

## Same Sex Marriage Will Bring God's Judgement

'If a man lies with a man, as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood will be upon their own head' (Leviticus 20:13).

'I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Jesus. It is the power of God for salvation for everyone who believes; for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. In it is revealed God's righteousness from faith to faith. As it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known of God is revealed in them, for God revealed it to them. The invisible things of God since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even His everlasting power and divinity so that they may be without excuse. Because knowing God, they did not glorify him as God, neither gave thanks, but became vain in their reasoning and their senseless heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools and traded the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, animals and creeping things. Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness so that their bodies should be dishonoured among themselves who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever, Amen. For this reason, God gave them up to vile passions. Their women changed the natural function into that which is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural function of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another, men doing what is inappropriate with men, and receiving in themselves the due consequences of their sin. Even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness ... hateful to God ... without natural affection ... who know the ordinance of God, that is, those who practice such things are worthy of death, and they not only do the same, but also approve of those who practice them' (Romans 1:16 to 32).

These are very strong words the Lord God has written for all of mankind. God has literally given some people up to their own evil practices. All who practice homosexuality, according to God, are only worthy of eternal death, unless they repent, give up their evil ways and turn to God. Every person on earth has knowledge of God because He has put that knowledge in everyone, so the people who practice sin are without excuse. Anyone who says there is no God is a fool and is corrupt (Psalm 14:1; 53:1). All sexual sin is evil in God's eyes, but homosexuality is the worst. 'Flee from all sexual immorality. Any other sin that a person commits is one outside the body, but they who commits sexual immorality sins against their own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which you have from God? You are not your own, you were bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your Spirit, which are God's' (1 Corinthians 6:18 to 20). Sexual immorality is the one and only sin, where the sin is against one's own body, which should be treated as the temple of the Holy Spirit and should not be defiled. All other sins are outside the body. That is scripture! That is what God says and we are not ashamed of the Gospel of salvation, nor are we ashamed to teach it according to the Word of God. If anyone has any doubt that God hates homosexuality and all other sexual sin, and will reject those who practice such behaviour they only need to read the Bible.

'Whoever commits any of these abominations shall be cut off from among his people. So keep My commandment: do not practice any of these abominable customs. Do not defile yourselves with them. I am the Lord your God' (Leviticus 18:29 & 30). 'For the sexually impure and homosexuals, those who abuse themselves with men...' (1 Timothy 1:10) ... 'Be sure of this: that no sexually impure person ... has any inheritance in the Kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) ... He who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap decay, but he who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit, reap eternal life' (Galatians 6:8). God is not 'old-fashioned'. God laid these laws down thousands of years ago and He does not change. 'For I, the Lord do not change' (Malachi 3:6). What was an abomination to Him thousands of years ago is an abomination to Him today. It is mankind who has to change to fit in with God, not the other way around.

'We must not gratify lust and indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did – and 23,000 fell dead in a single day' (1 Corinthians 10:8). God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. He would rather that the wicked turn from his way and live for eternity, rather than die spiritually and spend eternity in the lake of fire. God says, "Turn back. Turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die?" (Ezekiel 33:11). God is literally calling out to turn those away from their evil lifestyle so they can live with Him forever. God, our heavenly Father, loves everybody but hates the sin and will punish those who indulge in such things unless they turn to God, change their ways, stop the sin and then He will forgive them and welcome them into His Kingdom. God will restore their lives as long as they turn from the sin. If they continue in their sin, it will keep them

away from God and thus out of heaven. 'The Lord is slow to anger and great in power and will by no means clear the guilty' (Nahum 1:3). So if anyone is indulging in any homosexuality, and everyone knows it is sin, they need to stop it, repent, tell God they are sorry and ask Him to clean them up from the heart. When He has done that, they will not want to do those things any more. The desire to be like that will wash away. God does not want anyone to perish; (that means to go to a lost eternity) He wants everyone to go to heaven but people will not go to heaven if they continue living a debauched lifestyle. That is what Jesus came for; to love, save, forgive and restore lives. Remember this; God the Father loved us before we loved Him (1 John 4:19). God is long-suffering and patient toward us, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). God loves the sinner but He hates the sin. God loves the individuals who practice such things, but He hates their sin. Unless the sinner repents, they will be judged according to the Word of God and eternally punished on Judgement Day.

