

The Deadly Danger of Humanism

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B.B. Caldwell's sermon warns against the pervasive dangers of humanism in the church, emphasizing the need for a return to biblical truth and divine sovereignty.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the importance of preaching the naked truth of God's word rather than relying on flashy tactics to attract a crowd. He criticizes the invitation system used by many churches, stating that it is not supported by the Bible. The preacher also highlights the dangers of humanism and emphasizes the need for individuals to understand the marks of a saved person. He concludes by explaining why humanists hate divine truth, stating that it kills the flesh and robs man of his glory.

Transcript

I hope that you cry to God with all of your soul that God let you see what this is. So far as I know, the second time that I've ever preached this message. I preached this message in a camp meeting in daytime in Asheville, North Carolina, about twenty years ago.

Fifteen adults were converted soundly under that message. And why God has never let me preach since, I don't know. But I did then, and they were saved.

Please remember that God knows no man after the flesh. Are you on a drive-up stick on that? God knows no man after the flesh. And when you go to confirm with flesh and blood, you've had it.

God is not interested in your flesh and blood as such. He didn't die for your flesh and blood because He can make a pile of mud anytime. It's the inner man that God is concerned about.

And practically all of the ministry today is ministry into your flesh. Cakewalk, ice cream supper, every kind of ungodly thing in the world. Entertain your sin while it goes to hell.

Nothing so terrible as our churches getting in this entertaining ministry. And we've got plenty of grace but no grace. Oh, what an hour.

What an hour. God has no ministry in the flesh. If you're waiting for God to minister in your flesh, then the only Christ you know is the Antichrist.

Because He's coming on the scene, and He's coming in human ingenuity. He's coming with great human enterprises. And with all of this ministry, He's going to deceive this world.

We're going to take right down the road to the Antichrist because He will minister in the flesh. And we all like it. We all like the flesh, like to be robbed.

When you come out with a ministry in the flesh, you can get this world to follow you. You can start down the road with a box of rattlesnakes and a banjo and a fiddle and a Bible, and you can get a crowd any time. But you come out with nothing but the naked truth of God's Word.

And you may have to travel for miles and miles before you find somebody who will be interested in the divine truth. John chapter 6 and verse 63, It is the spirit that quickeneth the flesh, propheteth nothing, not a thing in God's Word. The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

The Antichrist drove into this world four things about 75 years ago So the minister to the flesh of 75 years ago has four things that Satan brought into this earth and sold the preachers and the churches and the denominations and they're reveling in these four things. First is the invitation system. I challenge anybody in the state of Georgia to show me the Bible where God ever invited anybody except His own people.

The invitation system. We have a universal invitation system and that's as unscriptural as anything in this world. When Noah got the ark down, God said, Noah, want you and your wife.

You're from the west, come in the ark. And nobody else was invited to come in. Just the little family of faith was invited to come in.

And God has no invitation to nobody but His elect people, whether we believe it or not. It's still so. There is no universal invitation in this Bible.

Second was the altar call. The altar in the Bible means death. And if you make the altar call, make it the place of death, I'll say amen.

But we have an altar call to bring you to a place to get life and it's just the opposite. The altar is a place of death. We have an altar call.

And the third thing that the devil has sold this world a bill of goods was the mourner's bank. We come to the mourner's bank and we mourn and we mourn and we mourn. And that's all in the flesh.

Just mourning and mourning in the flesh. Then, of course, the fourth thing that the devil has sold this world a bill of goods on is the healing line. There are these four things that Satan brought in about 75 years ago.

And you don't find it before that. None of it in the Bible. And nowhere in church history do you find anything of this nature.

The invitation system, the altar call, the mourner's bank, and the healing line. And with this, the devil has put forth this great program of humanism. So, I'm going to ask several questions tonight.

And in asking these questions, it will help you to see the most dangerous thing in the world. Question number one, what shall we say about humanism? Well, humanism embraces all of the heresies of the past, present, and future. Every heresy that can be named can be embraced in humanism.

