

CANCEL CULTURE CENSORSHIP THOUGHT POLICE (2)

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[Continued from last week]

Cancel culture diminishes and seeks to stamp out “freedom of speech.” Under the banner of Progressivism, conservative voices that call for a firm stand for decency, morality, and righteousness, is being silenced at every turn. It has gained a foot hold with many because they have been brainwashed into thinking that God’s way is not valid. God’s Word quells their freedom to do as they please. They don’t want anyone telling them that what they’re doing is sinful. They seek to silence everything righteous.

Canceling, silencing, muzzling, annulling, God’s true and holy word is nothing new. What is going on now has been going on through the ages.

The devil canceled (nullified) God’s word to Adam and Eve. In Genesis 2:16-17 we read: “The LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:16-17). The devil came along and told Eve: “Ye shall not surely die” (Gen. 3:4) — thereby canceling God’s word.

Jehoiakim (king of Judah) did evil in the sight of the Lord (2 Kings 23:37). He refused to hear the word of God because it wasn’t favorable to him. The Lord had given warning: “It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin” (Jer. 36:3). However, when God’s word was read in Jehoiakim’s presence “...he cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire...until all the roll was consumed in the fire.... Yet they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words” (Jer. 36:23-24). The king commanded that Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet be taken captive, “but the Lord hid them.”

God’s word was canceled —so the king thought! However, God commanded Jeremiah to write again all the words that Jehoiakim had burned (v.28). “Therefore thus saith the LORD of Jehoiakim king of Judah; He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them; but they hearkened not” (vs. 29-31). God’s word wasn’t canceled after all was it? The Lord God almighty will do the same, not only as he did to that generation, but all in every generation who refuse his word by seeking to cancel it!

The word Micaiah the prophet proclaimed was canceled by king Ahab. When the king wanted to go against Syria in battle, 450 false prophets told him he would succeed. But when Jehoshaphat the king of Judah ask if there were any other prophets of which they could enquire, Ahab said there is one, but “I hate him; for he doth not prophesy good concerning me, but evil” (1 Kings 22:1-8). When Micaiah was summoned he told Ahab

the truth from God: “I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, as sheep that have not a shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master: let them return every man to his house in peace. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil” (1 Kings 22:17-18)?

Ahab canceled what Micaiah said and put him in prison. He believed the false prophets, went into battle, and was killed. “So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; and they washed his armour; according unto the word of the LORD which he spake” (vs.37-38).

Why won't people listen to God's everlasting word? It never pays to cancel the holy Scriptures. Actually, it can't be done and escape the consequences.

Isaiah the prophet wrote God's word from heaven: “Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55:8-11).
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QUESTION: What is the difference between a “reverend” and a “preacher?”

ANSWER: The title of “reverend” is not given by God, but, rather, by men to honor men. The word “preacher,” as well, should never be used as a title, but only to describe the function of the one who preaches. In Matthew 23:1-12, Jesus condemns the use of religious titles that create respect of persons (Acts 10:34). Therefore, to use such titles in this way results in sin! In scripture, the word “reverend” is used only in reference to our God (Psalms 111:9). This word then used as a title and applied to man is in violation of the three scriptures mentioned heretofore, as well as many others. There is no room for a “clergy/laity” system in the Lord's church, because we are all one in Christ Jesus (Galatians 3:26-29). (Dave Amos, Truth for the World)

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Bennett, Norma
Brashear, Logan
Bunch, Margaret
Cunningham, Jerry
Evans, Carla
Evans, Steve
Hall, Donna
Horn, Bobby
Isbell, Bill
Isbell, Thomas
Moore, Jean
Moore, Roger
Mouse, Tyler
Nunez, Bob
Prichard, Barbara
Prichard, Bobby
Prichard, Paula
Sturgeon, Wayne
Sullins, Ray
West, Dawn

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In Search of The Lord's Way- Tulsa, OK, on
KQCW TV 19 - Sun 7:30 am

Attendance

March average - 35
Attendance last Sunday - 53

Scripture Reading – Prov. 3:1-3

News & Notes

Gospel Meeting with Allen Webster - July 25-27, 2021

Meeting advertisement handouts are on the table in the back.