

WHEN SIN IS NO LONGER A SIN : PART ONE

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From my careful study of the Scriptures, I have identified nine major sexual sins which are prohibited by God, many of which were punishable by death in the Old Testament. These nine sins are as follows:

- Adultery - sexual infidelity while married
- Bestiality - human sex acts with animals
- Fornication - all sex outside of heterosexual marriage
- Homosexuality - men having sex with other men
- Incest - sex with another close family member
- Lesbianism - woman having sex with other women
- Prostitution - having sex for profit
- Rape - forced sex without the other's consent
- Transvestitism - cross-dressing, men as women, women as men

This is not to say that these are the only sexual sins that are found in the Bible; there may be others that are yet to be discovered; but they are definitely the most serious ones. The topic of this article concerns the sin of homosexuality, and a dire situation which has been developing in the United States of America for some time now, and elsewhere as well. However, before we delve into the main subject matter of our discussion, we need to first ask ourselves: Exactly what is the Biblical definition of sin? As I point out in some of my other articles, the Apostle John defines sin for us when he states the following in one of his Epistles:

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."

1 John 3:4, KJV

Thus we see that, according to the Holy Scriptures, sin is a transgression of the law. But exactly what does this word "transgression" mean? The Greek lexicon states that it is derived from the Greek "anomia", pronounced an-om-ee'-ah, which it defines as follows:

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- 1) the condition of without law
- 1a) because ignorant of it
- 1b) because of violating it
- 2) contempt and violation of law, iniquity, wickedness

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In other words, sin is any act which causes us to break, or to violate, the law. It is to live outside of, or without, the law; either due to ignorance of the law, or because of willful contempt for it, or disobedience to it. This word is also translated as iniquity and wickedness in the New Testament.

Perhaps some of you might be asking yourselves: "Well, what law are we talking about here? Laws vary from country to country, depending upon the culture of each nation, as well as upon the type of government in power in each country." In reality, being as this discussion revolves around the Bible, obviously, we are not talking about the laws of worldly men and governments, but rather the Law of the Bible. To be more precise, upon studying the New Testament more thoroughly, we discover that the writers are referring to the Torah; that is to say, the Levitical and Mosaic Law contained in the Old Testament. As I point out in other articles, such as in part two of "The Two Sackcloth Witnesses Of Revelation 11", the Lord and the Apostles repeatedly talked about the importance of the Law and the Prophets; which not only prophesied of our Lord's coming, but which also set the moral standard for the Israelites, just as it does for we Christians today. The following verses verify this point:

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."
Matthew 5:17, KJV

"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."
Matthew 7:12, KJV

"Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."
Matthew 22:36-40, KJV

"The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it."
Luke 16:16, KJV

"And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me."
Luke 24:44, KJV

"Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

John 1:45, KJV

"And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Ye men and brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say on."

Acts 13:15, KJV

"Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins: And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken of in the prophets; Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and perish: for I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you."

Acts 13:38-41, KJV

"But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;"

Romans 3:21, KJV

It should be clear then, that if we truly want to understand what sin is in God's sight, we must know His Law. It should also come as no surprise to us, that when the authors of the New Testament wrote about sin, their understanding was based entirely upon their knowledge of the Mosaic Law, which at that time was a very central part of life in Israel. Thus it is that John informs us that sin is a transgression, or a violation, of God's Law. Similar to John, the Apostle Paul also made it very clear that sin is defined by the Law, when he wrote the following lines:

". . . for by the law is the knowledge of sin."

Romans 3:20b, KJV

". . . Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead."

Romans 7:7b, 8, KJV

So again, we see that we define what is sin, and in fact are forced to recognize that we are sinners, by what is written in the Law. Without God's Law, defining sin, defining what is right and what is wrong, would be a much more murky issue subject to personal interpretation. What is considered sin by one person, might not be considered sin by another, but God's Law makes it perfectly clear. It plainly states "This is a sin, and this is a sin, but that is not." It gives us a definite understanding and knowledge of sin. That's why Paul tells us in the previous verses that without the knowledge of the Law, sin becomes dead.

Now, some hard-hearted people might be tempted to argue, "So does that mean that if I have never heard of the Bible, or if I have never read the Bible, or if I at least don't know what the Mosaic Law says, that I cannot be held accountable for my actions, or be found guilty of sin? Can't I just say to God, 'Well, sorry, but I didn't know'?" Absolutely not! It doesn't matter if a person is a native of some tribe lost deep in the jungles of Borneo or Brazil; in his heart, he knows what is right and what is wrong. This is because God's Law is not just written in the pages of an ancient book; it is written on the very tables of our hearts; and that makes

us inescapable, and inexcusable. It is for this very reason that the Apostle Paul also wrote:

"For there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another;)"

Romans 2:11-15, KJV

So you see, whether one is a Jew who knows the Law, or a Gentile who does not know the Law, that is, one who does not know the precise mandates of the Mosaic Law as a Law-abiding Jew would, makes no difference to God; because His Laws are written on all of our hearts; burned into our conscience; and He is no respecter of persons. We all stand before Him the same; guilty; because absolutely no one can keep every single mandate of the Mosaic Law; and that is why we need Jesus. As the Apostles James and Paul also wrote:

"For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all."

