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WICKED MINISTERS

We are living in the day where there are a number of ministers and preachers who corrupt the preaching of the Gospel for their own purposes. Some of these preachers corrupt the preaching of the gospel for monetary gain. Others feel that if they preach "too hard," then their membership will decline. There are others who just want to go along with the flow and not upset anyone.

You see a large portion of these preachers water down the Gospel on television and radio. Some preach a gospel of health, wealth, and prosperity. Some preach that if you send them your tithes and offerings, God has to make you rich! Where is this in the Bible?

POOR OF THIS WORLD

James 2:5

5 Hearken, my beloved brethren, Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he hath promised to them that love him?

The ministers of the false gospel of health, wealth, and prosperity fail to tell you that the only apostles that had any real money were Paul and Matthew. Paul was a lawyer while Matthew was a tax collector. Both of these men gave up their status and jobs to become an apostle of Jesus Christ. The other apostles were common laborers, fishermen, carpenters, and etc. These men were not held in high esteem or had any financial wealth.

As in James' day, many churches honor the wealthy while ignoring the poor saint who is filled with the Spirit of the Lord. The ministers who

honor the wealthy while ignoring the poor of this world who are rich in faith are doing their congregation great harm. Having the Lord's Spirit is far greater than having any amount of wealth. Having a close walk with the Lord is far greater wealth than all of the gold of this world.

A saint who is totally filled with the Holy Ghost has more wealth than the wealthiest men of this world. Look at the former heads of Enron who are going to spend a long time in jail for defrauding their employees and shareholders. These men were honored by the world, but now they are in disgrace.

They went to church and were greatly honored while the poor of the congregation were basically ignored.

Another part of the health, wealth and prosperity doctrine teaches that you must be living in sin if you are not wealthy. This doctrine goes totally contrary to:

James 5:1-6

- 1 Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.
- 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten.
- 3 Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.
- 4 Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.
- 5 Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been

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wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter.

6 Ye have condemned and killed the just; and he doth not resist you.

Here we see that the rich of this world whose god is their wealth and their belly are condemned. The wicked doctrine of health, wealth, and prosperity is not the doctrine of Jesus Christ. It is the doctrine of gaining the wealth of this world in the name of Christianity. How many have been destroyed by this wicked doctrine? How many have been scattered by this doctrine? How many have been swayed to earning great wealth forgetting the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Those who are filled with the Holy Ghost and are filled with faith are the ones who are serving the Lord. Those who have Christ deep in their bosom are the ones who will rise to meet the Lord in the air. It is not the ones who are seeking the gold of this world who will rise to meet the Lord in the air.

WOE TO THE PASTORS

Jeremiah 23:1-40

1 Woe be unto the pastors that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD.

2 Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.

3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.

11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.

12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied in Baal, and caused my people Israel to err.

14 I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem an horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies: they strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets; Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not

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unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you.

18 For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word, and heard it?

19 Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked.

20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

21 I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied.

22 But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

24 Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

25 I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed.

26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart;

27 Which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers have forgotten my name for Baal.

28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD.

29 Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in

pieces?

30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the LORD.

34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house.

35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

36 And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God.

37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the LORD spoken?

38 But since ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD; Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the LORD;

39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:

40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

When you read this whole chapter of Jeremiah, you can see a parallel in the

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tremendous amount of wickedness that was prevalent during Jeremiah's day and ours. We are living in the day where adultery and fornication, along with all of the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah, are prevalent in today's church! Few pastors preach about the wickedness of sin. Many have a laissez-faire approach to the sin that is all around and in their congregation! Many are active participants in the very sin condemned in the Bible.

CHURCH ENDORSED SIN

I see a world where the church community endorses fornication, adultery, homosexuality, and all of the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah. There are pastors and teachers preaching that repentance is no longer necessary. This past week there are some churches that discount the story of Adam and Eve; thus, there was no original sin, consequently they do not need a savior. Many churches have become social clubs with no salvation, no repentance, and no spirit!

Today we have churches that preach homosex-

uality is not a sin! They preach that the Lord made homosexuals, thus homosexuality cannot be a sin. Some churches have gone so far to embrace couples living together without preaching about the sin of adultery and fornication.

We now are living in an era where many churches have endorsed living in sin by their actions. There are some churches that even preach that there is no sin.

This wicked endorsement of sin by the churches is proof that we are living in the last days!

2 Peter 3:1-14

1 This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

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3 Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

7 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.

8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

10 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.

11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

12 Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

The preachers that preach and endorse sin will find themselves burning in the lake of fire with all the ones that they deceived. Now there are some that believe in going along with the flow

and not upsetting anything. These are the ones who feel that it is alright to endorse those who scatter the flock. These are the preachers who do not feel that they will be judged for the preaching of those whom they have endorsed. When a fellow preacher does not preach according to the Bible, and the other preacher remains silent, he is just as guilty as the preacher who scatters the flock.

Both the preacher who preaches lies and the one who keeps silent will be judged the same!

APPLICATION:

When you see false preaching in your church, you need to confront the preacher with the scripture where he errs. We need to get back to the Bible teaching of the Apostles and saints who have come before us. We need to cleanse the churches of those who preach lies! We need to preach holiness and righteousness as it is written in the Bible.

Who will take a stand for the Lord? Who will stand up for what is right? As Jeremiah saw the temple filled with sin, the righteous need to speak out against sin and preach that all liars are going to the lake of fire.