

PIERCED BODY PARTS AND FALSE PROPHETS

The Graduation of Error, to Tolerance, to Commonplace to Acceptance and Participation. Pierced Body Parts and False Prophets.

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June 5, 2000 Pierced Body Parts and False Prophets. Pierced noses. You remember the "heathen" in Africa that done this don't you. You've heard of the "heathen" in Africa wearing 'lip discs' to enlarge the lips, right? Why, this is a repulsive heathen practice. Right? Why does America and the European nations regard this as a "heathen" practice? Is it because the "civilized" nations were not accustomed to this practice? Yes-I believe this is the reason why. Anything "strange" is not accepted very well UNTIL the practice becomes taken up by more and more of the populace, and then it becomes "common". "Common practice" is accepted as the "norm " of society and even among Christians. RIGHT! I am not asking a question here, I'm stating a FACT.

Look how long the world has been accustomed to "pierced ears". This is an "everyday thing". No animosity here, I reckon. No surprisingly, unacceptable practice here folks. Why, almost everybody does it. Even infants ears are pierced. The "civilized nations" look on this as a thing of beauty, along with face makeup.

[I use pierced ears as an example of things that are tolerated, which are soon normalized and accepted, and then finally blended in with so-called Christianity. Just as short hair on women and long hair on men were once "taboo" in the churches, but as the "public" became accustomed to the practice, this was "normalized "or "standardized" by society and soon after permeated the "church" and became the norm in many of them. So-I just imagine the African "heathen" look upon their customs as a thing of beauty or social standing, the same as we do our customs. Are we to say that women with pierced ears are "uncivilized heathen"? The men are now into pierced ears and the world is getting used to this practice. This is becoming the "norm". It will soon no longer be "unusual". This is becoming accepted as a "normal custom". How 'bout pierced navels, noses and tongues? This will soon be accepted as the "norm".

I KNOW. ANYTHING done often enough, and by enough of the masses will be accepted by society, and before long, accepted into the churches. This sort of practice always has. We have history to verify this.

Why is it a shame to have and display a jeweled navel? Haven't women been disobeying God in massive numbers since the "Roaring Twenties" by displaying their navels in public places? Is it okay to display the navel "on the beach"? If "on the beach" is acceptable, why not in the grocery store? Why not "in church"? Does God give us certain "places" in which we can disobey Him? (this is a nice term for SIN)

[The act of piercing the navel is not my reason for calling this sin. It is the "displaying" of the navel that is sinful. Will a person jewel a navel only to keep it hidden?] I speak of God here because this applies to MANY Christians. To many Christians, or professing Christians, the ways of the world are the norm in the Christian life. What may offend them now will soon be accepted, just as soon as the world "standardizes" the practice. The world always standardizes sin, and the spiritual, (for want of a better word-I hesitate to use the word Christian) always go along with it. Take homosexuality (that's biblical Sodomy) for instance. (some of us won't take it even for that long). The world is being accustomed to this abomination. When they were "in the closet", the world looked with disfavor on this practice. But the world, with the help of the government, and especially "America's government, (the Clinton administration did more to advance the sodomite cause than any other body in past history with the "hate crimes" bill and many other programs.) is again standardizing a sinful practice. Of course, this sort of practice can be expected of the government, but folks-the "churches" are going along with this. In many cases they are even taking the lead. God help us.

It's got to the zenith, or high point of apostasy in the modern day churches, that sin, when standardized by "the world" is accepted and embraced by "the churches". Take divorce, for instance. I can't take it, but the churches can take it or leave it, ignore it and embrace it, and many preachers set an example of approving it, and participating (getting divorces themselves) in this sinful practice.

Folks, the churches are going to the dogs. The remnant in them is being culled, (collected-assembled) and we are discovering by the number of those "coming out from among them" that the remnant spoken of in Rom 11:2-5 is minimal. This minimal remnant is getting smaller and smaller as the apostasy progresses. Some folks may think that I am excessively exaggerating the present situation, but even Jesus wondered somewhat, if there would be any "born again people" to meet Him in the air when He comes again.

Luke 18:8 I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth? Shall He find faith on the earth? The question implies that faith will be scarce. Our Lord's words do not predict a general improvement in the " biblical" spiritual condition of the world before his coming. As a matter of fact the Lord predicts a falling away rather than a mass "biblical" spiritual revival.

II Th 2:3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; There is to be a spiritual state of being, but it will not be even close to biblical.

