

Caterpillar's 'soft answer' turns away Methodist wrath

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The United Methodist Church has decided to withdraw its decision to divest from [Caterpillar](#), which manufactures earth-moving equipment that has been used by Israel to demolish the homes of Palestinian suicide bombers. The denomination was planning to divest its \$5 million worth of shares from the firm as a way of indirectly punishing Israel for its 'oppression' of the Palestinian people. But the United Methodists have decided not to divest from Caterpillar following an announcement from the company that they do not condone the illegal or immoral use of any of their equipment and expect their customers to use their products in ways that respect human rights and international humanitarian law. A statement released by the United Methodist Church reveals just how much contempt they have for the Jewish state...

Quote: *"Caterpillar equipment, fitted with armored plating, is used by Israeli Defense Forces to destroy Palestinian homes, orchards and olive groves in the Occupied Territories, and to clear Palestinian land for illegal Israeli settlements, segregated roads and the separation barrier," UMC noted in a statement. The denomination has about \$5 million of its estimated \$17 billion pension portfolio invested in Caterpillar stock, according to a press release on the UMC website.*

Not one word of condemnation for Palestinian terrorism... The only homes Israel has destroyed are those belonging to Palestinian suicide bombers, and those being used for the transportation of weapons across the Gaza border. This present Israeli government has actually refused to demolish hundreds of illegal Palestinian settlements in Judea and Samaria. And as for segregated roads and the separation barrier, these have prevented an untold number of terrorist attacks on Israeli civilians. In their statement, it seems that the United Methodist Church is trying to portray Israel as a racist, apartheid state, when in reality it is the Palestinian Authority and Hamas that are the ones who are racist and apartheid. The only Jew left in the Gaza Strip is being held hostage by an illegal terrorist organization, and you can be assured that no Jews will be permitted to enter a future Palestinian state. Yet Arabs living in Israel still have more freedoms than those living in any other Islamic state in the Middle East.

The Bible warns us that in the last days, men would possess a form of godliness but would deny the power of it, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ (2nd Timothy 2:3-5). In other words, in the last days there will be people who will have a certain morality about them, but their morality will not be Christ-centred. And today, many of these liberal denominations are replacing the Bible's absolute moral authority with the Christ-less morality of the world. You don't need to look very far to see how the world's standards of morality have crept into our churches. Just look at some of the recent statements made by the leaders of the Episcopal Church USA. They, along with several other mainstream denominations, have publicly praised a man who has called for the Jewish state to be [wiped off the map](#). They have denied the Lord that

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bought them, in stating that Jesus Christ is

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(John 14:6). They have said that the Lord created

[homosexuality](#)

, making God the author of sin. And they have denied the Father and the Son, in praying to God in the

[feminine](#)

form (1st John 2:22). This is the world's standard of morality. As you can see, compared to God's standard, it is utterly depraved. When the Church starts adhering the world's standard of morality, you know what the outcome must be...

2nd Peter 2:1-3

But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves **swift destruction**. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

There is no doubt we are now living in the age of Laodicea, of which church the Lord had not one single word of commendation for (Revelation 3:14-22). But let us not be followers of men, but let us be followers of Jesus Christ, that we be not ashamed at His coming.

Philippians 3:17-20

Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample. (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.) For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ:

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