

This Paul Harvey 'Prophecy' Would Even Get the Devil's Attention

Paul Harvey never claimed to be a prophet. But, in 1965, the well-known and beloved broadcaster did a piece on his radio program, *The Rest of the Story*, that even Bible scholars and prophets would approve.

The piece, titled "If I Were the Devil," caused quite a stir more than 50 years ago. But the words of Harvey, an adamant believer in the Lord Jesus Christ who passed away in 2009, ring truer today more than ever. Here is a short excerpt, and you can listen to it in its entirety here:

"If I were the devil ... If I were the prince of darkness, I'd want to engulf the whole world in darkness. And I'd have a third of its real estate, and four-fifths of its population, but I wouldn't be happy until I had seized the ripest apple on the tree—thee. So I'd set about however necessary to take over the United States. I'd subvert the churches first—I'd begin with a campaign of whispers. With the wisdom of a serpent, I would whisper to you as I whispered to Eve: 'Do as you please.

"To the young, I would whisper that 'The Bible is a myth.' I would convince them that man created God instead of the other way around. I would confide that what's bad is good, and what's good is 'square.' And the old, I would teach to pray, after me, 'Our Father, which art in Washington. ...

"And then I'd get organized. I'd educate authors in how to make lurid literature exciting, so that anything else would appear dull and uninteresting. I'd threaten TV with dirtier movies and vice versa. I'd pedal narcotics to whom I could. I'd sell alcohol to ladies and gentlemen of distinction. I'd tranquilize the rest with pills. ... "

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