

## And In Other News...

# Desmond Tutu Says He Would Rather Go to Hell than to a “Homophobic Heaven”

Tragically, Unless He Repents He Will Get His Wish...

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Notorious South African Anglican archbishop, Desmond Tutu, should more correctly be called the Anglican arch-heretic for his various heretical statements, such as the following: “It may be that Jesus was an illegitimate son”;<sup>1</sup> “The Holy Spirit is not limited to the Christian Church... The Holy Spirit shines through [Gandhi]”;<sup>2</sup> and, “Thank God I am black. White people will have a lot to answer for at the last judgment.”<sup>3</sup> And his support for the diabolical heresy known as “liberation theology” (religious Communism), which brought such suffering and misery to South Africa, earned him the nickname of the “Red Bishop”. Just some of his statements in support of Communism and the terrorist revolution: “One young man with a stone in his hands can achieve far more than I can with a dozen sermons”;<sup>4</sup> “Unless America puts pressure on South Africa... the only way forward is to overthrow the government by force”;<sup>5</sup> “Imagine what would happen if only 30 percent of [black] domestic servants [in white households] would poison their employers’ food”;<sup>6</sup> “If the Russians were to come to South Africa, most blacks would welcome them as saviours”;<sup>7</sup> and, “I am a Socialist. I hate Capitalism.”<sup>8</sup>

Yet if all this were not enough, his latest statements have once again revealed how far he is from the kingdom of heaven, when in July 2013 he stated publicly that he would rather go to hell than to a “homophobic heaven” or worship a “homophobic God.”

He was speaking at the launch of a UN-backed campaign in South Africa to promote “gay rights”.

*“I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven,” he said. “No, I would say sorry, I mean I would much rather go to the other place.” And: “I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this.”*<sup>9</sup>

And this was not the first time he said such a thing. In a 2007 radio interview with the BBC, Tutu said, “If God, as they say, is homophobic, I wouldn’t worship that God.” And that same year in Kenya he made this statement: “I am deeply disturbed that in the face of some of the most horrendous problems facing Africa, we concentrate on ‘what do I do in bed with whom’.”<sup>10</sup>

This is a man, *claiming* to be a minister of Christ (although he certainly is not a *true* Christian minister), who is in his 80s and is therefore standing on the brink of eternity, and will in a few short years at most be called to appear before the sovereign God of all creation and give an account for his words and deeds (2 Cor. 5:10); and yet, even with eternity stretching before him, he dares to make such blasphemous remarks and to insult the glorious Being who made him, and who will judge him!

Tutu’s Anglican institution is not a true Christian church, of course. It is filled with unregenerate men and women who fight and rebel against all kinds of doctrines and practices in the Word of God and yet dare to call themselves “Christians.” It is a religious monstrosity, a vile disgrace, and should be shunned with contempt by all who love the Lord and His holy Word. Tutu is not the only religious deceiver in its ranks – not by a long shot – but even in an institution notorious for its charlatans, heretics, Bible-deniers, and haters of all righteousness, Tutu’s latest statements surely rank among the most diabolical (and I use this word deliberately) of all.

His first great error in uttering these latest statements, one with consequences so dreadful to his soul that it makes one tremble just to contemplate them, is that he presumes the gates of heaven will even be opened to him in his present state. What a dreadful shock awaits him, unless God grants him the gifts

of repentance and faith before he dies! As things stand now, one millisecond after his eyes close in death he will realise just how deceived on this point he was – but then it will be too late (Lk. 16:26). Eternity, a never-ending existence to be spent in the torments of hell along with all who die in their sins, including the sodomites whose filthy lifestyle he loves more than the holy character of God most high (1 Cor. 6:9,10), will stretch before him, without mercy, without mitigation, without end.

And his second great error: that this puny human being (as we all are), this proud and irreverent individual, bobbing about in his effeminate priestly robes and always giggling like a silly schoolgirl, dares to think that as he departs this world and stands before the Majesty on high, he will be able to hold up his hand and say to the thrice-holy God, “I refuse to be taken into the glories of heaven. I prefer to go down to hell.” Just how spiritually blind must a man be to make statements like these? One, moreover, who dares to claim to be a shepherd of souls? How far removed such a man is from the true shepherds described in God’s Word, who feed the flock of God with the pure Word of God, who set an example to the flock, and who will receive a crown of glory from the Chief Shepherd when He appears (1 Pet. 5:1-4).

As for his statement that we should not be concerned about what one does in bed with whom: *Tutu* may not care, but the Lord God Almighty certainly does! He who made them at the beginning male and female (Matt. 19:4-6), He who rained fire and brimstone on Sodom for its sodomy (Gen. 19), certainly cares what men and women, His creations, do in bed with whom! Homosexuality and lesbianism are described in His Word as “vile affections”, “uncleanness”, “dishonouring their own bodies between themselves”, “changing the natural use into that which is against nature”, “working that which is unseemly” (see Rom. 1:24-27). Yes indeed, the Lord God is deeply concerned with who does what in bed with whom!

Here is a man who has, by these statements, publicly declared his loathing for the sovereign God of the Bible, and his desire to spend eternity as far removed from that great, good, and holy God as he can get. And truly, truly, unless *Tutu* repents and calls upon the Lord Jesus Christ to save his sinful soul, *he will get his wish*: he will indeed drop into the hell he prefers to the heaven he has spurned. He won’t have to refuse to go to heaven, as if it’s up to him – as things stand now, he is bound for hell anyway, the sodomite-friendly hell he has declared he will feel more comfortable in. Those who die in their sins, rebels against God and His Word, would never be at home in the glories of heaven even if they could go there. Hell is their natural home, for their enmity against God does not cease at death. As the Scripture declares, “He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still” (Rev. 22:11); “if the tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there it shall be” (Eccl. 11:3). If a man dies a rebel against God, a rebel against God he remains into eternity. Hell is not a reformatory; there is no change of his nature after death. Love for God does not suddenly sprout in a soul after death. In hell there is wailing and gnashing of teeth (Matt. 13:42,50) – yes, gnashing with rage against the God of heaven.

