A REPLY TO THE DECEIVED JOEL OSTEEN DISCIPLES

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Before I respond, I wish to share excerpts from a few of the more incredible emails recently received from pro-Osteen supporters.

"You guys must be democrats."

"Ha Ha, It is to laugh (at you, you dope)"

"Try to say something nice, or nothing at all, but most of all, tell the truth."

"You are a troubled person and will go to an early grave because of your bitterness."

"If you believe in the bible, you should know that speaking against God's servant, is death to you."

These are but the tip of an iceberg of ignorance and spiritual banality found in the professing Christian Church; one which is growing at an alarming Despite the admonition of the email above, Christ didn't speak 'nicely,' which is why His disciples were few and why His doctrine was the cause of His murder. Osteen supporter, Sharon Heil, (as in Heil, Hitler), wrote us an email of rebuke. I answered it, as I do all serious emails, attempting to discover her understanding of God. I asked if, to her knowledge, the Lord loves those in Hell. She refused to answer the question, instead changing the subject. I responded that her lack of reply when asked to give account of one's faith is un-Christian and shameful. She replied in German, and added, 'Can't take it, huh??!!' I then politely requested she no longer contact me. Rather than respect my request, she proceeded to spam me several times a week for months. This attitude reveals the spiritual depravity of Osteen's fan base. Face it, days in which Osteen, the TBN Crouches and the innumerable greed-driven hedonistic, millionaire TV Gospel salesmen can win the admiration and undying loyalty of millions of so-called 'Christians,' we must be in the last of the last days. The judgment of God has fallen upon these false disciples, sending them strong delusion to believe the lies of the modern-day heresy-hawking Christ-mongers.

THE DARK AGES IN OUR PRESENT DAY

The Revelation speaks of a time when the sun, moon and stars are darkened, causing darkness to fall upon the face of the earth for one third part of the day and one third part of the night, Rev. 8:12. Contrary to the foolish literalist Futurist interpretation, the Lord gives His people warning that this just judgment is spiritual, not literal. It symbolizes times when spiritual darkness will pervade the land of unbelievers, including that of the unbelieving, professing false Church, comprised of many peoples and denominations. We see the same judgment in Rev. 9, when the bottomless pit of Hell is opened to unleash the smoke-filled doctrine of devils designed to lead the deceived away from the Sun of Righteousness, the true Christ, which it obliterates. This smoke-filled strong delusion is sent by decree of the Lord to condemn those who love not and believe not the truth, II Thess. 2:11-12.

Throughout the ages, true Christians exposed and opposed the religious so-called 'Christian' hierarchy whose false doctrines, covetousness and licentiousness blasphemed the name of the very Lord they claimed to represent. The true Christians who refused to remain silent were persecuted, driven from their homes, left penniless, imprisoned, starved, beaten, tortured, burned and beheaded for their courageous stand. The false Christians and false Christian Church gained immense wealth by obeying the commands of their carnal spiritual leaders to steal booty while seeking to kill and destroy their antagonists, all in the name of Christ.

Today the stealing of booty is performed on a more subtle level. It comes in the form of an heretical biblical doctrine guaranteed to place God in the position of Debtor, if only the Christian exercised the necessary faith to make it so. However, the Bible teaches God is Debtor to no man:

Who hath first given to Him and it shall be recompensed unto him again? (Romans 11:35)

The Word-Faith false teachers pervert Scripture, twisting it to their financial aggrandizement. By sowing their seeds of error amidst the spiritual stupor of their lustful disciples, these ravenous wolves in sheep's clothing live in palatial splendor, lavishly dining on the dreams, hopes, tithes, offerings and greed of their dull-witted flocks. These fraudulent prosperity peddlers have been exposed for what they really are, in both the secular media and discerning ministries worldwide over the years. Recently, the *Los Angeles Times* ran an indepth series exposing Paul Crouch's homosexuality and vulgar, opulent lifestyle. Benny Hinn has been exposed on national TV.

For the uninformed, it is necessary to reiterate that the Word of God teaches man is the debtor to God, not vice-versa:

Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king which would take account of his servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents. But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. (Matthew 18:23-25)

The king and lord is Jesus Christ, to whom all mankind, including professing Christians, will one day give an account of their lives on earth. All mankind has a sin-debt owed the King, the Lord of Heaven and earth. That debt is far too great for man to pay himself. In fact, whatever he has to offer the Lord is viewed as filthy rags by God, worthless and contaminated. Unless that sin-debt is graciously forgiven by the King, that sinner will lose all that is dear to him, including his very soul.

For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul. Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? (Mark 8:36-37)

The Gospel of Greed preached by modern-day Simonists would have Christians gain the things of the world, that which the world holds in precious esteem, all with the blessings of Christ Jesus.....one only need the faith to move God to take action. The parable of Matthew 18 cited above makes a dark turn,

one which Osteen and other 'positive' confession teachers omit from their sermons.

