

"Irrelevant Aliens"

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TEXT:

Ps 69:

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, and an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up; and the reproaches of them that reproached thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach.

11 I made sackcloth also my garment; and I became a proverb to them.

12 They that sit in the gate speak against me; and I was the song of the drunkards.

13 ¶ But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O LORD, in an acceptable time: O God, in the multitude of thy mercy hear me, in the truth of thy salvation.

- 1947 Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash
- AREA 51 1984: Nearly 89,000 acres of land is seized to push the border of restricted land far from the base.

War of the Worlds:

• The radio play was a clever modernization of the original story. At 8 p.m., Oct. 30, 1938, faux music program began, only to be interrupted by melodramatic news updates, accented by sound effects and music.

Heb 11:13

These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

1Pe 2:11

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

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- At Relevant, we feel that it's our responsibility to "clear the way" for you to come to church. We want you to be able to experience the great music, encouraging messages, friendly people and enjoyable atmosphere that are a part of Relevant.
- Welcome. We hope you'll join us for a weekend service to see for yourself what we're about. Through drama, multi-media presentations, contemporary music, and practical messages, we present the ageless truths of the Bible in a format that's easy to understand, even if you've never been to church.
 - 1. Dress casual. Most people wear casual weekend attire. Jeans are just fine as are shorts.
 - 2. Go to the auditorium and pick up a program on your way in. The program will tell you all about our church. Inside the program will be a Connection Card, message notes so you can follow along with the teaching and an offering envelope. The offering envelope is for those who call Relevant home, so don't

feel obligated to give until you feel comfortable.

Another Relevant Church says this:

- The service will begin with some upbeat music, followed by a formal welcome and a time of sharing stories of how God has impacted the lives of some people that week. Then someone will offer a prayer, and the Pastor (or another speaker) will begin the message. The Pastor will generally speak for about 30 minutes, and do his best to be as real and transparent as possible as he shares Biblical messages pertinent to today's life. At the close of the service, The Pastor will offer those in attendance the opportunity to receive Christ into their heart.
- I sat for several moments in preparation for this message watching on the church website the Pastor of Relevant Church which by the way is Pastor Rob. And for a moment I thought maybe it was going to be a stand up comedy or something of the sort. Here the so called Pastor in a short sleeve polo shirt sitting on the edge of a bar stool. Casual preacher preaching a casual message, to a casual church, talking about a Powerful God they have no idea about.
- It reminds me of Mars hill. They are worshipping an unknown God.
- Multi million dollar building and service once a week. Cell groups in between.
- I still believe in Church!
 - Heb 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

 Ministry Pastor's? Music, Youth, Ladies, Outreach...ect. Only One.
 - Eze 37:24 And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.
 - Ec 12:11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails fastened by the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.
- These so called Worship pastors and Sr. and Jr. Pastors showing up in Hawaiian shirts and Chinos looking GQ with there Rolex on and gold rings. I was always curious what GQ stood for and I head someone say it means GONE QUEER.

WE HAVE TO REALIZE THAT WE SERVE A GREAT GOD WHO IS NOT INTRESTED IN CASUALLY CHANGING YOUR LIFE IN A CASUAL COFFEE DRINKING DONUT EATING MILK TOAST PATTY CAKE FOR JESUS RELEAVENT CHURCH!

Let me show you how irrelevant, un-casual, and extra ordinary my God is:

- He shows up at an ordinary wedding serving ordinary wine and takes water and makes it extra ordinary
- He shows up at an unpopular well to talk with unpopular woman about an unpopular lifestyle and brings an irrelevant solution called salvation.
- He finds the blind man and instead of being relevant and gouging His own eyes out just to make the man comfortable so he does not feel secluded and different Jesus instead makes him like Him in that he can see.
- He pulls upon the shore of the Gadarenes and instead of becoming relevant and tearing off His clothes and running back to the caves with the demonic, He does something so crazy and out of this world and irrelevant and extra ordinary and foreign that even the local towns people can't handle it because the Bible says that they sent Him away and refused Him. Jesus actually had the gall to rebuke the spirits in the man (talk about irrelevant!) and put his right mind back in him and then clothed him.
- That right there tells me that holiness in dress is important. Only those that are in there right mind cover there nakedness.
- He takes the sick, lame, deaf, dumb, blind, and dead and changes them physically and spiritually to be whole like Him.
- The problem with the "church world" today is it wants to relate to the world instead of bringing the sinner to the cross and letting the world be like Jesus. They want the colored lights, the rock and punk music, the casual un holy dress, the be comfortable don't push anyone out of shape relevant attitude of the world and throw God in ever now and then and expect a transformation in people.
- I still say that rock, punk, grudge, pop, country, rap and any other kind of music know matter under what guise it appears to be, if you can't understand the words and they are not uplifting to God it should still be foreign to

you.