*Tutu* was doubtless given a high profile in the “Gay Rights” campaign because the sodomite movement and its supporters well know the importance of religion in the stance taken either for or against sodomite “rights”. In a very religious country like South Africa, sodomite “rights” are not well-received, so that even though South Africa has one of the most liberal constitutions in the world which is extremely favourable to sodomites, the South African population does not, for the most part, favour sodomy. For this reason, “*Tutu* stressed the importance of the potential role of religious leaders” at the launch of the UN campaign. And this is what he said: “Just because it’s in the Bible, doesn’t mean it’s true.”<sup>11</sup> In other words, whatever the Bible says about sodomy, it doesn’t matter, because it isn’t necessarily true.

This is *Tutu*’s view of the Holy Scriptures, which were given by divine inspiration. But where, oh where, are we to find truth if not from the mouth of God? We are then at the mercy of religious wolves in sheep’s clothing like *Tutu*, who will tell us that *they* are the wise ones, *they* have superior wisdom, they are even wiser than God and can correct His Word for us. Oh how we should tremble when we contemplate such arrogance! A puny, mortal man, whose every breath is in the hands of the most high

God, presuming to sit in judgment over the Word of God and say in His very presence, “God did not say this, and He did not say that, and if He perhaps said this or that I would not worship Him!” Such prating fools (Prov. 10:8) come along and say to other men, while they parade their feeble learning before the masses: “Just trust us. We will teach you the truth. We will tell you which parts of the Bible you can believe, and which parts you must set aside. We will be your guides, your teachers, your spiritual gurus. You can trust us. Would *we* lead you astray? *God* may lead you astray if you follow His Word too closely, but don’t worry – *we* will always be there to provide you with the guidance you need, for we have the wisdom and learning to know what’s what. Just trust us...”

To these religious wolves in sheep’s clothing (Matt. 7:15) we say: Bible-believing Christians will never commit the eternal welfare of their souls into the hands of mere men, fallible human beings like themselves, who seek to set themselves up as the priests of a god of their own making and lead their equally blind followers along the broad way that leads to destruction (Matt. 7:13). No, we will continue to follow that narrow way that leads to life (Matt. 7:14), for Christ, who is the way (Jn. 14:6), has opened our hearts, our eyes and our ears, and we hear the Good Shepherd’s voice, and will not listen to the siren-voices of strangers (Jn. 10:3-5). They be blind leaders of the blind; and if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch (Matt. 15:14).

To those who would follow such false religious leaders, ask yourselves the following questions: am I willing to entrust the destiny of my never-dying soul to the mere opinion of a mortal, fallible man, or will I believe the Word of the living God, the One who created heaven but also hell (Matt. 25:41)? Should I believe Desmond Tutu when he declares that not all the Bible is true, or the Lord Jesus Christ who said in prayer to God His Father, “Thy Word is truth” (Jn. 17:17); for “all Scripture is given by inspiration of God” (2 Tim. 3:16)? Am I really willing to anchor the eternal future of my soul to the words of a very fallible human being, who claims that there is nothing sinful about homosexuality and that the kingdom of God would have to be sodomite-friendly or it would not truly be heaven, or will I pay heed to the Word of the living God which condemns homosexuality and lesbianism in very strong language (Rom. 1:26,27), and states categorically that sodomites will not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9,10)?

Is Desmond Tutu really so great, so wise, so knowing, that you are willing to stake your eternal future on his say-so? If such is your case, then you are foolish indeed. Your precious soul is worth more than that! So much more. “What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” said the Lord Jesus (Matt. 16:26). There is no price to be put on it. Nothing you have is more valuable. And when you stand before the all-holy Judge of all the earth one day, it will profit you nothing to plead, “I listened to Desmond Tutu! He told me heaven would be a ‘gay-friendly’ place!” You will hear those dreadful words, and they will echo in your ears in the regions of the damned for all eternity: “Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels!” (Matt. 25:41).

But there is good news! After writing that “the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God”, and, “Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind... shall inherit the kingdom of God”, Paul the apostle, by divine inspiration, added these wonderful words: “And such *were* some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God” (1 Cor. 6:9-11)! Yes, he was writing to Christians and he told them in no uncertain terms that homosexuals would not inherit the kingdom of God – meaning if they died as such; but he then acknowledged that there were those within the Church who once had been homosexuals, and adulterers, and all the rest, but the Lord had mercy on them, and saved them! They were now washed in Christ’s blood, made holy, justified by Christ’s imputed righteousness! No longer were they homosexuals – they were now “new creatures” in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17).

This is wonderful news indeed! There is forgiveness with the Saviour! There is full and complete salvation for every sinner, including every sodomite, who comes with a contrite heart, a broken heart, to the feet of the Saviour, truly repents of his sin, and by faith receives Christ as Lord and Saviour (Acts 2:38; Acts 16:31). While there is yet breath in his body, it is not too late for Desmond Tutu himself. “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15) – this was His great mission.

But after death? – then there is no hope for any who die in their sins, without Christ: “it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). Come, then! Come now. “The way of life is above to the wise, that he may depart from hell beneath” (Prov. 15:24). Desmond Tutu has publicly declared his willingness to rather drop into hell than go to a holy God in heaven. Is sin and abomination so precious to you that you would want to do the same? Come to Christ Jesus the Lord, and be saved from your sins! “He that cometh to me,” Jesus said, “I will in no wise cast out” (Jn. 6:37).

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