

CRITICAL RACE THEORY #9

"Is There Not A Cause?"

Introduction

My title is taken from the story of David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17. A 9-foot-tall Philistine has seized the battlefield, blaspheming God and silencing God's people in fear.

1 Samuel 17:10-11

And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

David arrives on the scene, overhears the giant's taunts and speaks out.

1 Sam 17:26

Then David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, "What shall be done for the man who kills this Philistine and takes away the reproach from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

But his own brothers tell him to be quiet! So we come to our text...

1 Sam 17:29

And David said, "What have I done now? Is there not a cause?" (NKJV)

"Now what have I done?" said David. "Can't I even speak?" (NIV)

David asked, "Now what have I done wrong? Can't I even talk?" (NCV)

Matthew Henry

"What have I now done? What fault have I committed, for which I should thus be chided? Is there not a cause for my coming to the camp, when my father sent me? Is there not a cause for my resenting the injury done to Israel's honor by Goliath's challenges?"

David had had enough! This is the spirit we need again today!

I'm preaching this message because once again, as in the days of David and Goliath, God's enemies have seized the battlefield, blasphemed God and silenced God's people through the power of fear.

And I've had enough! I am speaking up and why not? Is there not a cause?
And I'm not alone.

Shane Idleman

I'm so sick of this politically correct culture that can offend anyone...except believers. You demand I change my pronouns when I refer to men and women? Have you ever stopped to think you have offended me? That you have offended God?

I'm sick of being told to be careful not to offend others by those who don't mind offending me!

IS THERE NOT A CAUSE?

You stand there and tell me my country is systemically racist?

(And I'm supposed to be silent?)

You tell me I'm a racist because I'm white?

You tell me homosexuality is OK?

You tell me a male can be born in a female body?

You tell me a woman has a right to kill her baby?

Then you tell me Christians must not be political?

Excuse me? Our God is all about government!

Isaiah 9:6

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

ALL government is on His 'shoulder'!
Jesus is the 'Head' of the church and we are His 'body'. The last time I looked, the shoulder is in the Body of which He is the Head. The Son of God will exercise His dominion through the authority He has delegated to His people!

The next verse says...

Isaiah 9:7

Of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end... , upon the throne of David and over His kingdom, to order it and establish it with judgment and justice from that time forward, even forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.

God is into Government! It is written on His robe and thigh!

Revelation 19:15-16

**Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:
KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Jesus is the heavenly king of all earthly kings; the heavenly Lord of all earthly lords. But Marxists depend upon people Marx called 'useful idiots', those who are too self-satisfied or too busy to actively oppose them. This would include Christian people and Pastors who are willing to let Goliath rule the field.

Is this a time to be silent? Is there not a cause? Is it not time to face...

Our Real Enemies

**Lack of knowledge
Lack of leadership
Listening to liars**

I. Is There Not A Cause?

A. Lack of Knowledge

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.

1. God is warning His people through the prophet: 'you are being destroyed because of a lack of knowledge'.

a. An old Puritan pointed out the political connection between a lack of knowledge and destruction...

The Biblical Illustrator

Observe how the state of the collective body of the people as to religious knowledge relates to the question of national safety and national ruin. If there be a lack of the knowledge of God and His truth in the bulk of the people, the destruction of the nation will be inevitable. And if ruin come upon any land, who will suffer?

2. My greatest grief is to watch America being destroyed while Christians play at church and work at play; and many of our young people seem to have no concern about the condition of the country.

Adam Clarke

Many of God's own people had no knowledge of God, nor of sacred things, nor of their own interest, nor of the danger to which they are exposed. They walk on blindly and perish.

3. But why had they no knowledge? Why were they being destroyed? Read the rest of the verse. God blames the preachers!

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

4. God appoints preachers and priests for the impartation of knowledge and teaching. And they are the real reason there is a lack of knowledge.

The Biblical Illustrator

God holds pastors and priests as responsible for the ignorance of the people. Ignorance is a very rife and destroying sin in the visible Church, and the guilt of it often lies at the door of the preachers.

