

Disturbing False Doctrines In The Modern Church

'Jesus went around all of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, healing every disease and every sickness among the people ... They brought to Him all who were sick, afflicted with various diseases and torments, possessed with demons, epileptics and paralytics and He healed them' (Matthew 4:23 & 24). 'Jesus went around all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, healing every disease and every sickness among the people' (Matthew 9:35). 'Jesus called to Himself His twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out and to heal every disease and every sickness' (Matthew 10:1). Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom will be preached around the whole world for a testimony to all the nations and then the end (of the age) will come" (Matthew 24:14).

'Jesus came into Galilee preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom of God saying, "The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand! Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:14 & 15). Jesus said to them, "Go out into the entire world and preach the Gospel to the whole creation (every person on earth). Those who believe and are baptised will be saved but those who disbelieve will be condemned. These 'signs' will accompany those who believe; in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will not be harmed by snake bites and if they (accidentally) drink any deadly thing it will in no way hurt them, they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." After Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was received up into heaven and sat down at the right hand of God. The believers went out and preached the Gospel everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word by the 'signs' (miracles) that followed. Amen" (Mark 16:15 to 20).

Jesus said, "I must preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God to the other cities. For this reason I have been sent" (Luke 4:43). 'Jesus went around cities and villages preaching and bringing the Gospel of the Kingdom of God' (Luke 8:1). Jesus taught, "The law (of Moses) and the prophets were taught up until John (the Baptist came). From that time the Gospel of the Kingdom of God is preached and every believer is forcing their way into it" (Luke 16:16). 'When they believed the Gospel concerning the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus, they were baptised, both men and women ... When they saw 'signs' and great miracles occurring they were amazed' (Acts 8:12 & 13).

When we study the above scriptures we can see there is one common denominator – the church needs to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God and with the full Gospel, these 'signs' follow. That is the Gospel Jesus and the apostles preached. As we read in the above verse in Luke 16:16, until John the Baptist came and began preaching repentance, people were taught from the laws of Moses (Torah) and the teachings of the prophets (Tenach) then in God's perfect timing, John came along and began preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom. There is no other Gospel or doctrine for us to follow or believe. We must believe in the preaching and teaching of Jesus as He said, "The time is fulfilled and the Kingdom of God is at hand! Repent and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). No Christian can honestly preach any other doctrine. This is it! We also need to accept and teach the fact that Christianity is an extension of Judaism – not a replacement. The Torah and Tenach were not superseded as some people believe. Almost everything Jesus and the apostles taught was written in the Old Testament hundreds of years earlier. The events recorded in the four Gospels and in the Book of Acts are the fulfilment and confirmation of the prophecies written by the ancient Jewish prophets. They repeatedly wrote phrases like, "This happened so the prophecy could be fulfilled."

The apostles were appalled by how quickly some of the early Christians started to accept false teachings and cursed all those who taught a twisted, perverted and distorted false gospel. 'I marvel you are so quickly deserting Jesus Who called you in the grace of the Messiah to listen to a false Gospel. There is not another Gospel but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the Gospel of Jesus. Even if someone you know or an angel from heaven should preach to you any Gospel other than what is preached to you, let him be cursed. As we have said before, so I now say again. If any person preaches to you any Gospel other than what you first received, let him be cursed' (Galatians 1:6 to 9). Jesus warned, "There will arise false messiahs and false prophets and they will show great signs and wonders to lead astray, if possible, even the chosen ones" (Matthew 24:24). Many years ago, a sincere minister who could see the decline in church attendance warned, "One day, the Biblical Gospel in which God our Creator appears in both judgement and mercy, reconciling the lost world to Himself will be distorted through being assimilated into mankind's interests. The world will write their own agenda rather than following God's." How right that man was!