And I must tell, well, tell us what humanism is. I'm going to do that in a few minutes. But you stay with me and hear me and hear me well as I deal with this most dangerous thing.

Humanism is a religion of the mind. At one time, I joined the secret orders. I joined four or five of them.

And I discovered that all of them was highly religious, but it was a religion of the mind. And I said, gentlemen, I think I'm a bit old, but I've gotten the wrong pen. Goodbye.

And I left them almost 42 years ago because it's a religion of the mind. And the religion that the Pharisees had was a religion of the mind. They appealed to your mind.

Jesus Christ never appealed to your mind. He never appealed to your flesh. He only appealed to your soul because it's your soul that's involved.

What shall it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul? You'll lose your body, my God, and make a little pile of mud any time. Not only that, but humanism is a religion of work. You see, that's the work of the flesh.

Work, work, work. If you say but what you do, when would you know when you've got enough done? And when would you know when you've got the right thing done? As good works or as bad works. You're not saved by what you do.

You're not saved by what you don't do. It's a religion of the flesh. The flesh likes it.

It's something that the flesh can do. Well, Mr. Garbo, what can I do? I said, nothing. I said, what's wrong with you now? What can I do? You're not saved by anything you do or don't do.

And you're not saved by what you believe. You're saved by whom you believe. 2 Timothy 1, 12, Paul said, I know whom I have believed.

He didn't say I know what, because he believed a what before he got saved. But now he said, I know whom I have believed. And I am persuaded that he's able to keep that, which I have committed unto him against that great day.

Humanism is the religion of the Antichrist. Now, hear me, children of the Lord. It's the religion of the Antichrist.

And, of course, the religion of the Antichrist is the religion of the devil. 2 Corinthians 11, 4, He speaks of these fellows that's in this humanism business that preach another Jesus, another spirit, and another gospel. In the next place, it's the religion of the apostates.

It was the religion of King, religion of Balaam, and the religion of Korah. Jude chapter 1, verse 11, Woe unto them, for they have gone in the way of King, and went greatly after the error of Balaam, for reward, and perished in the gangsting of Korah. Now, here are three great apostates, and all of them highly religious.

And these three offered a gift to this world of religion. And it's humanism. Notice it.

King gave the world a religion without blood. He came to the altar, came to the right person, but to worship in the wrong way. He came with a fruit of the ground instead of blood, but there's no blood in the tomb, and King was rejected.

And he goes out to the land of Nod, there he knew his wife. He ought to figure out who that was. It was Adam.

King and Abel was the only two persons born. They had no children, no girls, couldn't buy their sister, but whom did he marry? It's a good question. And I want to leave it there to provoke your thought.

He goes and marries the land of Nod. He built a city to mock the Holy City. He instituted a religion without blood.

As humanists say, something the Jew can do. Balaam offered the world a religion without the supernatural. All he's got to do is make a decision.

That's wonderful. That's all he's got to do. Just make a decision.

Well, that's the religion of old Balaam. And he wrecked the whole nation of Israel with that religion. And Korah offered the world a religion without a mediator.

You don't need nobody, just come to God yourself. Is that so? No, you and I don't come to God. The Holy Ghost gets us and brings us Jesus, and Jesus takes us to God.

For he is our mediator. Now, this Bible is not a mediator. Mary is not a mediator.

The church is not a mediator. And the ordinance of the church is not a mediator. So, humanism as a religion came to religion of Balaam, religion of Korah.

It's Phariseeism. It's Romanism. It's Arminianism.

All the isms of this earth are crammed in humanism. When I was at Furman University, I had a course in comparative religions. And our textbook, we had eleven living religions of the earth.

Hinduism, Buddhism, Ahmadism, Taoism, and so on and so forth, and Christianity along with them. I said, Professor, there is but one living religion, and that's Christianity. He said, Mr. Calwell, there's a bit more false religion than the boys, the false man.

