

And the Pulpits Are Still Silent



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Note: *This is a reposting of a commentary that I wrote 11 years ago today. 06/4/14 sent to me this week by a reader at NewsWithViews.com And The pulpits are STILL silent.*

“For among my people are found wicked men: they lay wait, as he that sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxen rich. They have become fat, they shine: yea, they pass over the deeds of the wicked: they judge not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? says the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?” [JER 5:26-31](#)

Despite what the political parties would like you to believe, the problem in America is not the politicians, it is the pulpits. I hate to break the news to you, but many of America’s pulpits are filled with cowardly men (and women). They are a shame to the Christ they claim to serve.

Harsh words, aren’t they? Not the type of thing that will make any friends in this “cheap-Grace” culture in which we live. But that’s okay. I’m not looking to make friends.

I am about fed-up with what I see. How did we ever get such man-pleasing leaders? All that our fore-fathers held dear is being destroyed before our very eyes and hardly a peep from the pulpit. They don't want to hear it. It's the pulpiteers that I am talking about. They are concerned with being "too harsh." They tell me that "Jesus is in control," that they are not "called" to fight evil and that "we should pray for our enemies."

Where have these guys come from? What we need is a return of the Voice of God thundering through the prophets standing in America's pulpits. Not the prissy Purpose Driven drivel passing as the Gospel today. The feminized-preachers of today cannot hold a candle to those who ushered in The Great Awakening which led to the American Revolution, and the abolition of slavery – two world-changing events spearheaded by the pulpit.

Listen to the message of America's premiere preachers today. Rick Warren and his Purpose Driven Life have infiltrated the Church. Over 400,000 pastors have attended his conferences and over 40 million of his books have been sold. Wikipedia tells us "Since September 2002, over 30,000 congregations, corporations, and sports teams across the United States have participated in a "40 Days of Purpose" emphasis.

A May 2005 survey of American pastors and ministers conducted by George Barna asked Christian leaders to identify what books were the most influential on their lives and ministries." The Purpose Driven Life was the most frequent response [not their Bible]. Today's pew sitting Christians are more familiar with the words of Warren than the Words of Jesus. Thousands of America's churches have used it in their Bible studies and thousands of preachers preach Warren's message.

Joel Osteen was voted Most Influential Christian in 2006. His preaching style focuses on "the goodness of God rather than sin." He is a self-described "Life-coach" and "thinks that

there are probably others better qualified, or more gifted for explaining Bible verses.” Osteen explains that he tries to teach Biblical principles in a simple way, emphasizing the power of love and a positive attitude ... from Wikipedia. “Presently, Osteen and several Lakewood Church team members travel across the nation, presenting programs in large stadiums to a paying public.” He has sold millions of books to millions of feel-good Christians.

In the meantime, our nation continues killing babies, [queers/perversion are increasingly promoted], our schools are indoctrinating Christian-kids in Secular Humanism, and “Truth has fallen in the streets.” Preachers are attending church-growth seminars, using ‘self-help’ books to supplement their Bible, and chasing after the butts and bucks. They are fiddling while the nation burns, building their church empire rather than Christ’s Kingdom.

- Public schools are destroying the faith of Christian children.
- Legislation is introduced to remove the rights of parents.
- Children are taught they came from apes.
- Millions of children are “medicated” to control their behavior.

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- Gambling is promoted to pay for schools.
- Babies are murdered in the womb.
- Planned Parenthood kills babies with our tax dollars.
- Judges make laws.

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- Tolerance trumps Truth.
- Homosexual sodomy perversion is granted legal protection.
- The institution of marriage is crumbling.

- Our President [2014] says the Sermon on the Mount justifies homosexual marriage

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- Government has replaced God as defender and provider.
- Faith-based initiatives invite the government into the Church.
- The IRS muzzles the voice of the Church.
- Taxes are levied to do the work of the Church.

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- The Church locks arms with compassionate-conservatism.
- Children's service agencies separate family members.
- Self-help books replace the Bible.
- A Purpose Driven Life is elevated above dying to self.

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- G.W. Bush says Christians and Muslims worship the same God. [YEARGHH]
- Our Constitution is ignored.
- Pagans pray to open a session of Congress.
- Our elected officials lie, cheat, and steal.

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- Private property is stolen by the government.
- Green Earth is protected more than Father God is exalted.
- Illegal aliens over-run our borders.
- The [2014] American Presidency is more anti-Christian than any White House in history.
- The entertainment industry celebrates and promotes debauchery

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From a bygone era, an increasing sound from the pulpit rumbles

throughout the ages.

"Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry? Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die? Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand? Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you DAMNED?" -Leonard Ravenhill

"Churches don't need new members half so much as they need the old bunch made over. There wouldn't be so many non-church goers if there were not so many non-going churches. Too many churches are little more than four walls and a roof." -Billy Sunday

The voice from the pulpit today sings a different song. ***"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will you do in the end?"*** [JER 5:31](#).

Truth, justice and the American way are a thing of the past.

"None calls for justice, nor any pleads for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth sin." [IS 59:4](#).

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