James 2:10, KJV

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;"

Romans 3:23, KJV

So to reiterate my point, God's Law is like the ever-present voice of our conscience, which is constantly trying to steer us in the right direction; and whenever we disobey His Law which is written upon our hearts, it is quick to let us know that we are guilty, and that we need to repent. We have all felt this, have we not? It is for this reason, that after we have done wrong, after we have committed some sin, we begin to feel paranoid; we begin to feel very uncomfortable; and we hope that our sins will remain hidden; but what does God's Word tell us? Consider these verses:

". . . behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out."

Numbers 32:23b, KJV

"For his eyes are upon the ways of man, and he seeth all his goings."

Job 34:21, KJV

"O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee."

Psalms 69:5, KJV

"The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good."

Proverbs 15:3, KJV

"For there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; neither hid, that shall not be known."

Luke 12:2, KJV

"If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin."

John 15:22, KJV

"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do."

Hebrews 4:13, KJV

"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Romans 14:12, KJV

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad."
2 Corinthians 5:10, KJV

Just as Jesus exposed the sins of the Jewish Elders of His day, thus making them accountable for them, God has likewise spoken to all of us through His Law written upon our hearts, through the voice of our very own conscience. While we have indeed been found guilty of sin, we can find consolation in the fact that there is a way of escape; there is a way out; and as I explain in some of my articles on Salvation, that Way is through Jesus Christ. Please refer to some of those articles, such as "Message To The World", if you do not yet understand God's Plan of Salvation for your life.

Having now thoroughly established the importance of Biblical Law, and our relationship to God's Laws, let us address the issue of homosexuality. As I explain in my four-part series "Homosexuality And Lesbianism: To The Point", from my study of the Scriptures over the years, I have become convinced that God's Word absolutely and clearly condemns the gay and lesbian lifestyle, and views these practices as clear sexual perversions, unnatural, (or against the natural design that God created for human procreation), and outright violations, or transgressions, against His Law. Plainly stated, they are sins; they are contrary to the Natural Order which the Lord Himself established at the beginning of the world for His creations. Following is a set of verses which I've extracted from the aforementioned series, which points to these sexual aberrations as being two of the nine major sexual sins of the Bible:

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."

Leviticus 18:22, KJV

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

Leviticus 20:13, KJV

"There shall be no . . . sodomite of the sons of Israel."

Deuteronomy 23:17, KJV

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves

that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;"

Romans 1:24-28, KJV

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, NOR EFFEMINATE, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, [meaning homosexuals, from the Greek 'arsenokoites']"

1 Corinthians 6:9, KJV

"Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, [meaning homosexuals] for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;"

1 Timothy 1:9-10, KJV

"And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;"

2 Peter 2:6, KJV

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

Jude 1:7, KJV

It should be clear to you then, that in both the Old and the New Testaments, God's Word is very explicit in condemning these unnatural lifestyles. Let us now turn our attention to the main focus of this series. It is a well-established fact that the basis for many of man's modern laws is the Mosaic Law. Even people who are God and Christ haters are forced to recognize this. Quite a few of God's Laws, which were first given to Moses, have been preserved, and firmly established within man's laws for literally thousands of years. We find this same moral basis shared by the ancient Israelites, by ancient and modern Christianity, and even by Islam; because all of them recognize Moses as a great Prophet of God.

The reason why I have not included modern Judaism in this same category, is quite simply because it is not based upon the Old Testament Scriptures as Christians have erroneously been led to believe, but rather upon the twisted, corrupted teachings of the rabbis of the Babylonian Talmud; many of which teachings are clearly against the teachings of Moses, and even against the teachings of Christ. In fact, some of the more secretive contents of the Talmud, such as condoning sex between men and boys, is downright disgusting. Please refer to my four-part series "The International Jew And The Protocols Of Zion" for more details, as well as to other documents that are found on our Endtime Prophecy net site.

Now, allow me to ask you a simple question: What if man's laws are slowly and subtly changed, so that portions of the Mosaic Law, particularly those laws which deal with moral and sexual conduct, are deemed ineffective, and are viewed as being outdated, old-fashioned, and in fact contrary to modern laws and social attitudes by certain sectors of our society?