And, of course, that's humanism again. I said, Professor, I don't believe that. I believe that Christianity is the only living religion.

He said, why? The only one that's got to live in law. The rest of them, their leaders are all dead and buried over there in the Orient. But I didn't change him, and thank God he didn't change me.

So, what shall we say about humanism? There it is. Question number two. What is humanism? Well, it's a human Jesus.

Paul said, we don't know Jesus anymore. It's a pledge. We got a human Jesus.

That fellow sent you to hell, but... Paul said, we don't know Jesus anymore. It's a pledge. Ah, listen to me tonight.

Humanism is a human Jesus. It's a human faith. That's what all people got, faith.

Well, the Bible said, the sinner has no faith. Then your God won't rule. All you got to do is make a decision.

All you got to do is be obedient. But your obedience must be obedient unto God in faith. And your sinner's got no faith.

Then there's got to come some way for that sinner to have some faith. Are you going to believe God without faith? Or you have a human faith? And the devil's got that. It's a human gospel.

It's a human decision. All God does is make a decision. That isn't so.

No one in the Bible did God ever call on anybody to make a decision. Not for salvation. No one in the Bible did God ever make anybody a proposition.

No one in the Bible did God ever try to persuade anybody in the matter of salvation. The sinner is commanded. God doesn't make him a proposition.

He commanded. Lazarus come forth. That's a command.

And he did. Zacchaeus and Achaiston come down. And they did.

That's a command. Jesus commanded men everywhere to repent and believe the gospel. That's a command.

He never makes them propositions. Now if you repent, leave the gospel, I'll save you. None of that would dethrone the very God of heaven and put into action humanism.

Humanism is emotionalism without truth. See? When you have all of this high power singing in the churches, then you move men emotionally, burn out their emotions. And then what? They'll get diseased.

Diseased in mind. Diseased. Diseased in soul.

Diseased in affection. Diseased in will. And diseased in flesh.

And when their emotions are burned out, nothing left for that poor soul to do on a wonder about with the mist over his mind, this sea deluded and damned in hell forever. Because you burn out his emotions. Jesus never appealed to your emotions.

He never appealed to your mind. He always appealed to your soul. Every time in this Bible.

So humanism is emotionalism without the truth. It's sentimentalism without God. You ever study sentimentalism? In one of the gospels, they broke branches and put them in the way and palms.

Said a hosanna, here comes the King of God. Yeah, King of the Jews. Hosanna.

Hosanna. And you thought, my, boy, they got it. But the next day they killed him.

The same gang that shouted and said hosanna. The next day they killed the Lord. That's sentimentalism without God.

Humanism is religion without the Holy Ghost. Matthew 25, you have ten virgins. Five are wise, five are foolish.

Five had all, five had no all. So they were caught in this deadly thing of humanism. That's religion without the Holy Ghost.

It's the religion of the Antichrist. When the Antichrist comes on the scene, he's going to come with signs and wonders. He's going to work in the realms of the flesh because he's in the flesh.

He can't do anything else. Only working in the flesh. Revelations 13, 3, it said, and all of the world wondered after the beast.

Are you listening? All of the world wondered after the beast. Galatians chapter 1, verse 10 to 12. Paul said, far do I now persuade.

What's this word, persuade? Do I now persuade men I'm God. He said, I won't persuade neither one. How are you going to persuade a man to be a Christian? How are you going to persuade a dead man to get up and walk off? How are you going to come to the tomb of Lazarus and say, Lazarus, I wish you'd get up and walk out of that tomb if you did God save you.

Are you so stupid and ignorant? I don't see how you'd get in out of a rain. Paul said, I don't persuade men, I don't persuade God. Persuade God to save somebody.

Christ died for his people. You don't have to persuade God to save anybody. He's going to save his people from the hell of high water.

I'm not being a rebel. I'm just causing the glory of God to let us see this thing God's going to do. And we need to see it and to know it.