Some modern church leaders choose to water down the judgement of God to a more appealing thought or they say there is no need to worry because everyone is going to heaven anyway. That thought is completely incorrect. The Bible clearly says the wicked will be judged and Jesus warned people many times how to escape God's wrath. The new, modern false gospel is one of prosperity, success, selfishness, self-motivation and materialism. There is very little love for fellow Christians in many modern churches today because there

is too much self-centredness. Many church members do not like reaching out to people they consider to be 'beneath' them. This false gospel produces professional preachers who deceive their congregations into believing his false doctrine. These leaders are arrogant charlatans who believe they are 'entitled' to receive your money for themselves. They pander to celebrities, have strobe lighting, fog machines, devil-inspired rock music in the church and video advertisements to tell everyone what a great job they are doing. Televangelists are the worst. They constantly ask for more and more money while they live in mansions and drive very expensive cars. They tell people if they give to the televangelist, they will receive a car, a house, a place in heaven or healing. That behaviour is as evil as witchcraft. There is no humility or a servant's attitude in televangelists. Some of these preachers hold rock concert-like meetings in large stadiums because they can make more money that way. They preach a watered-down, hyped-up, seeker friendly false gospel that gives the assurance of heaven while sending the deceived seekers to the eternal lake of fire. Their followers do not like to be told to deny themselves, to pick up their cross of adversity and suffering and walk God's narrow path. They do not like to have their drunkenness or bad temper challenged. We cannot be mere fans of Jesus, we must be genuine believers who love the Lord with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength. It is not enough to just believe in Jesus. Even the devil believes in Jesus and is terrified (James 2:19). A false gospel is filled with compromise, it is impure, defiled, deceitful and humanistic. False teachers and false prophets are moving in a false anointing and teach a false Jesus as messiah, and they teach a corrupted gospel message. 'I am afraid that somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve in his craftiness, so your minds might be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Jesus. If they come and preach another Jesus whom we did not preach, or if you receive a false spirit, which you did not receive from God, or a false gospel which you did not accept ... Such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as Jesus' apostles and no wonder, for even Satan masquerades as an angel of light' (2 Corinthians 11:3 & 4; 13 & 14).

It is not difficult to discern falsehoods if we are true disciples of Jesus and the Word of God. All genuine Christians should stand up for righteousness and warn those in error of the eternal consequences of their actions. We need to try to shake complacent Christians out of their slumber (Matthew 25:5). Jesus is coming back to separate the 'sheep' (the true believers) from the 'goats' (those lost in false religiosity) (Matthew 25:32 to 34 & 46). The sheep will go to heaven while the goats will be lost forever when Jesus says, "I never knew you" (Matthew 7:23), because they were following another gospel. Judgement Day is a reality. When Gospel teachers stop preaching the full Gospel of the Kingdom, reverential fear of the Lord diminishes.

False theologies and false doctrines can bring shocking consequences. In the 1930's, despite warnings from some sincere church leaders, Hitler formed his own evil form of Nazi 'Christianity' coupled with his wicked anti-Semite attitude that brought about the slaughter of millions of innocent people. In 1978, despite great alarm amongst sincere church leaders, Jim Jones triggered the 'Jonestown Massacre' that killed close to one thousand people and affected many hundreds more. Jones proclaimed himself to be the messiah of the people's temple but clearly, he was a false messiah. Islam is a false theology started by a mentally deranged paedophile who slaughtered anyone who disagreed with him, and his evil false doctrine is the cause of many millions of deaths over the past 1,500 or so years. Islam is not a religion of peace it is an evil cult. No Koran or any other religious book from any false religion should ever be read out in a church meeting except to denounce the falsehoods of that false religion. Jesus repeatedly instructed us to preach only, the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. No false religion preaches or teaches about the Kingdom of God as described by Jesus Himself Who had been there and Who had personal knowledge of heaven. Jesus came down from heaven and after He was resurrected, returned to heaven (John 6:51; Acts 1:9). As we read earlier, people who teach a false religion or a false gospel are cursed. On the other hand, people who preach the Gospel of the Kingdom are blessed (Isaiah 52:7).

We are calling for Scriptural honesty among church leaders. They need to denounce false doctrines and false religions. We must love the people and do our best to educate them in truth but we cannot accept falsehoods as being okay with God. We must not reject the people but we must reject their false, deceptive teaching. No genuine Christian teachers or church leaders who wholly follow the full Gospel should ever feel threatened by having to give an explanation for what they believe. We are accountable to God and to each other so we must all stay locked into the Word of God. Church leaders and genuine disciples should not be silent in this evil world. Evil can only thrive when good people are silent. These falsehoods can only thrive when Christians are too lazy to read and closely study the Word of God for themselves and rely solely on what the church leaders teach. When ignorance of Biblical truth passes without question, trouble will soon follow. Church leaders the world over are too silent about glaring errors in the modern church. We must never be ashamed of the true Gospel (Romans 1:16). Biblical teaching is not compatible with false religions. Church leaders need to confront false doctrine, not condone it.