What would the end result be? If you think that this cannot possibly happen, I urge you to think again. Not only can it happen, but unless you have been asleep for the past three decades, and particularly during the past three years, you will already know that it is in fact happening right now; just as the very same thing happened several thousand years ago when the spiritual leadership of Israel neutralized the true Laws of God through their own ritualistic practices and traditions. As I point out in other articles, it is because Jesus exposed these things, that the proud, self-righteous Scribes and Pharisees hated Him so, and sought for a way to kill Him. Consider the following verses:

"But he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God by your tradition? For God commanded, saying, Honour thy father and mother: and, He that curseth father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, It is a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; And honour not his father or his mother, he shall be free. Thus have ye made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition."

Matthew 15:3-6, KJV

"Howbeit in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men, as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, Whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: But ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me; he shall be free. And ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother; Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things do ye."

Mark 7:7-13, KJV

"After these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him."

John 7:1, KJV

So you see, the basic attitude of those religious leaders was "We don't want to do things God's way; we want to do them OUR way. Our laws are more up-to-date, and better than the Mosaic Law". Please don't forget that roughly fifteen hundred years had passed from the time that Moses received the Commandments on Sinai, to the time of Christ. That gave the corrupt leadership plenty of time, and plenty of opportunity, to begin twisting and changing what they did not like; and as I point out in such series as "The Fruits Of Disobedience", their rebellion began long before the time of Christ; and that is why God was constantly chastising them. Allow me to remind you again of the words of the Prophet Jeremiah, written some six hundred years before the arrival of the Messiah:

"The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

Jeremiah 5:31, KJV

Notice that the Lord specifically tells us by way of the Prophet Jeremiah, that "my people love to have it so". In

other words, the people of ancient Israel openly supported the corrupt rule and practices of their false prophets and priests. They were partners in sin. They each looked the other way in regards to each other's rebellion against God. In the case of the people, this included sacrificing their very own sons and daughters to the false pagan gods of the nations which surrounded them. Child sacrifice was just as common then, as abortion is today. There is really not much of a difference being as both practices were, and still are, motivated by selfishness. Please refer to my lengthy series "Abortion: The Slaughter Of The Innocent" for more details. At any rate, this relationship of convenience between the corrupt spiritual leaders of Israel, and their followers, is very similar to a warning that the Apostle Paul issued in his second Epistle to Timothy many centuries later, as we see here:

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

2 Timothy 4:3-4, KJV

In other words, Paul is saying that a dark time would come which would be marked by many false prophets and teachers, who would teach exactly what the people want to hear; just like the ancient Israelites; even if what they are teaching and preaching is false. Can any sincere, Bible-believing Christian deny that these very things are happening in our current day? It is very obvious that the rebellious attitude towards God's Law which existed thousands of years ago, is still very much present in our modern day as well. Some two thousand years have passed since the days when Jesus walked the Earth, and the enemies of God continue to corrupt and distort what portions of the Mosaic Law remain embedded in man's modern laws.

In "Homosexuality And Lesbianism: To The Point!", I mention the fact that not only do some members of the modern clergy openly support gay and lesbian rights, but some of them are in fact gays and lesbians themselves. To make matters worse, because of the strong delusion under which they have fallen, because of their rejection of the truth, in recent years, some of these liberal clergy have begun to pronounce their blessings upon these unholy unions. What blasphemy against the true Law of God! What God views as an abomination; what He has cursed according to His Law; and what He considers worthy of death; these false shepherds have turned around and blessed! By their actions, these deceivers are saying that contrary to what is clearly written in the Scriptures, sin is no longer a sin. How can these wolves go unpunished? I am again reminded of the words of the Prophet Isaiah, as well as of another warning the Apostle Paul issued in the Book of Acts. Consider the following:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"
Isaiah 5:20, KJV

"For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock."
Acts 20:29, KJV

As I explain in other articles where I discuss the Mosaic

Law, while the Apostle Paul was referring to the legalistic Jews who crept into the congregations of the First Century Disciples, pretending to be true brethren, in order to try to bring them back under the bondage of the Mosaic Law, as opposed to faith only in Christ for their Salvation, how much more does Paul's warning apply to our modern day, in which the truth has truly been trampled underfoot, even by those who claim to be God's representatives? These false shepherds would have their flocks to believe that God will simply overlook their lives of sin and perverted sex, which are an abomination in His sight, because they claim to love Him. How can they claim to love Him, or to be obedient to His Will, when they openly refuse to obey His Word which clearly condemns their lifestyle? As Jesus Himself said:

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."
John 14:15, KJV

"If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."
John 13:17, KJV

In the eighth chapter of the Gospel of John, when the woman who was caught in adultery was brought before Jesus by His religious enemies, how did the Lord respond to their words? Following His famous utterance of "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her", after which the woman's accusers dispersed, the Lord said to the woman:

". . . Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."
John 8:11b, KJV

Now, please notice exactly what occurred here. First we see that Jesus did not condemn her. This woman had obviously broken the Mosaic Law; and by that Law, as her accusers had rightly stated, she was clearly worthy of death by stoning; yet Jesus did not agree with their judgment, or condemn her. Why would this be? To me, the answer seems rather obvious. This woman was apparently sorry for what she had done. When brought before the merciful countenance of the Savior, she must have been truly convicted in her heart, and repented of her sins; and that repentance brought down God's Mercy upon her. But notice too that Jesus was not condoning her sin. He did issue her a clear warning, as He had done with others as well. He said ". . . go, and sin no more". In other words, He was saying "I forgive you, I will have mercy upon you, but don't do it again." As it is written:

"It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."
Lamentations 3:22-23, KJV

"But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."
Matthew 9:13, KJV

"For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion."
Romans 9:15, KJV

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Political Maneuvers, Gov. Howard Dean And Gay's "Civil Union"
Victory In Vermont, Countries Where Gay "Marriage" Is Legal,
US States That Have Legalized Gay "Marriage" Relationships,

We find Jesus extending His Father's Mercy in other stories that are found in the New Testament as well; and often, it is because the individual in question has recognized their sinful condition, as well as their need for Repentance and Forgiveness. In His final agonizing hours on the Cross, Jesus forgave one of the two thieves, because that man too did not try to hide his sin. He knew that he was guilty, and that he deserved every- thing that had come to him. He also recognized that Jesus was his only chance at Salvation; and so once again, Jesus extended His Father's Mercy to the man, as we see here:

"And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise."

Luke 23:39-43, KJV

So you see, the difference between the adulterous woman, as well as the one thief, and these gays and lesbians today, is that unlike these two Biblical characters, some of them are not even willing to acknowledge their sin. These gay men see absolutely nothing wrong with having anal or oral sex with their boyfriends; and these lesbians see nothing wrong with putting on a dildo, (a synthetic rubber penis), and pretending to be a man, in order to fulfill their own sick sexual fantasies, as well as the desires of their girlfriends. In fact, to my amazement, I was informed by one of our readers, that in some places in the United States, it is actually considered "cool" to be gay. In their delusion, these poor people call their desires love; but in reality, it is only unnatural sexual lust, which is totally contrary to the Natural Order established by God Himself in the Garden of Eden.

What is truly sad about this situation, is that where there is no recognition of one's sins, or any kind of repentance, neither can a person claim God's Mercy; which means that he may eventually be subject to the full weight of God's Law when his day of Judgment arrives. By accepting Satan's lies and delusions, these gays and lesbians have refused, and in

fact, have forsaken, the Mercy which God wishes to have upon them. As the Prophet Jonah cried out at the height of his suffering, after he had tried to run away from God's Will for his life:

"They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy."
Jonah 2:8, KJV

As we saw in part one, because many gays and lesbians have rejected the truth of God's Word, they have had to convince themselves that sin is no longer a sin. For some, this has meant totally throwing out the Bible as the inspired Word of God, being as they cannot stand in the Light of its truth; while for others, it has meant trying to reinterpret it. In the case of the former, I am reminded of the following words spoken by Jesus in chapter three of the Gospel of John:

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved."
John 3:19-20, KJV

In short, some people seem to think that they can keep their sins from being exposed by God's Word, by simply rejecting the teachings of the Bible, or by trying to hide from it; but as we saw in part one, nothing is hidden from the face of the Lord. Everything will be revealed in His time. In the case of the latter group, as we likewise saw in part one, the Devil has indeed raised up an evil seed of false clergy who have perverted the true meaning of the Scriptures, and popularized the false doctrine that God loves and accepts each and every one of us just the way we are; even if some people do happen to be gay or lesbian. In their delusion, these deceivers have nullified the doctrine of repentance which was preached by John the Baptist, by the Lord Himself, as well as by all of His Apostles, including Paul. Remember again that Jesus said "Go, and sin no more"; He did not say, "I love you and forgive you, but go ahead and keep on living in sin. It's okay." These modern false prophets remind me of two additional warnings which were issued by the Apostle Paul. In two of his Epistles he wrote:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax [grow] worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."
2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works."
2 Corinthians 11:13-15, KJV

These false apostles, these deceitful workers, these false ministers of righteousness, as Paul calls them, are not only deceived themselves, but they are leading others into their same web of delusion and sin. As we saw in part one, some of these clergy are preaching exactly what the gay and lesbian community wants to hear; and that is that sin is no longer sin. There should be no doubt then, that America is in fact spiritually eroding from within, and has been for quite some time now. Exactly how divided are the spiritual leaders of America? Consider the following article circulated by the

Associated Press in June of 2,000. It is quite revelatory:

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Presbyterians to debate church's role in same-sex unions

June 25, 2000

LONG BEACH, California (AP) -- Presbyterian leaders gathering here this week will debate whether to ban blessings of same-sex unions even if the ceremonies stop short of marriage, the latest ecclesiastical conflict over recognition for gay and lesbian couples.

Organizers of the annual meeting of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) hope a consensus reached at the weeklong gathering that convened Saturday will unify factions of traditionalists and reformers threatening to fragment the church over the issue of homosexual unions.