Paul said, do I persuade men? No. Do I persuade God? Why would you have to pray all night to get God to do something? What kind of a God is that? I never pray to get God to do nothing. I just let God know that I'm available and I'm an instrument down here.

Let God know and all a prior can do, if a prior don't change God, won't change you. A prior can't do nothing but lift you up where God is, where he's operating. Get up where God is.

Then he uses you as an instrument to move you. See? Do I seek to please men? No. For if I yet please men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

But I certify unto you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached to me is not out of man. I'm not in the flesh. Paul said, I don't know no man out of the flesh.

I don't know Christ out of the flesh. That's humanist. For I received it, for I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Christ.

And the only way you can get truth is for God to reveal it to you. I was last Sunday night at a service. If a man could reject the truth, I said, no sir, you never get that far.

It's all about rejecting truth. God don't present truth to you that you accept it or reject it. That's humanist.

God doesn't do that. God reveals truth to you, and he never reveals it to nobody except those who accept it. No such thing as rejecting Christ.

You don't do that. No, no, you never get that far. Now, you can refuse to hear the preach word of God, and if you do, that's as far as you get.

You'll never get another step farther. The only way you can get truth is for God to reveal it to you, and he never reveals truth to nobody except those who accept it. Matthew 11, 25.

What did the Lord say? I thank thee, O Father, Heaven and Earth, because thou hast hid these things from the wives and children and revealed them unto babes. How are you going to reject something that God hid from you? He hides the truth from one gang and reveals it to another. Now, if you're in humanism, you don't believe a thing I'm saying.

Not a thing. And if you don't get out of humanism, you'll die in your sins and never see God in peace. But when it please God, when does God save man? He pleases him.

But when it please God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me by his grace to reveal his Son not to me, but in the presence of Christ in you. I'm preaching something divine now. I'm not preaching something you'd do something about.

It isn't what you're going to do with Jesus. The question is, what is he going to do with you? If we ever see that, brother, Atlanta will shake and tremble under the mighty power of God. All right, question number three.

What is the deadly danger of humanism? Well, it does six things and all of them are deadly. First, it deceives man. Second, it robs God of his glory.

Third, it does not shut men up to God. The only way you ever get any man saved is shut him up to God. Until God shuts your mouth.

Shut down sinners. Shut your mouth. That's what the Lord does.

It's a mouth stopper. God shuts your mouth. And if you come to God, begging the mercy of God, throw yourself upon the mercy of God, he might have mercy on you.

He doesn't have. I was out in Texas preaching. Preacher Locker went crazy.

I got to preaching and I said, come down and get saved if you can. Well, the preacher had been here since old Nicole and all that junk and he like went crazy. Oh, well, did you know what you said? I said, yes.

Did you know what you said? But God used that to shake the devil out of the preacher and the whole outfit. Come down and get saved if you can. How are you going to get saved without God? It's not a question of you accepting God.

It's a question of God accepting you. Paul said, I'm not persuading man. I'm not persuading God.

What kind of a God would God be? God had begun to save sinners. That's what Christ died for. Now, how would, why would you ask God to do that? It does not recognize total depity.

The sinner is totally dead. He's not half dead. He's plumb dead.

And a dead man can do nothing but stink. Another thing humanism does, it leads man to work out his own destiny. That for each day, well, sinner, your destiny is in your hands.

No, it's not in God's hands. Salvation, not in the hands of the sinner. Salvation is in the hands of the Savior.

And that's what it ought to be. Hadn't been that, I never would have got saved. What could I do about it? Another thing, another thing that humanism does, it heals the wounds of sinners.

It's a message of the old false prophets. Jeremiah chapter 8 verse 11, For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people, slightly saying, Peace, peace, when there is no peace. God never lifts the white flag of peace, and no man so, till all rebellion has been conquered.

Talk about peace, you never will have peace until you bow to God's sovereign grace and God's sovereign mercy. Never will have peace. Question number four.

