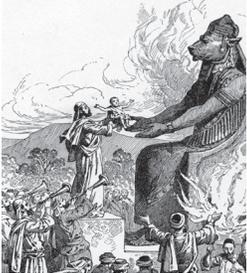




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## THE WORSHIP OF MOLECH

### A picture of the State Education system!



"And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD," Leviticus 18:21.

What I am about to say in this article will, I fear, annoy and anger some!

Those who feel displeased at what I say, may I just remind them all that the Lord Jesus in His first sermon recorded by Luke, so irked all of His hearers that they tried to murder Him! "And all they in the synagogue, when they heard these things, were filled with wrath, and rose up, and thrust him out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might cast him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way," Luke 4:28-30. I am sure that I will not vex all who read this article but I am anxious to appeal to those who may be upset that they evaluate just what it that I have said that annoys them!

Many have been unjustifiably displeased by the simple preaching of God's Word over the centuries. The Word of God is a SWORD! It has a sharp edge and a sharp point! It ought not to surprise us that there will be occasions when we, because of our erring and straying, encounter its edge and point! It is very wrong to be angry when it happens but rather we should recognise that we have been chastened of the Lord and therefore ought to humbly take heed and repent. Defiance of God's Word is most foolish and can only lead to further hurt. Those who react so are like the one Eliphaz refers to in Job 15:25-26. "For he stretcheth out his hand against God, and strengtheneth himself against the Almighty. He runneth upon him, even on his neck, upon the thick bosses of his bucklers." No good can come of that folly!

God's Word, as it is dispensed by God's people, is as SALT! It is a preservative from sin and corruption, but in the process of preserving it tends to sting and irritate!

Therefore I am not surprised that such irritation may be felt by some, but let me plead with them to consider just why they are irritated, lest they fly against God to their hurt! We are told that there will be a spirit abroad at the close of this age, the very days which we see dawning, that will move men to react to God's chastening and judgment with wicked defiance.

"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire. And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory. And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds," Revelation 16:8-11.

Let none of us react so when reproved by the Word of God.

I use the title at the beginning of this article advisedly. What I have to say has been in my heart and mind for some time and I have pondered it much for the implication of my words is most serious and I do not utter them lightly.

I want to show that there is a parallel between the actions of those Israelites who sacrificed their children to the god Molech and those Christian parents who insist upon sending their children to be educated under the State Education system.

The phrase 'to pass through' is the same as 'to burn' as appears in Deuteronomy 18:10. "There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire." This the worshippers of Molech oftentimes did, even burn their infants, and sacrificed them to the idol. Jeremiah states that



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the worship of Molech took place in Tophet, 7:31. The place had its name, it is believed, from the beating of drums, which was intended to drown out from the ears of the parents whose children were being burned, their cries. Tophet was in the valley of the son of Hinnom; a valley near Jerusalem, and lay to the south of it. It is believed that the form of this idol was that of a metal figure with outstretched hands upon which the child was placed and there burned as a sacrifice. Such barbarity on the part of parents toward their infants is hard to comprehend!

This was a most inhuman practice which defied all the laws of parenthood! God detested the practice intensely. He says that such a thing "I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart," Jeremiah 7:31. Furthermore He said that it was such wickedness as this that brought down His judgment upon the Canaanite nations. "Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel," 2 Chronicles 28:3. Because they embraced the practice and showed the same heartlessness as the heathen, God's judgment fell upon His own people. "They did not destroy the nations, concerning whom the LORD commanded them: but were mingled among the heathen, and learned their works. And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them. Yea, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto devils, and shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan: and the land was polluted with blood. Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions. Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people, insomuch that he abhorred his own inheritance," Psalm 106:34-40.

It is forty years since I said that the separation of the Free Presbyterian Church should be that required by God of Israel when they left Egypt. Pharaoh demanded that the children be left behind. "Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that ye did desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence," Exodus 10:11. His refusal brought the judgment of God upon Egypt as the subsequent narrative shows. Free Presbyterians who LEAVE their children in the hands of the ungodly education system that operates in our land, do so in defiance of what is plainly God's will and purpose for His people. It is no more right to leave our children to be educated in the ways and principles and notions of the world than it would have been for Israel to have left their children behind at the Exodus.

