

David Ravenhill: Donald Trump Is a Deceiver

Sticking a thermometer under a person's tongue will soon reveal whether or not they are running a fever. This is certainly the case with a large segment of evangelical believers. The political thermometer has clearly shown that many are suffering from a serious case of "Trump fever."

How the body of Christ caught this deadly fever can only be attributed to the fact that it has an incredibly weak immune system that makes it susceptible to this type of deception.

I, like many of my friends, am not only stunned but worried that such a con artist could be taken so seriously. The closest parallel to this type of paranoia was when God's people were given the chance to decide between Jesus and Barabbas. Tragically they chose the con artist! What is even more frightening is that when the day comes to choose between Christ and the Antichrist, many will wholeheartedly choose the Antichrist. Did you know that according to Webster's 1828 edition dictionary, one of the definitions for trump means 'to deceive'?

Let's face it. Trump is no evangelical. He proudly acknowledged that he had no need of God's forgiveness. Yet Trump has traded his trophy wives like a boy trading baseball cards. His foul mouth would make a seasoned sailor blush with shame, while his pride makes the devil proud to call him his son.

His pride more than anything else is what makes him unfit for the highest office of the land. Nebuchadnezzar himself would look downright humble in comparison to Trump. God tells us in no uncertain terms that He will resist the proud. Why then would evangelicals be in favor of supporting a president whom

God is going to oppose every day that he is in office? Nothing is more offensive to God than pride!

When God foresaw that Israel would one day demand a king, He set certain conditions in place for the selection of any future potential king (Deut. 17:14-20). The first requirement was that they were not to appoint a foreigner over themselves.

The Bible clearly states that a foreigner was anyone who was uncircumcised. This is clearly the case with Trump who repeatedly reminds us that his heart and lips are anything but circumcised. The next requirement was that their king was to refrain from multiplying horses for himself. Horses are a type of man's self-sufficiency and self-dependency.

Trump repeatedly lets his audience know what great things he has accomplished and how he plans to "Make America Great Again." God further stipulated that their leader was not to multiply wives for himself. Once again Trump has proven his inability to keep his marriage covenant and rule over his own fleshly passions. God also required of the king that he was not to multiply gold for himself.

This "root of all evil" is why Trump disregards the rights of the poor by seizing their property in favor of his lust for fame and fortune. Finally, God stated that the king was to write a copy of these requirements for himself and that he was to read it daily, "that his heart may not be lifted up."

God's wisdom is clearly evident throughout this law. The king must rule internally before he has the right to rule externally. Trump is known throughout the world for his unrestrained cravings after the girls, gold and glory. Therefore his inability to overcome these godly requirements should disqualify him, in the eyes of God's people, from ever holding office.

Following Israel's demand for a king, like the nations around them, Samuel repeatedly warned them that if a man with

unrestrained passion and ambition became their king, Israel would suffer greatly at his hands (1 Sam. 8:9-22).

I call on all those in leadership to let their people know that Trump will guarantee the demise of our nation if he is elected. God promised in His Word that He would tear down the house of the proud (Prov. 15:25). Once again, God's people face a choice as to whom to choose, just keep in mind, Trump means "to deceive." {eoa}

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