Homosexuality is such an abomination to God, there is no possible way He would ever call on such an evil person to be a minister. How can any church allow a homosexual person to be a priest when the office of a priest is a holy calling before the Lord? People who do these things are not sincere Christians. God expects us to be holy and these sinners are not being holy before the Lord. Do they seriously think God cannot see what they are doing? Do they really believe they can get away with it? They need to remember one major thing: We will all have to stand before God on Judgement Day and give an account of what we have done in our body whether good or bad (2 Corinthians 5:10) and the homosexual life is very bad indeed. They are sinning against their own body. Remember, homosexuality is not love – it is lust of the flesh.

Jesus said, "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks on his own for he is a liar, and the father of lies. Because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me. Which of you convicts Me (Jesus) of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? He who is of God hears (and obeys) the Words of God. For this cause you do not hear, because you are not of God" (John 8:44 to 47).

One great lie from homosexuals, is that their behaviour is 'normal' or that they are 'born that way'. Nobody is born to be homosexual; they choose to be that way because they are perverted. It is not normal and they are not born that way; it is a matter of choice just as any sexual promiscuity is. God said it is their will to practice lust. Their will; their choice. They can choose to be promiscuous or they can choose to be celibate. Another great lie from homosexuals is; that more than 10% of men lean toward that perverted sexual orientation but the truth is, it is less than 1%. Why do they lie so much? Who is the father of lies? The devil is. Clearly then, they are following their father just as Jesus said. However, the number is not as important as knowing God's thoughts on the subject.

The Bible says, 'The woman shall not wear men's clothing, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all that do so are an abomination to the Lord your God' (Deuteronomy 22:5). How clear is that? Women are not to dress up to look like a man. Men are not to dress like a woman. It is an abomination to God for men to wear clothing that is designed for women, yet that is exactly what homosexuals and people who call themselves 'cross-dressers' do, and they flaunt it. The disgustingly horrible Mardi Gras is one example of mass abominations. God hates that behaviour; has strictly told people not to practice such things and one day, they will all have to face God and explain their actions. There is never an exception. When God says 'All' He means 'All' and ... 'All that do so are an abomination to the Lord your God'.

The depravity of Noah's generation was what brought about severe judgement at that time in history; indeed, the Lord destroyed every person on earth except Noah and his immediate family. The similar depravity of this generation will also bring severe judgement on those who practice such things. Genesis gives us a picture of the world in which Noah lived. 'The Lord looked upon the world and saw how corrupt it was, for all flesh had corrupted their way on the earth and lost their true direction' (Genesis 6:12).

If we look at the current world events, we can see we are living in the days prophesied by Jesus that are akin to Noah's day, and that is of great importance to us. One thing that marked that generation was homosexuality. That was one activity that helped bring down the Lord's judgement. There are some parallels between the immorality of Noah's generation and that of our generation. According to written history, in the days of Noah homosexual couples were given certificates of marriage. That is happening in the world today. Noah preached righteousness to his generation (2 Peter 2:5) but the whole population ignored Noah's warnings and continued living their depraved lives as though nothing was going to happen, just like millions of people are doing today, despite the constant preaching coming from churches all over the world. The Lord

has written the story of Noah to inform and warn us. How depraved were the people in Noah's day? Extremely. Their depravity was abhorrent almost beyond belief. Their homosexuality was rampant, worse than it is today and some marriage certificates were issued to homosexual couples, like some people want to do today. Noah's contemporaries gave little thought to worshipping their Creator, like many people today. That brought the breakdown of society.

There was rampant homosexual activity in Lot's day, but they never issued marriage certificates for homosexual people. The sins of Sodom and Gomorrah were shrieking out at the Lord. 'The Lord said, "Because the shriek of the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is exceedingly grievous, I will go down now and see whether their deeds are as bad as the reports of it which has come to Me; if not, I will know"' (Genesis 18:20).

Homosexuality is evil enough but the formal sanctioning of this abomination by allowing marriages between depraved couples is worse. God the Father ordained marriage to be holy and undefiled. The Lord created woman for the man. Marriage is the holy union that likens in type, to the pure, holy marriage supper of the Lamb of which Jesus is the Head. To defile marriage is in direct rebellion of God's divine order and rebellion brings supernatural judgement. God considers people who practice such evil as His enemies. The Bible says, 'The hand of the Lord will be revealed to be with His servants, but His indignation will be revealed to be against His enemies, for behold, the Lord will come in fire. His chariots will be like the stormy wind to render His anger with fierceness, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will the Lord execute judgment upon all flesh, and the slain of the Lord will be many' (Isaiah 66:14 to 16).