"The differences are real and serious . . . and I hope the discussion will enable us to focus on the fundamental nature of our responsibility," said the Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick, who is required to remain neutral on policy debates in his supervisory position in the denomination's General Assembly

The 560-member General Assembly is the chief policy-setting body for the 2.6 million-member church.

Issues of gay rights have dominated other major religious gatherings this year. The United Methodist Church last month upheld its doctrine banning gay ordination and the sanctioning of same-sex unions. In March, the Central Conference of American Rabbis voted to let rabbis choose to preside at same-sex union ceremonies.

Homosexual advocates said they are optimistic that the Presbyterians will decide to permit recognition of same-sex couples because recent rulings by the church high courts have favored gays.

"This church is so close to doing right. But then, they've had 27 years of discussion. It's time to decide -- are we welcome in their churches, or are we not?" said the Rev. Mel White, of the largely homosexual Metropolitan Community Churches based in West Hollywood that are not Presbyterian.

A group of Presbyterian delegates, or commissioners, will meet Tuesday to discuss proposed amendments to the denomination's Book of Order, or constitution, that seek to explicitly prohibit same-sex unions.

A fourth proposal up for debate suggests that churches be permitted to determine their own policies on ministering to gays and lesbians, said the Rev. Charles Proudfoot, a spokesman for the assembly.

The committee's recommendations will go to the full assembly later this week, where approval would require a simple majority.

If the measures are passed, they would go before the ordained Presbyterian ministers and elders nationwide for approval.

Opponents to same-sex unions argue the church should not

condone homosexual couples because their lifestyles conflict with biblical principles.

"I believe same-sex unions are just a way to get people to start approving of (gay) marriages, and that's just not appropriate," said the Rev. Greg Loskoski, of Savannah, Ga., a member of the committee debating the issue.

Supporters of same-sex unions plan to protest at the convention, saying church discrimination against gays and lesbians prevents them from fulfilling their faith.

Soulforce, a multi-faith coalition of gays, lesbians and supporters, has scheduled a protest Sunday where dozens expect to be arrested while forming a human chain and blocking one of the many entrances to the convention center following the Presbyterian convention's opening worship service.

"Gays and lesbians across this country are saying that if the church can't grow up and accept reality, then we don't need the church," said White, co-founder of Soulforce. "We can find ways to worship on our own."

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Thankfully, in this case, the Presbyterian church held to its Christian convictions, and defeated the gay and lesbian agenda by a very narrow margin. A week later, the Associated Press reported the following:

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Presbyterian Leaders Vote Against Commitment Ceremonies For Gays

July 1, 2000

LONG BEACH, California (AP) -- The chief policy-making body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) voted by a narrow margin Friday to recommend barring its ministers from officiating commitment ceremonies for gay couples.

The measure still must be ratified by scores of ministers and elders nationwide before it can become part of the Book of Order, the constitution for the 2.6 million-member denomination.

It passed the church's General Assembly by a vote of 268-251, with four abstentions. If the ministers and elders in the church's 173 presbyteries approve, the ban would be put into effect at next year's meeting of the General Assembly.

A similar ban on gay commitment ceremonies was approved the church's General Assembly in 1994 but failed to win ratification.

After the vote, gay-rights advocates streamed out of the meeting, many of them in tears.

"We are crying out for justice and we are crying out for this church," the Rev. Jane Adams-Spahr of San Rafael said as she led a group of some 50 opponents of the ban in prayer.

Several said they were still hopeful that the church's presbyteries would not uphold the ban.

No state has officially legalized gay marriage, but a new Vermont law legalizing civil unions for same-sex couples took effect Saturday, and other states have debated similar laws.

A month ago, the church's highest court ruled that local congregations may conduct such religious ceremonies celebrating homosexual unions as long as those ceremonies stop short of marriage.

But the amendment approved Friday night, if ratified, would overpower that ruling by prohibiting church officers from performing gay commitment ceremonies and barring such ceremonies from church property.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) prohibits homosexuals from serving as ministers but does not exclude homosexuals from the church.

Proponents of the ban argued that the Presbyterian Church must stop blessing same-sex unions because that implicitly condones homosexual behavior, which the church views as a sin.

Other supporters said recognizing gay couples could cripple the church's missionary work in countries with conservative values.

The Rev. Charles Castles of San Joaquin, whose presbytery proposed the amendment, said he considered Friday's vote a "step of the journey" toward clarifying the church's stance on homosexuality.

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As the previous reports reveal, the Presbyterians are by no means the only church which has had to struggle with the gay and lesbian issue; and sadly, as we saw previously, some of America's churches have completely abandoned their long-held Christian convictions and values, and have yielded themselves to political and societal pressure. Take, for example, the following report included in the July 3rd, 2000 issue of the Baptist Information Service newsletter, which discusses two Baptist churches in the American Northwest:

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American Baptists Embrace Sodomy

"At its convention in Salt Lake City in May, the Northwest region of the American Baptist Church voted against banishing two Seattle churches that accept homosexual pastors and welcome practicing homosexuals as members. The vote was 161 in favor and 92 against.

