

Pulpit Politics

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Politics of the Pulpit

Scripture: (Malachi 2: 7-10)

The word of God instructs his Priests/Pastors/Preachers/Prophets to be keepers and pro-claimers of God's truth being impartial in teaching the laws of God.

Included in his word to Malachi, is the need to be aware and recognize that God created all men and is the father of all, therefore we are forbidden to deal treacherously or untrue-fully with our fellowman.

In the New Testament we are commanded in like manner by Jesus who came not to destroy the law but to fulfil it. (Mat. 4:4)

This brings to mind what I call "Our Pulpits of Politics" where in many churches the politics and policies of men have replaced the preaching of the gospel.

Sadly many of our black churches, have employed pastors who are more active in the struggle against racial injustice , then in the preaching of the gospel and man's injustice to God the creator..

Such is contrary to the teaching of Malachi, being impartial and failing to address all injustice and not simply that pertaining to any particular race.

Considering the ills of injustice, too often man's injustice toward God is forgotten, who asks where is his honor, his justice (Mal. 1: 6) doing violence to the his law (Zeph. 3:4)

Man's sins grieve the heart of God (Gen 6:5,6) constitutes and injustice to God the creator. Evil does he hate (Prov.8: 13)

How then can preachers of God be justified ignoring the justice that belongs to God while fighting for the justice of men any man?

How then is the justice belonging to God to be addressed? Simply the answer is in preaching the gospel (1 Cor. 1:21).

The salvation of men is to be found in no other than the gospel, the politics of men being the preaching of foolishness.

The bible teaches the root of all unrighteousness including injustice is sin which can only be done away with by the blood of Jesus not political policy or practice.

Of course all preachers should realize "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God, not simply racists of the white race."

Therefore God's word requires all men to repent (Acts 17:30) . Repentance calls for a changed heart which cannot take place by political rhetoric, teaching or governmental legislation, only by the preaching of the gospel.

To those who contend addressing the injustice of racism is doing what we can as God's stewards of the earth, given commandment to subdue and conquer (Gen. 1:28).

Let those of such belief, understand that subduing the earth includes the conquering of evil , insisting on and promoting Godliness as found in our great commandment (Mat. 28:19)

To focus only on the racism of the country, failing to address its other evils , such as unacceptable black on black crime, self induced under-achievement, the abortion of God's babies, violence against the country (Prov. 11:29) all falls short of God's commands.

The lack of focus and the failure to preach and emphasize the preaching of the gospel is evident in the evils of our time, not to exclude the evil of a police officer's knee on the neck of George Floyd, all which cannot be changed by political means, however good intended.

In view of our observations and God's word it is distressing to see houses of worship used to promote partisan politics. If preachers of the gospel are to preach anything it should be against the ungodliness associated with politics.

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