5. We have a lack of knowledge because we have a 2nd problem...

B. Lack of Leadership

1. The percentage of Pastors not preaching politics is at an all time high.

Dr. Jim Garlow

There are approximately 364,000 churches in America. 72%, or 264,000 of them are liberal, meaning that they really don't care about the Bible. According to exhaustive surveys, only between 6,000 and 15,000 actually have a bona fide biblical worldview, that is, they see life through the lens of scripture.

Bold Pastors are nearly extinct.

2. Barna research tells us that the primary problem is that pastors fear their people.

Leonard Ravenhill

We have too many puppets in our pulpits and not enough prophets.

3. I understand the 'seeker-friendly' approach to pulpit ministry in a time of peace; but not when our nation's future is hanging in the balance.

Martin Luther

Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is tested.

4. Many mega-churches only select safe subject matter because they won't run the risk of offending their followers.

a. The late Leonard Ravenhill once said...

Leonard Ravenhill

"If Jesus had preached the same message ministers preach today, He would have never been crucified."

b. To be fair, God's people need to be encouraged and reminded of God's love for them; but that can't be all they ever hear!

A.W. Tozer

Sermonettes make Christianettes.

5. I don't watch much Christian TV because I don't have time for it; but I did this week because I'm preaching about preaching; I heard about the imminent Rapture of the church; I heard about how men struggle with pornography; but nearly nothing about the wolves at the door. It reminded me of..

Isaiah 56:9-10 NLT

Come, wild animals of the field! Come, wild animals of the forest! Come and devour my people! For the leaders of my people—the Lord's watchmen, his shepherds—are blind and ignorant. They are like silent watchdogs that give no warning when danger comes. They love to lie around, sleeping and dreaming.

6. I thank God that there are a growing number of Pastors willing to rebuke their brothers who are excusing themselves from the battle.

Pastor Shane Idleman

Saying, "I'm just not political," is really an excuse to hide cowardice. Silence about sin is rebelling against the call of God. If your sermons do not upset the world from time to time, I have to seriously question your calling.

a. Pastor Rob McCoy got so fed up with CA politics he became the Mayor of Thousand Oaks.

b. He believes that If you're alive you're political even if you deny it.

Pastor Rob McCoy

To say you are not political is not accurate when you make a choice to be silent and submit to tyrannical officials who have ruined our economy, closed our schools, and declared our churches to be non-essential.

c. In the 1930's, Adolf Hitler's socialist party slowly rose to power while German's clergy were silent. One of the few Pastors to speak up was...

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"Silence in the face of evil is evil itself. God will not hold us guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act."

d. Historians tell us that a silent Christian community set up Germany's fall into National Socialism. It can happen again in our own country.

7. There was a time when David was content to sit on the hillsides and sing Psalms for 17 years; but when the nation hung in the balance he spoke up!

Is there not a cause?

Review

Our Real Enemies

- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of leadership
- Listening to Lies

C. Listening To Lies

1. As I was preparing this message, I kept thinking about something Jesus said to His disciples: a warning about what we listen to.

Mark 4:24

Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed what you hear."

- a. Then in Luke 8, He said, "Take heed how you hear."
- b. Let's look at this passage more closely...

Luke 8:17-18

For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him."

2. We are living in an hour where God is revealing, exposing and bringing to light things that were hidden.

- a. Notice: How we hear will determine the winners and losers.
- b. God will expose what's hidden and bring the truth to light; if you have the light, more will be given you. But if you do not have the light, you will fall into greater darkness.
- c. So the warning is, TAKE HEED HOW YOU HEAR!

Hawker's Poor Man's Commentary

Even to those whose ears are spiritually opened, still it is necessary to take heed what (and how) you hear. No doubt, because the LORD elsewhere cautioned his people against false Christs, and false prophets, which should come so speciously, that, if it were possible, they would deceive even the very elect.

Specious

That which has the ring of truth or plausibility but is actually error

3. This is the greatest danger of the hour: How the modern American Marxists are resurrecting the propaganda policies of the past to seize power in the present. Take heed what you hear!