The churches are Seattle First Baptist and University Baptist. The latter is pastored by a woman, Anne Hall, and a homosexual male, Tim Phillips.

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What a true tragedy indeed! Once the loathsome disease of compromise begins to take root, it seems to spread quickly,

very much like an uncontrollable cancer. In July of that same year the Associated Press news agency published the following reports regarding ongoing discussions within the Episcopalian church. Sadly, rather than fully reject the ungodly demands of the gay and lesbian community, the Episcopalians embraced a sickening, look-the-other-way compromise, as you can see here:

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Episcopalians mull couples' rites

DENVER (AP) - Episcopalians disappointed that church policy hasn't fully embraced same-sex unions may end up with the next best thing: A rite for people in monogamous, committed relationships. Officials meeting at the Episcopal General Convention were to consider a proposition Tuesday that would develop rites for Episcopal couples - both homosexual and heterosexual. Acceptance of homosexuals in all aspects of the church is one of the biggest issues at the 10-day convention. There was speculation that the 1,000 delegates might try to avoid conflict by sticking with the status quo: tacit approval of dioceses that bless same-sex unions. But a committee shelved that plan and proposed developing rites for those in monogamous and committed relationships. The plan would have to pass the 824-member House of Deputies and the 300-member House of Bishops.

Episcopalians nix gay rites

DENVER (AP) - Episcopal bishops argued vigorously for ceremonial rites for same-sex unions Wednesday, a day after the provision was narrowly rejected by clergy and lay delegates at the church's national convention. The church's House of Deputies, fearing such a bold step would divide the church, rejected a provision Tuesday to add rites for all unmarried couples, however it approved provisions calling on the church to support unmarried couples in monogamous relationships. While the measure doesn't mention homosexuals, it is seen as a response to a push for the church to bless their relationships. The resolution also acknowledges that individual dioceses will continue to bless same-sex unions without churchwide sanction. Several bishops said Wednesday that is not good enough.

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The previous news reports were published nine years ago. It is indeed sad that today, the situation within the Episcopal Church is much, much worse. In fact, if you've been following the news, you will already know that a serious schism has now split the Episcopal Church USA from its parent organization; that is, the Anglican Communion, or Church of England, which is currently headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Most Reverend Rowan Williams. A December 2008 Yahoo news article discussed the long-foreseen split, as we see here:

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Conservatives form rival group to Episcopal Church

Yahoo News

December 3, 2008

WHEATON, Ill. — Theological conservatives upset by the liberal views of the Episcopal Church are forming a rival denomination.

The new Anglican Church in North America will include four Episcopal dioceses that recently split from the U.S. church, along with breakaway Anglican parishes from Canada.

The announcement Wednesday in Wheaton, Illinois, comes after decades of debate over what Episcopalians should believe about issues ranging from salvation to sexuality. Tensions erupted in 2003 when Episcopalians consecrated the first openly gay bishop.

The world Anglican Communion is a fellowship of churches with roots in the Church of England. The Episcopal Church is the Anglican body in the United States. But the new North American church says it represents true Anglican beliefs.

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The previous news article is referring to V. Gene Robinson, who is an openly gay man in a long-term relationship, who in 2003, was ordained the bishop of New Hampshire. While these news reports concentrate on the sick compromise which is now occurring within the American Christian church, please note that gay and lesbian militants have in fact been advancing their agenda worldwide for many years now. This is not just an American phenomenon. For example, also in July of 2,000, the Associated Press reported the following development occurring in Norway:

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Norway Approves Gay Clergyman

OSLO, Norway (AP) - Norway's minister of churches has upheld the appointment of an openly gay clergyman - a precedent-setting ruling that defies the state Lutheran church's religious guidelines. Minister of Churches and Education Trond Giske announced Thursday that he had hired Jens Torstein Olsen. The decision makes Olsen the first clergyman hired to preach in the Church of Norway while openly living in a homosexual relationship. The appointment has caused furious debate that some fear could split the church. Gay marriages are legal in Norway, with all the rights of heterosexual marriages except church weddings and the right to adopt.

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There should be absolutely no doubt then, that the gay and lesbian community has carved deep inroads into organized religion; not only in the United States of America, but in a number of other countries as well; and it is clear they have no intentions of stopping there. In fact, sadly, since 2000, gay "marriage" has become legal in the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, Canada, South Africa and Norway; and next month it's due to become legal in Sweden. Furthermore, the nations of Israel and France, and the state of New York, USA, recognize gay "marriages" that are conducted abroad. Also of note is that gay "marriages" which are performed in the Netherlands are also recognized as legal in Aruba and the Netherlands Antilles.

