Sir - On Saturday June 2 a protest was held outside Central Hall in Westminster by Dr ES Williams, Enoch Burke and others from the UK and Ireland. John Piper had been invited to speak at the London Men’s Convention by Richard Coekin, Director of Co-Mission. Piper was the main speaker at the event, with standard ticket prices set at £35.

The protest consisted of several posters, as well as distribution of literature explaining the concerns around John Piper. One poster read “Not Hedonism, but Holiness ‘without which no man shall see the Lord’ – Hebrews 12:14.” Further posters featured the book covers of two books recently published refuting John Piper: Christian Hedonism: A biblical examination of John Piper’s teaching by Dr ES Williams and The Pied Piper: Is John Piper and New Calvinism Destroying the Church by Enoch Burke. Copies of these books were distributed without charge by the authors throughout the day.

Prior to the morning session hundreds of men filed past the protest at the entrance to Central Hall and received a leaflet by Dr ES Williams, outlining the false doctrine laced throughout Piper’s teaching. Several attendees tore up or binned the leaflet and were aggressive in their response to the protest. However, many good conversations were had with others, who confessed that, although attending the conference, they had doubts regarding Piper. One man, on learning about the errors of Piper’s teaching, was greatly upset that his pastor had asked him to attend the convention.

If all Christians and church leaders would faithfully investigate the teachings of such men, there would be perhaps far less attendance at such conferences. How much better to be wise here on earth, knowing that “all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do” (Heb. 4:13).

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