

# **OLD SCHOOL BAPTIST HOUR BROADCAST**

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## **THE ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD**

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; expounding the Gospel of free grace; the only message of divine truth vouchsafed from God to man; insisting upon the absolute sovereignty of God and the absolute predestination of all things.

"Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all." 1 Chronicles 29:11. At the heart of all religious error is a failure to understand and appreciate the doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of Almighty God. A failure to thoroughly understand and fully appreciate the absolute sovereignty of God is at the heart of your religious ignorance and idiocy.

Any human being who has not given this subject careful attention and diligent study, so that he has a thoroughgoing knowledge and full practical grasp of the majestic doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of God Almighty, is truly ignorant whatever else he may know or think he knows. And, this inexcusable ignorance of the doctrine of the sovereignty of God has infected virtually all of our modern religious and political leaders. Ignorance on this point is fatal to any hope of right thinking on every other point.

When our pulpits and halls of Congress and legislatures and courts are populated with spiritual ignoramuses; and from the Pope to the parish priest they are totally ignorant of the Bible doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of God; and from the First Methodists downtown to the Podunk Hollow Baptist in the sticks they are totally ignorant of the Bible doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of God; and from the White House to the Courthouse; from the Supreme Court to the County Magistrate; and every level of bureaucracy in

between, they are totally ignorant of the Bible doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of God; therefore, ignorance and superstition reign in every other area of life.

It is impossible to think straight about anything if the mind is perverted and skewed and warped on the doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of God. As it is written: "Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of men: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land." Consequently, "By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. ... My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee." Hosea 4:1, 2 & 6.

Fuzzy, indistinct, confused notions of the sovereignty of God leads inevitably to screwed up thinking in every other area of life. And that expression, "screwed up," pretty well describes all religious institutions, and all governmental institutions of modern America. And, this is the true explanation of the hideous rise of flagrant and blatant homosexuality in our society, and the consequent infliction upon us of the curse of AIDS which poses a clear and present danger of wiping out the human race. "Fools make a mock at sin." Proverbs 14:9. But, "be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." Galatians 6:7. "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind," sayeth the Lord. Hosea 8:7.

How is it possible that this nation, this state, this city, could be in substantial part governed, ruled and judged by homosexuals in high places? How in God's name is it possible? How did we come to such a state? Right here in Topeka, Kansas, homosexual judges don black robes and sit in judgment of our vital matters every business day. And, thus it is throughout this nation and this state. How did it happen? "Fools make a mock at sin." "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." "For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind," sayeth the Lord. "For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: they would [have] none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof," sayeth the Lord. Proverbs 1:29-30.

This doctrine of the sovereignty of God in the language of the Bible holds as follows: "And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his

will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?" Daniel 4:35. This doctrine of the sovereignty of God declares that God alone is almighty, God alone is possessor of all power in heaven and earth; so that none can defeat his counsels, frustrate his purposes, or resist his will. "But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased." Psalm 115:3. He is, moreover, "the governor among the nations;" Psalm 22:28. Setting up kingdoms, overthrowing empires, and determining the course of all human powers and dynasties as pleaseth him best; "to the intent that the living may know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men." Daniel 4:17. "Whose dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation" (Daniel 4:34); "and his kingdom ruleth over all" (Psalm 103:19).

Indeed he is "the blessed and only Potentate,"—that is, sovereign—"the King of kings, and [the] Lord of lords." 1 Timothy 6:15. The sovereignty of the God of scripture is absolute, irresistible, and infinite: "For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? And his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?" Isaiah 14:27. "For of him, and through him, and to him, are all things: to whom be glory for ever. Amen." Romans 11:36. Such is the God of the Bible. But how different is the God of the Bible from the god of modern man and even so-called Christendom. The conception of the Almighty which prevails everywhere today by all preachers, all religions, all churches, all our national leaders, is a miserable character, a blasphemous travesty of the truth. The god of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century is a helpless, effeminate being, who commands the respect of no really thoughtful person. The god of the popular mind nowadays is the creation of a maudlin sentimentality, a kind of grand-fatherly old milquetoast; fashioned after the lying fable of your Santa Claus idiot; an object of pity rather than of awe-inspiring reverence.