In so doing they would have lost their children and, Free Presbyterian, is that not what is happening to us?

Leaving our children under the influence of the world has cost many their children.

Needless to say, the mercy of God has been shown in many, many cases and children have survived being under the state system but we would be very wrong to assume that because God in His mercy wrought deliverance for some that we should therefore think to make the exceptions a rule to live by!

God saved Saul of Tarsus the persecutor! How wrong it would be for all those who act in a similar cruel fashion to think that they too can expect to escape the consequences of their evil deeds.

No, it may be seen as a general principle that children brought up under the daily instruction of the world's errors will follow those errors to a lost eternity!

In order to substantiate my assertion that THE WORSHIP OF MOLECH is a picture of the State Education system, I wish to make a number of observations.

### **I. IGNORANCE OF GOD'S MIND AND WILL LAY BEHIND THE WORSHIP OF MOLECH AS IT DOES WITH THE PLACING OF CHILDREN UNDER THE INSTRUCTION OF THE STATE EDUCATION SYSTEM.**

I have already quoted the words of God as recorded by Jeremiah. "And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart," Jeremiah 7:31. What these parents did was quite contrary to God's Word and Law!



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My text states what the Law of God had stated. "And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD," Leviticus 18:21.

It was no more the Law of God for Israelites to burn their children in the fiery hands of Molech than it is for Christians to place their children in the hands of the state's instructors.

The evil practice of Molech worship and the sacrificing of infants that it entailed, arose in a day of darkness and ignorance regarding God's Law. This was the character of the days in which Jeremiah ministered. The prophets of the day had ceased to proclaim the central truths of God and in the absence of such teaching these evil practices sprang up! I dare say that such is the case today. Placing children under the tutelage of an ungodly syllabus is because the pulpits are largely silent on the matter and there are very few who exhort parents not to act so!

Let any one dare deny that this the case! Over the years there have come to me too many parents pining for a Christian school in their area and who lament the absence of any word on this subject being proclaimed from their local pulpit for me to be mistaken!

### II. THERE IS AN APPARENT INDIFFERENCE TO CHILDREN'S SUFFERINGS IN BOTH CASES

I have mentioned that it is believed that drums were beaten in order to drown out the screams of the infants from falling upon the ears of parents and so the unspeakable agony of the infant was concealed to some degree. Though it cannot be possible that a parent could altogether shut out from their mind the recognition of just what it was the child was enduring since all adults know well the suffering that fire can inflict!

Likewise, 'drums' are beaten whenever the matter of Christian Education is brought to the attention of Christian parents. There are sounded out arguments which are meant to nullify the dangers that children face within the state system. "My children's school has a Christian principal!" Can that Principal fully exercise what she knows she should teach to children? NO SHE CANNOT. She must, by law, abide by the state curriculum. It's do right and teach the truth and lose your position or do wrong and conform to the State's requirement and keep your employment!

She must set forth 'Evolution', a clear denial of the Word of God. She must teach the 'sex' syllabus set by the state. That syllabus is a vile and ungodly scheme which violates the holy standards of God, advances the morality of the barnyard and endorses the immorality that has become today's 'morality'! An article in the "Belfast Telegraph" of Saturday 15th September, 2018, had as a headline: "Belfast is the hook-up capital of Northern Ireland, with 74% of people there having had a one-night stand." Where did those 74% learn such scandalous and wicked behaviour and look upon it as normal and acceptable? Doubtless, television and pornography played their part but so too did the sex education syllabus of the state system!

The 'drums' may drown out something of the truth of what is going on and what is happening to the rising generation but what is plainly seen in the behavioural developments and patterns within society cannot be altogether blocked out by wilfully foolish Christian parents!

What will be the end of such a lifestyle? Please, simply follow the reports of misery, for the alleviation of which many resort to drugs only to multiply their sorrows. Marriage has all but been forsaken resulting in multiple partnerships with innumerable half/sisters and half/brothers which must in turn result in a future moral and physical catastrophe for the nation!