- We are not of this world and therefore should not be listening to the music and lyrics of a strange land. We are aliens and our music is not relevant to this world.
- The "relevant church" wants the sinner to have a smooth comfortable transition into the church.
- Since when did conviction become comfortable, since when did preaching become comfortable, since when did transformation become comfortable. Since when did tears, snot, and travailing become comfortable?

Def. Of Transformation:

• an operation that converts (as by deletion, insertion, or permutation) That don't sound comfortable to me.

Permu tation:

• often major or fundamental change (as in character or condition) based primarily on rearrangement of existent elements

God told Ezekiel to preach to the Children of Israel during there backslidden state in

- Eze 44:7 In that ye have brought into my sanctuary strangers, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant because of all your abominations.
- False teachers, preachers, evangelist, pastors, singers, and entertainers no matter how luring to the un-churched there act, or drama, program, or message may seem they do not belong in an Apostolic pulpit.
- If they are not one God, tongue talking, water baptizing, holy living, people they should never step foot on our platforms.
- These relevant churches boast that when you walk in to there service you will get no surprises because at the door you will get a program showing you exactly what is going to happen. I am sorry but I can't be relevant like that. Because you see when the Spirit of God begins to move I can't tell you what might happen.
- I love this passage of scripture and have preached from it many times:

Mark 2:1

¶ And again he entered into Capernaum after some days; and it was noised that he was in the house.

2 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.

- I don't find any where in this passage of Scripture where it says when the relevant mega church pastor or the Zion black light signers, or the world famous athlete, or latest hip hop Christian band was noised that they were in the house!
- No, no, no, no, NO! It was when Jesus entered and when folks found out He was in the House. They packed out the place.
- The world is not looking for a church that looks like them and acts like them. They are looking for a place where He is! They are looking for a change.
- You don't have to have great speakers like Bro. Alvear, Bro. Stewart, Bro. Mark Morgan, Bro. Booker, Bro. T. F. Tinny, Bro. Blankenship, or Bro. Arnold to have revival and pack out the house!
- You can have Pastor Jones or even Bro. Davis and as long as somebody invites Jesus you can pack the house out. But HE is the Key.
- I am going to even step out and say that you don't even have to advertise or preach on T.V. to get a packed house. You just have to get Jesus to show up!
- I am an alien today. A sojourner through a land that is foreign to me. I don't won't to adopt this strange world's customs, I don't want to partake of this strange world's entertainment, I don't want to adopt there dress and music
- You see this world is ran by Satan himself. Don't look at me like that I have proof.
 - Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:
- That's why we have to create an atmosphere of praise and worship EVERY TIME when we get together.

Because the atmosphere of this world is the enemy's. We can't afford to play church anymore.

Everyone say Atmosphere.

- An atmosphere creates a feeling.
- Now there are some things you can do in certain atmospheres that you don't do in other atmospheres.
- There are some things that you want to do in certain atmospheres that you done want to do in other atmospheres.
- There are some things you want to do in the club, at a party, or at a sports event that you don't want to do in church.
- SO if Satan was in charge of the atmosphere in heaven and now he is kicked down to earth he is still doing the atmosphere thing. He is the prince.
- Now after an atmosphere has been a certain way for so long it becomes predictable. And once an atmosphere becomes predictable it becomes a climate.

Everyone say CLIMATE!

- Now everyone knows you can't grow oranges in Alaska...Right?
- They just aren't going to grow. WHY?
- Because the climate is wrong? WHY?
- Because the atmosphere stays predictable, it becomes a climate. And after that climate gets really predictable that climate becomes a stronghold.

Everyone say STRONGHOLD!

- So now we should understand that when you go places you shouldn't go and people are doing things in these places they shouldn't be doing, dressing ways they shouldn't be dressing, saying things they shouldn't say, drinking things they shouldn't be drinking, listening to music they shouldn't listen to.
- You have to understand that the atmosphere is very predictable. And I can pretty much tell you what is going to end up happening.
 - You see you can't look at it from the natural you must look at it from the spiritual. Satan is a spiritual being.
 - So once you understand the atmosphere, the climate, and then you understand the concept of the stronghold you find out that there are certain things you are doing because the atmosphere is conducive to that.
 - I don't want to become a professional Pentecostal. I don't want to become a charismatic! I don't want to become relevant to this world!
 - I want to be relevant to the Word of God. What we need is praying churches, fasting churches, witnessing churches, anointed churches, revival churches! WE need to hold on to our first love.
 - Why don't we start today and create an atmosphere of old time Pentecost that takes us to a climate so high that the snake of this world is afraid to slither to. Why don't we come this morning and let God put a stronghold of faith and revival around our heritage.