My friend, the preachers are preaching lies to you; bald, naked out-right lies. Listen to me. To say that God the Father purposed the salvation of all mankind, that God the Son died to save the whole human race, and that God the Holy Spirit is now seeking to win the world to Christ, when as a matter of cold hard fact and common observation it is obvious that the overwhelming majority of mankind are living and dying in sin and passing into a hopeless eternity, and most of whom have never even heard the name Jesus Christ, is to say that God the Father is disappointed, that God the Son is dissatisfied, and that God the Holy Spirit is defeated. To argue that God is trying his dead level best to save all mankind,

but that the majority of mankind will not let him save them, is to insist that the will of the Creator is impotent and that the will of the creature is omnipotent. You have changed the glory, which is His sovereignty, of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man; and you have changed the truth of God into a lie; and you are worshipping the creature and the will of the creature more than the creator. Romans 1:23, 25. You are the worst kind of a heretic, talking and preaching such lies; and your theology is derived from doctrines of devils, leaving you peeping and muttering in the darkness of ignorance, superstition, and witchcraft. “Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness, in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and departing away from our God ... conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood.” Isaiah 59:3, 13. “Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit;” truth is perished and is cut off from your mouth. Jeremiah 7:8.

Further, to declare that the Creator’s original plan has been frustrated by sin is to dethrone God. To suggest that God was taken by surprise in Eden when Adam and Eve sinned and fell, and that God is now attempting to remedy an unforeseen calamity, is to degrade the Most High to the level of a finite, erring mortal. To argue that man is a free moral agent, and the determiner of his own destiny, and that therefore man has the power to checkmate his maker, is to strip God of the attribute of omnipotence. To say that the creature has burst the bounds assigned by his Creator and that God is now practically a helpless spectator before the sin and suffering entailed by Adam’s fall, is to repudiate the express declaration of holy writ which declares plainly: “Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee: the remainder of wrath shalt thou restrain.” Psalm 76:10. In a word, to deny or compromise the doctrine of the absolute sovereignty of Almighty God is to enter a path, which when followed to its logical terminus, is to arrive at blank atheism; and that, my friend, for all practical purposes is where this nation today has arrived.

How are we to explain such universal ignorance nowadays of this central doctrine of divine truth, the absolute sovereignty of God? This doctrine is the lynchpin of all truth in religion. This gross and radical departure from this grand doctrine, the absolute sovereignty of God, is powerful evidence that we are indeed experiencing the apostasy of the last days. “Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but [a famine] of hearing the words of the LORD. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, [and] they

shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find it.” Amos 8:11-12. Genuine Bible righteousness used to thunder from the pulpits; but no more. “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” Galatians 5:19-21. “Marriage is honourable in all, and the [marriage] bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” Hebrews 13:4. “Because the LORD hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. And did not God make them one? ... And wherefore one? That he might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For the LORD, the God of Israel, saith that he hateth putting away: ... therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously” in this matter. Malachi 2:14-16.

The time was in this country, and not so long ago, that the word of God was revered, that preachers preached the sovereignty of God and the righteousness of God. There was thunder and lightning in the pulpit in those days. We walked in the fear of the Lord and the comfort of the Holy Ghost, and had rest. Acts 9:31. But no more. Time was, in this country, when divorce—putting away the wife of the youth, the husband of the youth—was deemed a shameful thing. But no more. The current President of the United States put away the wife of his youth, yet he is very popular. Time was, and not so very long ago, that any politician who was divorced, who had put away the wife of his youth, could not be elected dog catcher. But no more. The Bible brands Ronald Reagan, President or not, a whoremonger and an adulterer. That is God’s judgment or opinion on the matter. Hebrews 13:4. That is God’s counsel and advice on the matter. Proverbs 1:30. But we have nowadays in wholesale fashion rejected the counsel, the opinion, the judgment of the Almighty on this and every other matter.

Senator Bob Dole dealt treacherously against the wife of his youth, he defied God Almighty, he put her away, but he is more popular with the people of this Godforsaken state than ever before. And he aspires to be President of the United States; and has his new wife, who in God’s sight is no wife at all but merely a woman he lives with, boldly campaigning for him. Senator Nancy Kassebaum, the other United States Senator from

Kansas, is likewise a divorced woman. And, the last Governor of Kansas was twice divorced, and now has been twice remarried; and most of this while he was in the Governor's office. It is as though to defy the word of God is a prerequisite for political popularity in this Godforsaken nation nowadays.

The Bible analysis of this situation is very plain, clear and crisp: any woman who sleeps with a man, the wife of whose youth is still living, is a whore. And it is irrelevant to the analysis if the man she sleeps with is a President of the United States, a United States Senator from Kansas, or a Governor of Kansas. And, it is likewise irrelevant to the analysis if some goofy divorce court judge says it's alright. And, any man who sleeps with a woman, not the wife of his youth who is still alive, is a whoremonger and an adulterer. And, it is irrelevant to the analysis if the man is a President of the United States, a United States Senator, or a Governor. Time was, and not so very long ago, when this nation would not have tolerated a First Family consisting of a whoremonger and a whore. Time was, and not so very long ago, when this state would not have tolerated a Kansas First Family consisting of a whoremonger and a whore. And, time was, and not so very long ago, when this state would not have tolerated a single divorced United States Senator, let alone two at the same time. But this nation and this state no longer have the least respect for the word of God except ceremonial. As it is written: "This people draw nigh unto me with their lips; but their hearts are far from me." Matthew 15:8.

