

A WORD ON WORSHIP

REVIEW OF MESSAGE FROM JULY 19, 2015

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2 Peter 1:19-21

“So we have the prophetic word made more sure, to which you do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star arises in your hearts. But know this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, for no prophecy was ever made by an act of human will, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.”



By its very nature, prophecy is mysterious. That can be good, but it also can be a hindrance. Curiosity can be a dangerous commodity. Suppose someone comes to you and says, “I want to confess that I...” It is possible, even likely, that curiosity is the source of your listening, not genuine concern. The same curiosity can be aroused by our study of prophecy. We would like to know certain details more to satisfy our curiosity than conforming our lives to Christ.

It is very easy to deceive ourselves here by the use of semantics. We may speak of prophecy as “deep” spiritual truth. Truth that is deep, in my estimation, is that which leads to mature Christian living. The writer to the Hebrews wrote: “Therefore we must progress beyond the elementary instructions about Christ and move on to maturity, not laying this foundation again: repentance from dead works and faith in God, teaching about baptisms, laying on of hands, resurrection of the dead, and eternal judgment. And this is what we intend to do, if God permits” (Hebrews 6:1-3).

Let us beware, then, when someone refers to prophetic study as “deep.” Often what we call deep is only obscure and speculative. The reason why others (naturally those less spiritual than we) cannot see the “deep truths” we see is because they are not there, not because they are on a higher spiritual plane. What is truly important, I believe, is what God says most frequently and most frankly. The disciples also had an unhealthy interest in their role in the kingdom. They thought about the future in terms of their prestige, their power, and their position, an attitude which Jesus often sought to correct (Mark 10:35-45).

Is it any wonder that American Christians are so interested in where America fits into God’s prophetic scheme? Common sport among Christians is to play the game of “Who’s who in prophecy.” Is the antichrist Saddam Hussein? Is a powerful computer in Europe a part of the satanic program? Of course Satan is constantly grooming a man for the job. But we are not often profited by speculation. The same could be said for date setting. This practice has only served to make Christians a laughing stock. The words of Peter should serve to warn us about the dangers of speculation or, in his words, “private interpretations.”

Let us seek to avoid the pitfalls which Satan would use to distort or distract us from the purpose God has for us in this prophecy. And let this prophecy stir our souls to worship, obedience, and perseverance. May the person of Christ and our reunion with Him be our goal and our consuming desire.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SUNRISE

July 2015

- July 19: 8:45 AM** *New series begins:*
Seven Letters to Churches from Revelation: Purpose of Prophecy
- 10:30 AM** **Digging Deeper in Second Hour**
- July 19 7:00 PM** **Game Night**
- July 26 8:45 AM** **Seven Letters to Churches from Revelation:**
- 10:30 AM** **Digging Deeper in Second Hour**

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Into My Heart

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"That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith."

Ephesians 3

Words & Music: Verse 1, Harry D. Clarke (1888-1957) 1924, verse 2 anon.

Into my heart, into my heart,
 Come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
 Come in today, come in to stay;
 Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.

Out of my heart, out of my heart,
 Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;
 Shine out today, shine out away;
 Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.



Harry D. Clarke

Planned Parenthood sells baby body parts

By Todd Starnes, host of Fox News & Commentary Follow Todd on Twitter@ToddStarnes and find him on Facebook.

The video is gruesome and appalling. It purportedly shows a Planned Parenthood executive sipping a glass of wine in a Los Angeles restaurant while casually explaining how they sell body parts from aborted babies.

The undercover video was filmed in July 2014 by the Center for Medical Progress, an advocacy group that reports on medical ethics. They dispatched two actors posing as representatives of a human biologics company to a business lunch with Deborah Nucatola, Planned Parenthood's senior director of medical services.

The video shows Nucatola describing in graphic detail how abortionists are able to harvest organs from aborted babies based on the parts that are needed.

"Yesterday was the first time she said people wanted lungs," she told the undercover buyers. "Some people want lower extremities, too, which, that's simple. That's easy. I don't know what they're doing with it, I guess if they want muscle."

To which one of the fake buyer's replied, "Yeah - a dime a dozen."

"I'd say a lot of people want liver," Nucatola said. "And for that reason, most providers will do this case under ultrasound guidance, so they'll know where they're putting their forceps."

She went on to describe how they are able to acquire other organs without "crushing" them.

"We've been very good at getting heart, lung, liver, because we know that, so I'm not gonna crush that part, I'm gonna basically crush below, I'm gonna crush above, and I'm gonna see if I can get it all intact."

Understand this - she is talking about an unborn baby, folks. Planned Parenthood issued a statement denying they've done anything wrong and accused the Center for Medical Progress of releasing a heavily edited video.

"A well funded group established for the purpose of damaging Planned Parenthood's mission and services has promoted a heavily edited, secretly recorded videotape that falsely portrays Planned Parenthood's participation in tissue donation programs that support lifesaving scientific research," said spokesman Eric Ferrero in a prepared statement.

Ferrero went on to acknowledge they help patients who want to donate tissue for scientific research and they do so will the full consent from patients "and under the highest ethical and legal standards."

Planned Parenthood denied they made any money off the sale of aborted baby parts.

"There is no financial benefit for tissue donation for either the patient or for Planned Parenthood," Ferrero said. "In some instances, actual costs, such as the cost to transport tissue to leading research centers, are reimbursed, which is standard across the medical field."

David Daledien led the undercover project against Planned Parenthood - a nearly three-year-long investigation on illegal trafficking of aborted fetal parts. "Planned Parenthood's criminal conspiracy to make money off of aborted baby parts reaches to the very highest levels of their organization," he said.

"Elected officials must listen to the public outcry for Planned Parenthood to be held accountable to the law and for our tax dollars to stop underwriting this barbaric abortion business."

The Center for Medical Progress offered a swift refutation to Planned Parenthood's response - by posting the full and unedited video.

They also posted an advertisement from a major purchaser of aborted fetal tissue that was posted in Planned Parenthood clinics. That advertisement mentions words like "financial profitable," "financial profits," "financial benefit to your clinic," and "fiscal growth of your own clinic."

Planned Parenthood did not return calls seeking comment on those allegations.

Meanwhile, the outrage over the horrific video has spread like wildfire.

Dr. Russell Moore, the president of the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, summed it up in one word - speechless.

"If this does not shock the conscience, what will?" Moore wrote online. "It is not only that infants, in their mother's wombs, are deprived of their lives, but also that their corpses are desecrated for profit."

Think about that for a moment - desecrated unborn babies for profit.

"This is not only murderous; it is murderous in the most ghoulish way imaginable," Moore added.

Moore is calling on Congress and the Department of Justice to investigate.

"For years, many of us have called on government leaders to see to it that no taxpayer funds, of any kind, go to Planned Parenthood," Moore wrote. "Is it not clear that these are not health-care providers but pirates and grave-robbers of those who have no graves?"

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