

away from the law of God. The impact and the significance of this can be seen when the clear teachings of holy Scripture are emphasized.

1. The Bible says each of us shall give an account of himself to God. Every individual, therefore, must be free to serve God, for God is his judge. The Civil Rights Bill reaches out and places the hand of the Federal government over an area of the private lives and responsibility of the citizens never before placed on the law books of the nation. An area where the individual has been accountable to God is now taken away and he is made accountable to the State, particularly the Attorney General's office and the enforcement power given to the Federal authorities. In a law which does not define discrimination, the charges of discrimination under the statute may be raised by anyone. A large army of snoopers will develop in which all manner of activity may be pointed against an individual. Revenge may be taken through these channels. Intimidation, harassment, and false accusation will be used to make life miserable. Always hanging over the head of the individual will be possible action by the Federal government against him for an alleged discrimination. The individual is becoming more and more responsible to Washington and a centralized bureaucratic authority and no longer is he left free to serve his God. This is the heart of the problem.

2. The Apostle Peter said, *"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage"* (2 Pet. 2:19).

It was the so-called Negro Freedom Movement and the promise of liberty to the Negro that was used to bring all the citizens, including the Negro, into new bondage. And those who

did the promising were themselves the servants of this bondage. They wanted this kind of state to be developed. The promise of freedom, which is going to restrict the liberty of everyone is the road to slavery not to liberty. It is down this road that the civil rights promoters are actually leading the American people. A control is being substituted for the individual's private judgment and the liberty which he formerly had to choose his associates and to run his own business. In both the areas of public accommodation and so-called fair employment practices liberty is being destroyed. The last thing that the American people can afford to lose is liberty.

3. *"Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets"* (Matt. 7:12). During the debate before the Senate, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey of Minnesota, floor leader for the bill, actually quoted the Golden Rule and claimed that this legislation would implement this teaching of the Bible. But Jesus Christ did not give this teaching of the Bible to the State to implement or to enforce; it was a command to the individual. The idea, however, that the State and the structure of society will compel men to be good as the party defines that goodness represents an entirely different philosophy and concept of government from that which is written in the Constitution and especially in the Bible, for the individual.

This is the idea that the Communists have. They are creating Paradise by their socialism!

For example, the Russian Baptists, in their praise of the Soviet government on the occasion of the 40th anniversary, as it is reported on page one of the Baptist *Brotherly Messenger*, November 6, 1957, were "thankful and praise God that the Soviet government during the course of the past 40 years has acted according to the high

ideals precious to Christianity, for these are also the high ideals inherent in the Gospel and taught by Jesus Christ." They insisted, "A fellowship is daily built up in the USSR which in all areas of life is recreating the righteousness of the Kingdom of God."

This simply carries to fulfillment the new concept of government that the so-called Civil Rights Bill is giving to the American people.

4. The Apostle John wrote: *"Not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk in it"* (2 John 5, 6). But the new revolutionary approach has the government do the loving for us and it sets the "structure of love" into which we must all fit.

The ordinary American does not realize the full impact of this approach. Many are deceived. In Communist Hungary, Bishop Tibor Bartha, as reported in the *Hungarian Church Press*, May 15, 1964, spoke before the Patriotic Peoples Front, the Communist organization of the land, of the "fulfillment of the Great Commandment of love. . . . Since our Liberation in the bosom of the new social order, a new way of implementing our love of men and of our country have opened up before us. We have recognized that the new social order actually serves the good of men inasmuch as it makes up for the failures of past centuries and has created a happier and more humane pattern of life for our much-suffered people." And he added, "We are grateful to God for the leadership that knows only one goal; the good of the people."

This is the church praising the Communist order because it is an order of love; the structure fulfills the "Great Commandment," and there is