The previous evidence makes it rather clear that these gay and lesbian militants are not happy with just living their own delusion and lives of sin as they claim; it is in fact their ultimate goal to convince the rest of the world that their lifestyle is normal and acceptable behavior. They want to convince the rest of us that, contrary to what the Word of God clearly tells us, sin is no longer a sin. They want everyone to embrace them as normal people, who are just like the rest of us, but are they? While we have now taken a look at the religious angle of their agenda, you are undoubtedly aware of the fact that there are other techniques which the gay and lesbian community is employing, in order to achieve their goals. Let us discuss some of them.

In addition to coercing the religious establishment into accepting their ungodly lifestyle, another obvious part of their program is to gain influence with certain sympathizers within political parties and institutions, with the ultimate goal being to convince them to modernize and amend certain laws of the United States of America so that homosexuals and lesbians are not only protected by law, but are also granted certain rights and privileges which, until recently, were only bestowed upon heterosexual, (or male-female), marriage relationships. Aside from gaining political ground, just as they have been doing in the religious arena, their intention seems to be to envelop these unnatural relationships in an aura of decency, normalcy and respectability; and gaining a legal status will do exactly that. If you doubt it, just continue reading.

As more and more misguided priests and politicians begin to bestow their blessings upon these ungodly relationships, more and more people will likewise begin to view gay and lesbian unions as a normal part of American life. In fact as you may already know, it has already begun to happen; particularly with the more liberal-minded younger generation. As a result of this aggressive push by the gay and lesbian community, the belief that homosexual, (gay and lesbian), relationships are sinful has already begun to slip into the past; and that is exactly what they want to happen. They want to replace God's Standards, with man's standards. They want people to believe that their sin is no longer sin.

As most of my readers will know by now, the gay and lesbian community gained a great victory in this area on April 26, 2000, when Howard Dean, the misguided governor of the state of Vermont, signed into law, a bill which created a legal status for gay and lesbian unions, known as "civil unions", which bestows upon them many of the same rights which are enjoyed by normal, married, heterosexual couples. Following is a news article from the Associated Press from that time, which contains the details regarding this historical law:

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Vermont Governor Signs Bill Creating Marriage-Like 'Civil Unions'

April 26, 2000

MONTPELIER, Vermont (AP) -- Gov. Howard Dean signed a first-in-the-nation law Wednesday granting gay couples nearly all of the benefits of marriage.

"I think it is a courageous and powerful statement about who we are in the state of Vermont," the Democrat said. "I also

believe that this legislation speaks to the heart of this state, and certainly to my heart."

The legislation creating marriage-like "civil unions" reached the governor's desk shortly before lunch time, just a day after the House gave its final approval. And by the time of a 2 p.m. news conference, he had already signed it out of view of TV cameras, photographers and reporters.

Dean said he signed the bill privately because he did not want the ceremony to be a triumphal party by supporters of the law. Instead, he said, it was time for the state to begin healing.

"In politics, bill-signings are triumphal," he said. "They represent overcoming of one side over another. These celebrations, as the subject of the matter of the bill, will be private."

The law will allow gay couples to form civil unions beginning July 1. That will entitle them to all of the hundreds of rights and responsibilities available to married couples under Vermont law in such areas as taxes, inheritance and medical decision-making.

Other states will probably not recognize Vermont civil unions, and such status will not entitle gay couples to any the benefits available to married couples under federal law in areas such as taxes and immigration.

Nevertheless, no state has gone further than Vermont is giving gay couples something approximating marriage.

The bill came about after the Vermont Supreme Court unanimously ruled in December that gay couples were being unconstitutionally denied the benefits of marriage. The court left it up to the Legislature time to decide whether to let gays marry or to create some kind of domestic partnership.

The legislation passed after strong debate in which opponents argued that homosexuality is "against natural law." Opponents have warned that they will make their anger known at the polls in November when members of the Legislature are up for re-election.

Under the law, gay couples will be able to go to their town clerks for licenses and have their unions certified by a judge or member of the clergy. Breakups will be handled in Family Court, just as divorces are, although they will be called dissolutions.