The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. Then the Lord of that servant was moved with compassion and loosed him and forgave him the debt. But the same servant went out and found one of his fellow servants which owed him a hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou owest. And his fellow servant fell down at his feet and besought him, saying, Have patience with me and I will pay thee all. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what he had done, they were very sorry and came and told unto their lord all that was done. Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt because thou desiredst me: Shouldest not thou have had compassion on thy fellow servant, even as I had pity on thee? And his lord was wroth with him, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due him. So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother his trespasses. (Matthew 18:26-35)

THE LORD WILL REPAY EVIL WITH DAMNATION

This parable does not teach the insecurity of the Elect true Christian, nor does it teach the uncertainty of his salvation. Instead it teaches the harsh, unsympathetic judgment of God upon the false Christian, the Reprobate, who claims Christ as Lord and Savior, yet his fruit, words or works manifest an evil heart and evil nature. That false Christian will pay for his sin-debt by himself. His punishment will be eternal because he will never be capable of propitiating the Father's requisite justice. Instead, the longer he is condemned, the greater his sin-debt. Sinners in torments do not stop sinning. Joel Osteen could never preach this parable for three important reasons:

- (1) It teaches that not all who claim Christ are true Christians. Those who contradict the teachings of Christ, and who remain unrepentant, are doomed. If Osteen believed this Word to be so, he would be compelled to warn his flock that untold thousands in his congregation are deceived, thinking they are safe from damnation. Such a message would contradict his happy, smiling, 'God loves you all and has a wonderful plan for your life,' positive, uplifting, motivational pseudo-dogma.
- (2) It teaches the severity of God upon false Christians. Though this is a very real side of the Lord's character, Osteen prefers to dismiss it, ignoring it altogether, as he paints a counterfeit portrait of a kinder, gentler, dumbed-down Lord of the Universe; one whom the throngs can readily accept.
- (3) It teaches the eternal pains of Hellfire and brimstone upon the false believer. Hell, damnation, eternal torments, the wailing and gnashing of teeth, these are all concepts which Osteen intentionally avoids, partly because he doesn't believe them, and partly because in his mind these concepts are not applicable to his worldwide flock.

EVERY TREE IS KNOWN BY ITS FRUIT

Most professing Christians understand that unless forgiven, they have a sin-debt owed God. All Word-Faith teachers claim forgiveness of their sin-debt. They also claim to possess a unique spiritual 'anointing' to perform miracles, including the miraculous generation of wealth. They can back up their claims with living proof: luxury cars, palatial estates, private jets, multi-thousands of supporters, and worldwide ministries which generate tens of millions of dollars in revenue. They assure their disciples that they, too, can be the recipients of God's monetary 'blessings' in their lives, if only they have the faith to sow financial seed into their ministries. The more the sheep sow, the more their financial rewards, is the claim of this perverse doctrine. At this writing TBN is in the throes of another Pledge Drive. Paul and Jan have called upon their most 'anointed' fellow 'Christian' leaders to extract millions upon millions of dollars from their precious 'prayer partners.' Ignoring calls to sow cash into their ministry is to remain in

financial hardship and bondage, is the TBN mantra. However, it is the Word-Faith teachers who are in bondage, who have an unpaid debt before the God of all creation, as their corrupt fruit, wicked doctrines and self-indulgent lifestyles reveal.

WORD - FAITH PREACHERS ARE OFFSPRING OF THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS; SPIRITUAL ALLIES WITH ROMAN CATHOLIC PRELATES

In Rev. 17:5, we are given a somber truth: Mystery Babylon, that great whore, has children. Her children are also whores: like mother, like daughter. They, too, will receive the unswerving judgment of the Almighty. Any moderately educated Christian who has a modicum of knowledge pertaining to Church history should readily discern the uncanny similarities between the modern-day Word-Faith preachers and the Roman Catholic prelates:

- Both make friends with the world and the things thereof.
- Bigger is considered better: bigger congregations; bigger religious facilities; bigger 'stage' productions to draw the crowds.
- Both claim signs and wonders whether modern-day miracles performed by Benny Hinn, miracles of Roman Catholic saints, or the transubstantiation of bread into God.
- Both live lavish lives, reaping the rewards of preaching false Gospels and false Christs which neither offend nor condemn.
- Both preach ecumenism, God's universal love for all, without exception.
- Both are religious, claiming the name 'Christian.'
- Both speak in 'tongues' one in Dead Latin, the other in Demonic Gibberish.
- Both are condemned by the Word of God and the unanimous testimony of true Christians throughout the Ages.
- Both refuse to acknowledge their guilt, satisfied they are in the 'true' religion, with the 'true' anointing.

THE LORD COMMANDS HIS PEOPLE TO COME OUT OF HER

Rev. 18:4 is quite serious. It is no idle threat. To ignore this command is paramount to signing ones own death warrant. Among other wicked characteristics depicting the false Church and harlot daughters in Rev. 17 is that of enjoying extreme wealth. Rev. 18 reveals her trafficking in the souls of men under the similitude of commerce. Selling Jesus is big business. Whether through a Pontifical High Mass, a Billy Graham Crusade, a Mel Gibson Catholic portrayal of the *Passion of Christ*, a TBN telethon, a Bible Answer Man Daily Radio Pledge Drive, a Joel Osteen Entertainment Extravaganza, or a Benny Hinn Working False Miracles..... their Jesus generates big bucks. Not the true Jesus, of course. The true Jesus was loathed and despised; a humble man of sorrows; rejected by His own people; cursed; slandered; spit upon; punched; whipped; mocked; tortured and crucified. The true Jesus did not enjoy the accolades of the masses, unless He satisfied their bellies by supplying all the bread they could eat, and then some. His pure doctrine sent many away because of its harshness and uncompromising stance. The sovereignty of God was not doctrine beloved by the Israelites. Sure, they enjoyed the miracles never before seen by men. And is this not true of today's false Christian? Does he not need new, heretical doctrines to tickle his ears, to arouse his fleshly desires, to satiate his carnal pleasures, to give him permission to love and covet the things of the world? Does he not need a kinder, gentler, feminine, pretty-boy Jesus, one who doesn't reprobate, sending billions of souls to eternal damnation? Does today's false Christian not need more extravagant so-called 'miracles,' larger than life religious productions, as well as an abundance of eye and ear candy upon which to feast?? Does he not run from the meat of the Word, denying the power, sovereignty and deep truths of God? Does he not worship another Jesus, believing another Gospel, unlike the one our Christian forefathers believed and preached? And are we not in the last of the last days?