What does the humans hate? They hate five things. And as I give you these five, try them. And watch it.

If he's in humanism, he'll fight you like a bulldog fighting a ratchet. First, they hate the election of God. They hate election like a bulldog hating a ratchet.

Second, they hate the sovereignty of God. Third, they hate God's sovereign mercy. Fourth, they hate God's sovereign grace.

And fifth, they hate eternal predestination. They hate that. Why? Because it leaves you hanged in the hands of the holy God and nothing you can do about it.

And you'll never turn to God and repent from faith till God brings you to wit's end corner. Never in this world. You never will get saved.

Here we are. High horse in the round, horse in the herd and high minded. In Luke chapter 4, verse 16 to 29, Jesus Christ preached all of these things.

Sovereign election, sovereign fear of God, sovereign mercy, sovereign grace, and eternal predestination. He preached them. All of them.

Read it and listen to him preaching. And what did they do? Listen to it. Luke 4, 29, And there rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon the city was built, that they might cast him down headlong.

But he passed into the midst of them, went his way. Jesus goes in the synagogue and preaches these five. They seized him in the temple.

And they still do the same thing. They've been trying to kill me for years. And would have done it a long time ago.

But God is so great that he pulls me through in spite of all they can do. They can lie. They can pilfer.

But they can't answer me. They know that I put the book on them. Romans chapter 9, verse 15 and 16, For God says to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy.

And I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then it's not of him that willeth, not of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. It's not a matter of you making a decision.

Not of him that willeth. It's salvation whosoever will. Can you find that in the Bible? No.

You can find whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. But that's calling in repentance and faith. And you can't even call then unless you have God's man preaching to you.

It tells you in that chapter. It's not of him that willeth, but of salvation whosoever willeth. Well, that's humanism.

You believe the lie. That isn't so. It tells you so.

So then it's not of him that willeth, not of him that runneth, but of God that showeth mercy. Verse 18, Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and on whom he will he harden. If God hardens you and sends you to hell, what are you going to do about it? Hmm.

Did somebody tell me that? God don't owe you nothing but hell. God don't owe me nothing but hell. And can pay me off anytime.

Isn't it good of God that he would lay hold of you and bring the rebel to his knees and bring you down where the only hope you've got is that God would have mercy upon your soul. Question number five. Why do they hate divine truth? Why do the humanists hate divine truth? Well, it's because divine truth does four things.

First, it kills the flesh. If you shudder to God's sovereign measure, what can the flesh do? Nothing. It couldn't do nothing to start with.

It kills the flesh. Second, it robs man of his glory. I had so many converts.

Is that so? Yeah. Shuts man up to faith. Shuts man up to the sovereignty.

Psalms 115 verse 3 is a verse that I quoted in my prayer. Listen. But our God is in the heavens.

He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased. Now, what kind of a God do you have? A little goober-headed God trying to save the old sinner? The old sinner won't let him. Then who's sovereign? Not God, but the sinner.

That won't work. That devil can't do a thing in the world except what God permits him to do. Yet God's sovereign.

And he is. Question number six. What is the true gospel? Well, the true gospel is salvation by revelation and not by decision.

That's the true gospel. Salvation by repentance and not by reformation. Is Jesus on the cross and Jesus on the throne? The other day they asked me what the gospel was.

Then he didn't wait for me to tell him. He started telling me. I said, well, do you know? Why did you ask me? Well, the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

I said, that isn't so. That's just a bunch of facts about the death of Christ. That's not the gospel.

Well, he said, that's what I'm preaching. I said, well, you're preaching lies. Then he got mad.

Well, what is the gospel? I go and sit down and cool off and get cool and I'll tell you what the gospel is. Well, I demand you don't demand nothing of me. You don't like it, you can not.

So he sort of riled up the old man. That's why he cooled off. Now, what is the gospel? I said, the gospel is Christ on the cross and Christ on the throne.

