

# PROTEST AGAINST 'CHRISTIAN HEDONIST' JOHN PIPER

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.

The presence of John Piper in London was a cause for concern to many Christians. Piper's preaching of "Christian hedonism" has been accompanied by a

rapid rise in worldliness among church-goers. Unbeknown to many across the British Isles, his influence has led to a change in attitudes towards sexual sin, Christian holiness and Christian witness in the public square. Piper's "Christian hedonism" is an unbiblical and destructive teaching, replacing the demands of God with the single claim that the Christian is to seek maximum pleasure in God. Piper is also ambiguous on Rome and adopts an ecumenical attitude towards dialogue and discussion. In 2013, he referred to the Pope as a "teacher of the church" and he has called Mother Teresa a "tireless old Catholic servant of God."

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 re-

garding 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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