lie in my right hand?" Isaiah 44:20. You have a lie in your right hand, and you cannot deliver your soul from it. You are an effeminate heretic; weak, soft and perverted. Yet you call yourself a Christian and profess to believe the Bible. You are of those heretics who "creep into houses, and

lead captive silly women laden with sin.” 2 Timothy 3:6. You should read that passage, 2 Timothy 3:6.

Listen, this is not my language. I’m not even required to explain or expound this scripture; it is so plain and simple in its language, its diction and its obvious meaning. No exegesis, no commentary’s necessary; your argument is not with me, it is with the very word of God Almighty. “Let your women keep silence in the churches, for it is not permitted unto them to speak; ... for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.” 1 Corinthians 14:34-35. What will you do with that verse? And the context makes the meaning certain; and the force of the injunction even stronger. There is no evading the intent and meaning; there is no escaping the duty to obey it. Why then do you not heed and obey it? Even because you are a self-willed heretic, a hypocrite, a Christ-rejected, an idolater. We are living in days of abounding sodomy, immorality and idolatry; probably unprecedented in human history. If anything, worse than the days of Noah; if anything, worse than the days of ancient Sodom; certainly as bad, and certainly signaling the approaching end of this world and its evil systems, and the soon return of Jesus Christ in power and glory to punish the wicked.

The heart, Listen, the very heart of your apostate Christianity is the Christmas season that is now upon us. You celebrate Christmas with great zeal, because that pagan, heathen, idolatrous festival represents the very essence of your goofy religion. And, you try to tack it onto the Bible and pretend it to be derived from the pure Christian religion. You are a hypocrite and a liar; you Christmas-celebrators. You should be required under some truth-in-advertising law to put a sign up over the front door of your heathen church reading: “Check your brains at the door, all ye who enter here.” You are so steeped in your idolatry and

witchcraft and superstition that you pretend that Christmas is a Christian festival. The truth is that Christmas is pure paganism anti-Christian; and any church celebrating Christmas is nothing other than a temple of idols, just as certainly the ancient Babylonian temples where every facet and detail of Christmas began. If you do not believe that this is true, you are indeed ignorant both of the Bible and of history.

We are nowhere commanded in the scriptures to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, and you should get that very clear. We are rather commanded to celebrate his death, through the prescribed ordinance of the Lord's Supper and Believers' Baptism. But as for this Christmas folly, listen: "Who has required this of your hand, saith the Lord?" Isaiah 1:12. That is, where is your Bible authority for such a thing as Christmas celebrations? Why have you waxed bold to thus add to the word of God? Listen, "I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book." Revelation 22:18. Why have you waxed bold to add this Christmas nonsense to the word of God, in defiance of this solemn warning from God's itself? And where in God's name did you come up with the silly and false notion that Jesus Christ was born December the 25th? You got it from ancient Babylonian paganism, and from succeeding generations of lying, heathenish religions. If you celebrate Christmas, you are a heathen, a pagan, and a superstitious idolater. If your church celebrates Christmas, your church is anti-Christian and nothing but a temple of idols. And, this is not even a close question. I can rest my case from the Encyclopedia Britannica or any other reputable secular authority.

If you can read English and if you have an I.Q. of at least room temperature; you may easily ascertain the truth of what I am telling

you. If you will take the trouble to look under the words Christmas in the Encyclopedia Britannica, you will find these words: “Christmas is a transformed pagan celebration of the Winter Solstice. Christmas was first celebrated in Rome in the middle of the 4th Century after Christ.” Thus, you see, Christmas came at least three hundred years too late to be found in the Bible. Continuing the quote from the Britannica: “December 25 was the date of a pagan festival in Rome chosen by the Emperor Aurelian as the birthday of the unconquered son, which at the Winter Solstice begins again to show an increase of light.” Thus, you see Christmas is nothing but the heathen worship of the Sun, and conducted to coax the Sun back for spring and summer. Christmas is pure, unadulterated idolatry; and adding the lie about December 25 being the birthday of Jesus Christ merely adds blasphemy to the heathen lie. As does adding the Santa Claus lie, together with the myriads other silly pagan-originated customs of Christmas trees, lights, Yule logs, candles, mistletoe, feasting, and gift-giving. Continuing this quote from the Britannica: “The traditional customs connected with Christmas have been derived from several sources of the pagan agricultural and solar observances at mid-winter. To these solstitial observances were added the Germano-Celtic Yule rights when the Teutonic tribes penetrated into Gaul, Britain and Central Europe. These rights included special food, Yule logs and cakes, greenery and fir trees, wassailing or caroling, gifts and greetings, fires, lights, and other pagan symbols of warmth and lasting life.”

Thus, you see, Christmas is nothing but a hodgepodge of unscriptural anti-Christian, pagan customs, coming down to us from the ancient Babylonian, heathen, idolatrous religious systems. And, the Encyclopedia Britannica goes on to say that Christmas celebrations

were at first vigorously opposed by all true Christians, even in this country and England, because of its pagan origin. But, that since the middle of the 19th Century Christmas has become increasingly popular and commercialized. And, Alexander Hislop, the acknowledged authority on this subject for the past one hundred years, in scholarly book entitled: *"The Two Babylons,"* states at page 93 as follows: "Upright men strove to stem the tide of Christmas celebrations, but in spite of all their efforts the apostasy went on till the Church, with the exception of a small remnant, was submerged under pagan superstition. That Christmas was originally a pagan festival is beyond all doubt. The time of the year and the ceremonies with which it is still celebrated proves its origin. In order to conciliate the heathen and to swell the number of the nominal adherents of Christianity, that pagan festival was adopted by the apostate church, giving it only the name of Christ, Christmas."

If you celebrate Christmas, you are a heathen, a pagan, and a superstitious idolater. And, if your church celebrates Christmas, your church is anti-Christian and nothing but a temple of idols. The true Church of Jesus Christ has never been interested in conciliating the heathen and swelling the number of nominal church members by adopting pagan ceremonies and calling them Christian names. And, if you and your church are doing such a despicable thing, that should furnish proof positive, if you have any capacity for logic and rational thought, that you are not a Christian; you are anti-Christian; and your church is a blasphemous refuge of idols.

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities." Revelation 18:4-5.

This is Fred Phelps, more next week on “The Old School Baptist Hour.”