John 16:2-3 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh, that whosoever killeth you will think that he doeth God service. And these things will they do unto you, because they have not known the Father, nor me. Just as the Roman Catholic Church persecuted Christians when she was in power, because the true Christians refused to follow "their" Christ; even so, in the near future, true Christians will be persecuted because they refuse to follow the "world's christ", which will be the "anti-christ." As the Roman Church thought they were doing God service, so will the ecumenical churches think.

There are many ministers that preach biblical deception which are thinking that they do God service by incorporating the methods of the world into the biblical commands. Christ needs help, they reason. His methods are changeable even though He is not. They are headstrong and will not bow to the authority of Christ. They desire to have the preeminence and have no "light" in them.

They are in spiritual darkness. The blind leading the blind. The blind teaching the ignorant. This is the main reason for the falling away. The blind are blind because they refuse to give the pre-eminence to Christ, and the ignorant sit under these blind teachers and become deceived because they refuse to STUDY GOD'S WORD FOR THEMSELVES. They do not study to show themselves approved unto God and to discern Truth from Error. (rightly divide the Word of truth.-2 Tim 2:15) The True Scripture must remain pure and unadulterated because in the scripture is to be found the eternal salvation so eagerly sought after by so many. A scripture deluded is not the "gospel and doctrine" of Christ. It is a "man made" testament. It is the "New Testament" of the "New World Order".

This testament speaks of "another God" and "another Christ" and "another gospel". This is the testament that presents the gospel of the Anti-Christ. This was foretold long ago. We are not to believe this gospel, but it is heartbreaking that so many do.

2 Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. Gal 1:6-9 I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

The apostle Paul was a very zealous defender of the pure and unadulterated gospel. If an ANGEL FROM HEAVEN should preach another gospel, he says let that angel be damned. (condemned) Does an angel from heaven have alluring qualities? If we are not to listen to even an erring angel from heaven if that be possible, why listen to such "men" as Billy Graham, C. Peter Wagner, Jay Gary, Rick Joyner and a host of others? The unadulterated scripture has this power.

2 Tim 3:15-16 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

The unadulterated scripture has the "Holy Ghost" for the "author" and "holy men of God" as "scribes".

2 Pet 1:20-2:2 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost. Read this carefully.

2 Pet 2:1-2 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. We are not to merely look "out yonder" for false teachers. We are to look "among us". Are we in church? They are among us. They are not "out there". They are "among us", and MANY shall follow them in the broad way, and FEW will find the narrow way. (Matt 7:13-14)

NOW BACK TO JEWELRY.

Jewelry is not a sin if not done in excess. Over eating, and over drinking and over "anything" is sin. Here are a few tidbits of info about jewelry from the Bible. Jewelry and nice clothing can become a god. It is not to be worn in a proud unladylike (ungodly like) manner Isa 3:16-24 Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty (arrogantly proud), and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton (flirty-teasing) eyes, walking and mincing (an unnatural walk-wiggle) as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head (baldness) of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover (make naked-uncover) their secret parts. (genitals-private parts -put them to shame) In that day the Lord will take away the bravery (beauty) of their tinkling ornaments about their feet, and their cauls, (hair netting) and their round tires like the moon, (ornamental disc)

The chains, and the bracelets, and the mufflers, (long veil) the bonnets, and the ornaments of the legs, and the headbands, and the tablets, and the earrings, the rings, and nose jewels, the changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, (cloak) and the wimples, (a wide cloak) and the crisping pins, (hair pins) the glasses, and the fine linen, and the hoods, and the vails. And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be stink; and instead of a girdle a rent; (unsightly rope to tie around the waist) and instead of well set hair baldness; and instead of a stomacher (to improve the figure) a girding (girdle) of sackcloth; grain bag (coarse loose clothing) and burning (blistered-scarred skin) instead of beauty.

The following are the gifts that the Egyptians gave the Israelites as they left Egypt, and evidently "men" were wearing them too. Exod 32:2 And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me.

Exod 3:20-22 And I will stretch out my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you go. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye go, ye shall not go empty: But every woman shall borrow of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall spoil the Egyptians.

The Lord wanted the jewelry to decorate the Temple Altar. Exod 35:22 And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD.

These are spoils of war that the Israelis got as they conquered nations. Num 31:50 We have therefore brought an oblation for the LORD, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD. They were to offer these things from a WILLING HEART. Exod 35:5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass, [Source: Messengers of Christ Ministries: <http://cnview.com>]