When we take 2 Timothy 4:1 to 4 seriously, we can see how important it is to speak out. Teaching the true Gospel of the Kingdom is a command, not an option. Jesus Himself will judge us according to the way we preach the truth of the Word. We are to preach the Word of God in all situations and 'seasons' urgently

because the time will come when the door of opportunity to preach will be closed. People will not listen to sound doctrine but will prefer to listen to false doctrines spoken by false teachers. People will turn away from the truth, as they already are, and will turn aside to listen only to falsehoods, false doctrines, false teachers, false religions, a weak gospel and 'fables'. 'I command you before God and the Lord Jesus our Messiah, Who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom, preach the Word, be urgent in season and out of season, reprove, rebuke and exhort with all patience and teaching, for the time will come when they will not listen to sound doctrine but having itching ears, will follow teachers after their own desires and will turn away their ears from the truth and turn aside to fables'.

Another challenge facing Christians today is the question of same-sex marriage. All Bible believing Christians should stand against this evil influence. We must love the sinner but hate their sin. When people are given over to same-sex lust, God literally gives them up. God created marriage between one man and one woman as an example of how we will be when we are glorified and become part of the Bride of the Messiah. Marriage was God's idea. It is a holy covenant before God. All marriage should be held in honour and not defiled. When people engage in homosexual practices, they are defiling their own bodies. When heterosexual people call for same-sex marriage, they incur the same judgement for approving of such evil. Nobody is 'born' homosexual. That is a lie perpetrated by homosexuals. It is lust. They choose to be that way. 'God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness so their bodies should be dishonoured among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, Who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. Women changed the natural function into what is against nature. Likewise the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another, men doing what is inappropriate with other men and receiving in their bodies the due consequences of their sin. They refused to have God in their knowledge so He gave them up to a reprobate mind to do those things which are not fitting, being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil habits, secret slanderers, backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant breakers, without natural affection, unforgiving, unmerciful who knowing the ordinance of God, which is those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them' (Romans 1:24 to 32).

Homosexuality is going after 'strange flesh'. It is sodomy named after the city of Sodom. 'Even as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them gave themselves over to sexual immorality and went after strange flesh are set forth as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. These people in their fantasies defile the flesh, despise authority and slander angels ... They speak evil of whatever things they do not understand. What they understand naturally is like the creatures without reason, they are destroyed in these things. Woe to them! ... They are hidden rocky reefs in your love feasts when they feast with you, shepherds (church leaders) who without fear feed themselves, clouds without water carried along by winds, autumn leaves without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots, wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame, wandering stars for whom the blackness of darkness has been reserved forever ... In the last days (that is now) there will be mockers walking after their own ungodly lusts. These are the ones who cause divisions (within the church) and are sensual, not having the Holy Spirit' (Jude 1:7 to 13; 18 & 19). Any Christian church member or leader that condones or approves of homosexuality or same-sex marriage are guilty of participation and will bring God's wrath down onto themselves eventually. That is what the Bible teaches.

As Christians we must show the world the only hope we have and that is the hope of salvation (1 Thessalonians 5:8). We need to be different and not conform to the world (Romans 12:2). Widows and orphans should be our priority when reaching out to people (James 1:27). We are to walk in the Lord all of the time, not just when it suits us or when people are watching. We must have our roots deep down in Christian faith and not listen to foolish philosophies and useless deceit, nor listen to the traditions of men, or listen to astrologers or theories regarding the universe (Colossians 2:6 to 8). The Holy Spirit is our ever-present guide, teacher and comforter, and the only source of truth and Godly wisdom (Romans 8:14).

When false teaching and false doctrine replaces the true salvation message of Jesus and the Kingdom of God with another idol or icon, we need to reject that teaching. When people worship Mary, Muhammad, Buddha or any other idol instead of worshipping Jesus, they are going to a lost eternity. We as believers in the truth need to stand up for righteousness and make it clear – the Gospel message is the message of reconciliation between God and mankind. Salvation by the blood and cross of Jesus is God's one and only way of salvation and there is no other way to heaven. Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Me" (John 14:6).

Amen and God bless you.

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