For righteous people who live today, described as the days like Noah lived, life will become increasingly difficult. Genuine believers feel like Lot did (2 Peter 2:7 to 9) and we feel 'tortured' in our souls when we see the terrible wickedness around us. One can only imagine how Noah was feeling, knowing not one person had repented. They had refused to listen to the voice of the Lord speaking through His prophet Noah. The story of Noah is not only a warning for this age; it is proof, that if mankind is left to itself and tries to live without God, we devolve into beings of lust.

It is our duty as believers to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. We must be open to hearing the voice of God even when He tells us to do something others consider to be peculiar. We need to warn people about the judgement of God. Many Christians today are too frightened to stand up for righteousness for fear of becoming unpopular. We need to have the same attitude Paul had when he wrote, 'I am not ashamed of the Gospel'. We cannot feel uneasy about sharing the only way of salvation – it is our commission; our mandate. We need to walk righteously like Noah did. Just as Noah would have endured derision in his fallen world, so we also may have to cope with derision. Not only did Noah have to tolerate open scorn, he had to openly and publicly make the ark, which was the only way of their salvation. We must not listen to the so-called 'experts' who say the universal flood was an impossibility and contrary to all laws of nature, or that homosexuality is normal, or that people are born that way. It is all a matter of choice. We must believe by faith and speak as openly as Noah did. We have to walk blamelessly before God, no matter what the cost and in due time we will be rewarded.

There is one fact we must point out. As much as we disagree with the extremes of some areas of the Moslem faith, and we are very aware of their errors, and we know that unless they repent and turn to Jesus they will be lost for eternity, they have got one thing right; they usually do not tolerate homosexuality, and wisely reject the notion of same sex marriage. Just as they have a 'no tolerance' for that depravity, how much more should Christians have the same 'no tolerance' for it, when we worship the Son of God? We need to learn to love the sinner, but we must strongly reject their sin and speak out against it.

To the foolish politicians who vote for same sex marriage, we Christians must stand up and declare: In the Name of Jesus our Saviour, stop your stupid nonsense. Do you not realise that by passing the law to allow same sex couples to marry, you are bringing God's wrath and judgement upon your country – upon the people your swore to represent? Do not pass that bill; do not allow same sex couples to marry; do not accept that same sex marriage is okay – because it is not. It is the legal sanctioning of an abomination to God, and that was the turning point in God's decision to destroy the earth with a flood. If that does not impress you, then perhaps the knowledge that next time God sends His judgement to earth, He will burn the whole earth with fire. Read once again what the Lord said to us through His prophet Isaiah; 'The hand of the Lord will be revealed to be with His servants, but His indignation will be revealed to be against His enemies, for behold, the Lord will come in fire. His chariots will be like the stormy wind to render His anger with fierceness, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by His sword will the Lord execute judgment upon all flesh, and

the slain of the Lord will be many' (Isaiah 66:14 to16). The sword in this verse means the Sword of the Word of God. 'The Sword of the Spirit, which is the spoken Word of God' (Ephesians 6:17). This Old Testament passage of scripture regarding the judgement of His enemies has corresponding verses in the New Testament.

'The heavens and the earth, by the same Word (of God) have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men ... The day of the Lord will come as suddenly as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will vanish with a great noise, and the universal elements will be dissolved with extreme heat, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up ... we are looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with extreme heat' (2 Peter 3:7, 10 & 12).

Christians, it may be possible to email or write to your politicians, local, State and Federal and voice the opinion of God. We are His mouthpiece, we are His hands, we are His people and just like Noah, we need to stand up for righteousness. There is no other sin that will bring the severe judgement down from God in the form of total destruction, like homosexuality and same sex marriage. It is in our own best interests to stand against ungodly laws like these. When somebody does turn from their evil ways, Jesus will wash away their sin. 'If we walk in the Light as Jesus is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son, cleanses us from all sin ... If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness' (1 John 1:7 & 9).

Amen and God bless you.

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