That's the gospel. And Christ on the throne couldn't save you unless he's the same man that hung on the cross. And Christ on the cross can't save you until he goes, when he hung on the cross, to save the dying people, to save them from the presence of death.

And that old saving dying people recognized. Said, Lord, remember me. He didn't ask him to save him.

Said, Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom, when you resurrect and go and get on that throne. Lord, remember me. That's the language of grace.

And he said, well, today you'll be with me in paradise. You want to take your Bible? You're in paradise where I'm going and I'll talk to you a little bit more about what I have. Hm? Jesus on the cross and Jesus on the throne.

And the throne is included in when Jesus got up from the dead. He robbed the hell of all of her keys. Defeated the devil and demons.

Flouted over them, made an open show of them. Went back to heaven and sat down at God's right hand. And he's got the scepter in his hand and the keys to every situation.

He's on the throne right now. See it, children? Reckon he'll ever save you? Mrs. Eccles, reckon God will ever save you? Just think of that. Reckon God will ever save you? Just put you in hell.

Well, God's got to know. God doesn't have to do nothing but right. If it does right, it does all in hell.

Now, let's get off our high horse. Let's look at this thing. The owl is waiting for the prophet of God to come on the scene to tell this crazy world the truth.

I'm giving it to you. The most dangerous thing in the world is humanism. Paul said, I know no man after the flesh.

I don't even know Jesus after the flesh. You know what he said? All right. Now, question number seven.

What are the marks of a saved man? Wouldn't you like to know whether you're saved or not? In fact, wouldn't you like to know whether you're saved or not? Wouldn't you like to know whether you're saved or not, sir? Well, since you're listening right now, I think God will let you see. There's seven marks that every saved man has. Not a part of them, but all of them.

If you're saved tonight, you have seven marks. And if you don't have these seven marks, then I would say there's serious defects in your salvation. First mark is the mark of divine love.

Not human love. Not poodle dog love. Not puppy love.

But divine love. Second mark is divine faith. Not a human faith.

Not something you can exercise it with. See, grace is not like a man turning the faucet on and off. No, you don't turn grace on and turn it off.

Grace is in the hands of the sovereign Lord. The third mark of saved man is divine repentance. You will repent when God closes your path and a man of God shows you a sin, you don't repent.

You start repenting right then, the moment that took touch your soul, you started repenting. That moment. And if I cannot bring you to repentance, and if God cannot bring you to repentance, he will repeat you and send you to hell.

Next mark of a saved man is divine reformation. You begin to start doing better. And your reformation starts in here and works out this way.

It doesn't work this way, it works out this way. Next is divine peace. When God saves a man, he gives him peace.

And the next mark is divine boldness. Not afraid of a thing or a sin. God saved me, I wasn't afraid of nothing.

I'm not afraid now. Divine boldness. And the next mark is divine fruit.

All seven of these marks must be in you. Ah, it's highly possible that you've never known the Lord. You've been shot a curve in the most innocent.

And you've been dealt with by these goober-headed preachers. Trying to get you to make a decision. They're trying to build up the situation.

Galatians 5, 22 and 23. It names nine fruits of the Spirit. Not fruits, there's only one fruit.

But nine virtues. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Against such there is no law.

You can't keep me from loving you. You can't love me for it. That's the same as what you do, you can't keep me from loving you.

Against such there is no law. Listen to the text. Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh.

You quit knowing people after the flesh. It's not in a man that you need to know. We know no man after the flesh.

Yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, that is in the days of his flesh. Yet now henceforth we know him. Jesus, a human Jesus, is a Jesus that you can push about at will.

That is not the Christ of God. My children, have you been born again? Do you know Christ? Do you have the inward witness? Is the call of God upon your soul? In this lonely, dark and desperate hour, oh, how we need to hear from heaven and the Holy Ghost that shall consider our soul and bring us in to salvation that is of the Lord. Anybody here tonight interested in salvation, I would like to talk to you after this hour.

Brother Rogers, will you dismiss this inquiry?

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