I do not hesitate to lay the responsibility of these things at least in part, at the door of the the state school system. Is it not proposed and already instigated that children of the tenderest age be instructed in that which they could not possibly begin to understand about human relationships between adults? Are not merest infants being instructed that they must understand and embrace and show open-mindedness toward the depraved and perverted lustings and lifestyles of the sodomite community!

YES, IT IS HAPPENING NOW PARENT! The Daily Telegraph of 19th December 2017 carried the headline:



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"Children to be taught transgender issues in sex education lessons". That newspaper is considered one of the more conservative publications, yet it carries this article.

WAKEN UP PARENT AND STOP YOUR EARS TO THE DECEITFUL DRUMMING OF THE DEVIL'S AGENTS!

Your children are in grave danger. I trust you are not too late to act for their salvation and deliverance from that danger.

### III. DEATH IS THE OUTCOME FOR THOSE OFFERED TO MOLECH AND IT WILL BE THE OUTCOME FOR MANY OF THE CHILDREN OF TODAY'S CHRISTIANS.

To remove from a child the plain truth of God's Word and replace it with the poisonous lies of the world can only lead to death!

Here is what God says to us all!

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates," Deuteronomy 6:4-9. Do you think that God is there saying that the ONLY place you don't need to display prominently My Word is in the school classroom! Many Christian parents act as if that is what God said.

To deprive your child of God's Word will bring about most assuredly a death eternally more dreadful than were you to deny them food and water! The Lord Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," John 14:6. Furthermore, He said: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand," John 10:27-28.

Replace Him with evolution, today's immorality and licentiousness and what will be the result? It is dreadfully simple. "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him," John 3:36. "How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him," Hebrews 2:3.

Children will neglect that which they have been taught to despise as the state system obviously, in teaching them the modern notions and perversions of men, must do! You cannot instigate today's sinfulness without the rejection of God's righteousness.

The outcome of that is most dreadful!

"He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God," Hebrews 10:28-31.

Dear Christian parent, act now and endeavour to do all you can to preserve the eternal wellbeing of your child and place them under the instruction of God's Word in a good Christian school.

Follow the example of the mothers whose actions are recorded in Mark 10:13-16.

"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that



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brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."

You will not be placing your child in the arms of Christ by taking them along to a state school. Rather, I tell you you are placing them in the hands of a modern Molech where it is likely they will perish!

Perhaps I could conclude by addressing an impression that some might think I am trying to make. I do not say that the Christian School is the infallible means of seeing a child brought to Christ. After forty years of involvement in Christian education to a greater or lesser degree, I know with sorrow that it is not so.

Though, when I admit this, I admit no more failure than has ever been manifested amongst the human instrumentality God has employed in carrying on His work. Because there was a Judas amongst the apostles is not cause for rejecting the message of the apostles any more than because people die in hospital who went there to be cured therefore we should abandon the use of hospitals. The proponent of such a notion would receive short shrift were he to canvass it abroad on the streets of the land!

Christian Education has had its failures as has every good gospel preaching church its hypocrites and false professions. None of us, however, would for a minute believe that such failures are grounds for quitting preaching or deriding gospel evangelism!

No more should the failures of schools be grounds for the deriding of them. Just as we would all believe that getting a sinner to a gospel meeting will enhance the possibility of his conversion so getting a child under a syllabus born from the Bible will improve the prospects of that child coming to Christ. Surely such thinking is akin to the thinking of those who carried their friend to the house where the Saviour was? "And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house. And straightway many were gathered together, insomuch that there was no room to receive them, no, not so much as about the door: and he preached the word unto them. And they come unto him, bringing one sick of the palsy, which was borne of four. And when they could not come nigh unto him for the press, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed wherein the sick of the palsy lay," Mark 2:1-4. They correctly thought that it best to get their sick friend to the place where Christ was to be found.

So it is with Christian Education. We strive to make it a 'house' where Jesus is to be found of children.

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