And, this wholesale departure from God and the word of His truth in the earth is one of the three great and powerful signs of our times, signaling the approach of the end of the world; the end of the human experiment on earth; foretold by all the holy prophets and apostles since the world began. "O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths. The LORD standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the people." Isaiah 3:12-13. "And the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. For the leaders of this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are destroyed. For every one is an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this [God's] anger will not turn away [and] his hand [of judgment will be] stretched out still." Isaiah 9:15-17.

The second of the three great signs of our times is the unprecedented acceptance of homosexuals as normal and respected members of our society. Never before in human history has such a thing been done. But when a people depart from the truth of God on

such a massive scale, and their political leaders are adulterers, fornicators, and liars, there is no moral or spiritual strength to resist homosexuals coming out of the closet and prevailing. Our leaders have forfeited their moral right to speak out against homosexuality because of their own sins and blasphemy. And the religious leaders are the same. Only wimps and weaklings, cowards and ignoramuses occupy the pulpits. There is indeed a famine of hearing the words of God. Amos 8:11. "And, my people love to have it so, sayeth the Lord." Jeremiah 5:31. "Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceit." Isaiah 30:10. "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.

The third of the great signs of our times is the unprecedented AIDS curse that is now heavy upon us. Congressman William Dannemeyer, a widely respected, conservative Republican Congressman from California, delivered a major address on AIDS and the homosexual threat to the House of Representatives July 15, 1987. That address is published in the Congressional Record for July 15, 1987. You should get it and read it. It will chill your blood. The thesis of Congressman Dannemeyer's message is that AIDS is far more serious than we have been told, and threatens to destroy this nation and the world in the near future; that a greater threat is the political power of homosexuals and their friends among us, whereby the truth is being suppressed about AIDS. Homosexuals, by their strategically placed political power and pressure, far out of proportion to their numerical strength, are able to frustrate all legal efforts to tell us the truth about AIDS and to effectively control its spread. And, Congressman Dannemeyer suggests that the reason we are in this deadly predicament, is that we have abandoned the sexual and ethical standards of the word of God. So you see, my friend, you do not have to read the Bible or believe me when I preach to you about the three great signs of our times signaling our doom as a race of beings, all you have to do is read the Congressional Record of July 15, 1987.

For instance, Congressman Dannemeyer says at page 6365 of the Congressional Record of July 15, 1987: "When we reflect on the existence of this epidemic, we should recognize that in America we have engaged in a sexual revolution during the course of the last twenty or so years in which, as a people, we have questioned whether or not we have standards that exist relating to the ground rules for human sexuality in our society. Those ground rules or standards were given to us at the time that God created this world,

reflected in the Bible, called the Judea-Christian ethic. And those standards say that the ideal for all of us in our society is one man and one woman who come together in a family unit, respect a monogamous relationship that is mutually faithful, and that is the foundation of our society. As I say, we have questioned that standard as a people, and as a result of that questioning we have created this epidemic in America. We have sown the whirlwind, and we are now reaping the bitter harvest.”

Joining Congressman Dannemeyer in such sentiments is California State Senator H.L. Richardson. Senator Richardson says about homosexuality and the AIDS plague that is among us: “Doctors have hundreds of patients, and their exposure to AIDS is guaranteed. When my grandchildren visit the Dentist or Physician, I am reasonably assured that they have treated an AIDS patient unknowingly. Could they be infected? Chances of accidental infection are greater than the average. How about an Obstetrician or Gynecologist? We live in a time of madness; a time when public and private foolishness reigns. We have among us a plague; a disease so deadly that anyone who is contaminated will most likely die. We can observe one hundred Americans and know that mathematically one out of that hundred is a deadly transmitter of the AIDS virus and poses a threat to all of us. But that one who is contaminated is unidentified. Why? Because the law protects AIDS carriers from disclosing their identity thereby concealing the magnitude of the problem. Imagine that? A deadly disease with civil rights. What monumental ignorance? What deadly logic? Murder in the name of privacy. The first disease in history and a fatal disease at that, whose raging transmissibility is protected by law.”

Yes, my friend, there are three great powerful signs of our times, threatening the destruction of our race. One, the wholesale abandonment of the truth of God in the earth. Two, homosexuals coming out of the closet with a vengeance. And, three, the world-wide, unstoppable plague of AIDS that is now among us. And, in the face of these threats, our spiritual, our religious, and our political leaders are deaf, dumb and blind because of their own sins and ignorance to know what to do. “Be sure,” O ye sons of men, “that your sin will find you out.” Numbers 32:23. And, “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.” Galatians 6:7.

This is Fred Phelps, pastor of Westboro Baptist Church; more next week at this time on this station, on “The Old School Baptist Hour.”