Propaganda

Information, especially of a biased or misleading nature, used to promote or publicize a particular political cause or point of view.

4. Marxists spread propaganda by controlling the mainstream media as modeled by Russian Communist leader...

Joseph Stalin

The press must grow day in and day out - it is our Party's sharpest and most powerful weapon.

a. Before Stalin there was Vladimir Lenin, who used control of the media to 'agitate' and 'collectivize' the populace.

Vladimir Lenin

The press should be not only a collective propagandist and a collective agitator, but also a collective organizer of the masses.

Marxists weaponize the press against all who oppose their policies...

Vladimir Lenin

We can and must write in a language which sows among the masses hate, revulsion, and scorn toward those who disagree with us.

5. After Stalin and Lenin in Russia came the most masterful propagandist of them all; Nazi Germany's Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's Minister of Propaganda.

6. The modern American Marxists use the Goebbels playbook to the letter:

a. Marxists do not see the media as news reporters but as pawns.

Joseph Goebbels

Think of the press as a great keyboard on which the government can play.

b. Marxist's media does not report on public opinion; it forms public opinion.

Joseph Goebbels

It is the absolute right of the State to supervise the formation of public opinion.

c. Marxist media only reports news that is favorable to the party narrative.

Joseph Goebbels

Not every item of news should be published. Rather must those who control news policies endeavor to make every item of news serve a certain purpose.

(This is why you hear nothing about Hunter Biden's laptop or people dying from the vaccine)

d. Marxists have utter disdain for the intelligence of the people.

Joseph Goebbels

The rank and file are usually much more primitive than we imagine. Propaganda must therefore always be essentially simple and repetitious.

e. Marxists count on political narratives.

Political Narrative

A term used to describe the way in which storytelling can shape fact and impact our understandings of reality.

f. They have learned that if they can create a lie and repeat it enough, the people will believe it.

Joseph Goebbels

A lie told once remains a lie but a lie told a thousand times becomes the truth.

(A male can be born female? A female can be born male? People can be born homosexual? People can be born racist?)

Joseph Goebbels

It would not be impossible to prove, with sufficient repetition and a psychological understanding of the people concerned, that a square is in fact a circle. They are mere words, and words can be molded until they clothe ideas and disguise them.

g. This is what Marxists do: ‘clothe’ and ‘disguise’ evil ideas behind benign terms: Social Justice, Equity, Black Lives Matter.

Joseph Goebbels

The essence of propaganda consists in winning people over to an idea so sincerely, so vitally, that in the end they succumb to it utterly and can never escape from it.

h. I’m giving all these quotes to show you what’s going on today in America’s mainstream media, as summed up by the great Mark Levin...

Mark Levin

“These are not news shows. They are propaganda shows.”

h. No wonder Jesus said, “Take heed what you hear”!

III. Close:

A. David and Goliath: History Repeats Itself

1. Goliath is on the field again; blaspheming God and ridiculing God’s people.

2. The modern American Marxists are attacking free speech, our right to bear arms, and the ability to trust our elections. Will we be silent?

3. Remember this: David was silent in the public sphere for almost 20 years; he was content to sit on the hillside and sing his Psalms. But there came a time when a private kind of faith wasn't enough! He spoke up. And so must we!

Charles G. Finney

“God cannot sustain this free and blessed country which we love and pray for unless the Church will take right ground. It seems sometimes as if the foundations of the nation are becoming rotten, and Christians seem to act as if they think God does not see what they do in politics. But I tell you He does see it, and He will bless or curse this nation according to the course that Christians take in politics.”

4. I will close with a quote from one of the world's great preachers, when his own country, England, was threatened by those who wished to turn the nation to socialism.

Charles Spurgeon

That which our fathers died to overthrow, we are now compelled to support! We cannot help being indignant; we would be less than men if our blood did not boil within us at such injustice!

God is the great Cause America came to be. The question is...

Will you stand up for His cause?

Closing Prayer