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Several months after this bill became law in Vermont, state Representative, Nancy Sheltra, launched a counterattack. She insisted that the law had to be repealed, before it spread to other states as well. Sadly, today, nine years later, we can see the devastating effect that this law had on the USA. As I write this series update in April 2009, "gay marriage" has been, currently is, or will be, legal in five American states. Consider the following table:

Massachusetts	Nov 2003	gay "marriage"	legalized
California	Jun 2008	gay "marriage"	legalized
Connecticut	Oct 2008	gay "marriage"	legalized

California	Nov 2008	Proposition 8	defeats	gay	"marriage"
Iowa	Apr 2009	gay	"marriage"	legal	as of 04-27-09
Vermont	Sep 2009	gay	"marriage"	legal	as of 09-01-09

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WHEN SIN IS NO LONGER A SIN : PART THREE

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American States Which Now Provide "Civil Unions", Aggressive Two-Pronged Legal Strategy Of The Gay And Lesbian Community, Bill Clinton - Destroys US Morality, Gay Comic Book Heroes, "Corpus Christi" And Ungodly New York, Jimmy Carter Supports Gay Priests, Blind Leading The Blind, Gay And Lesbian Legal Battles, America Is A Divided Nation, Demonized Because Of Our Christian Beliefs, Gays And Lesbians Reverse The Truth, Depth Of Their Deception, Our Children Have Been Targeted

In addition to the above states, other American states offer some form of "civil unions" to gay and lesbian couples. These currently include Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oregon and Washington state. The District of Columbia does also. But within three years, by 2012, gay and lesbian militants have every intention of making gay "marriage" legal in all of the New England states, and they have already put the legal machinery in motion.

What particularly annoys me about these developments, is that these gay and lesbian militants have, as their modus operandi in the political realm, decided to use a two-pronged attack. In other words, rather than taking the issue straight to the people through state referendums, so that the people can make the decision, they have actually been obtaining victories by circumventing the will of the majority of the people. What I mean by this, is that they are going straight to state court systems, or else to state legislatures, with absolutely no input from regular voters in each state. Obviously, they've discovered that it is a lot easy to convince state judges, or a state legislature, instead of a state's entire population. What they are doing is not illegal, but it is most certainly sly, to say the least.

While the passage of the aforementioned 2,000 Vermont "civil union" law, as well as other laws legalizing gay "marriage" have been very public events which have stirred up a lot of heated debate on both ends of the political and religious spectrum, it is important that you realize that these are not the only areas where the gay and lesbian community has been busily implementing its sick agenda. In fact, once you have read the remainder of this series, you will easily come to understand that they no doubt prefer that you do not realize the full extent of their evil program for the psychological readjustment of American society, a program which is meant to convince us that their sin is no longer a sin.

This series would not be complete if I did not dedicate at least a few words to mentioning one man in particular, who has been extremely instrumental in promoting and advancing the gay and lesbian cause. For a period of eight years, that is, from the very first week that he entered the Oval Office of the United States of America, this man, motivated by his wayward, ungodly, liberal beliefs, contributed greatly to the destruction of the moral fiber of Christian America. He did this by his own poor, personal example when he chose to

have an affair with Monica Lewinsky and then lied about it; he did this when he chose to support the right to abortion; and he most certainly did this when he opened the floodgates to homosexual and lesbian rights within America. This is the very same man who in September of 2,000, five months after the Vermont "civil union" bill had been passed, said:

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"More and more people are identifying with our common humanity. Increasingly, society is moving to higher and higher levels of decency and justice."

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Of course, that quote was spoken by none other than former US president, William Jefferson Clinton. "Higher and higher levels of decency"? Based upon exactly whose standard, Mr. Clinton? Certainly not God's! The gay and lesbian community could not have asked for a better defender of their cause, or a better president than Bill Clinton; because this sinful man gave them the green light. He basically told them that it was safe to come out of the closet now, and to openly flaunt their sins before the American public; and as we all know, that is exactly what they have been doing ever since. Not only have gays and lesbians been coming out of their closet for years now, but they have been fighting tooth and nail, in order to achieve greater and greater rights, which has now culminated in a legal status, which they believe will give them greater respectability before the American public; but what about God? Do you think that He respects you more simply because you have legalized your sin before the eyes of men? I think not! His laws are clear, and you are knowingly breaking them!

If you the reader seriously think that I am over-exaggerating this point, then stop for a moment, and think about what occurred while Clinton was in office, and what continues to happen today. Stop and ask yourself if these things would have happened if a more conservative God-fearing president had been voted into office during those eight years. Clinton flashed the green light, and it was as if someone had said "Follow the leader!". The movie screen and the television screen have become flooded with gay and lesbian characters. There are books, magazines and other publications dedicated to the gay and lesbian cause, and they are not just geared to adults who are of that sexual persuasion. This garbage is being printed for our children as well. In July of 2000, the following news item was included in a newsletter I often receive from the Baptist Information Service:

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Sodomite Super Heroes

"The comic book company that gave us Superman will now give us the first super heroes that will fight crime as a couple - not as Batman and Robin - but as a cohabitating homosexual couple. The dashing duo named Apollo and Midnighter, appear in the D.C. Comics series 'The Authority,' . . . Apollo and Midnighter will be like any other super heroes, fighting crime and saving the world. It's just that at the end of their adventures they will go to bed."
(Sword of the Lord, June 23, 2000)

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The movie, television and publishing industries are not the only places where the gay and lesbian community is applying pressure, and concentrating their efforts on changing the psychological landscape of America. During the last quarter of 1998, a blasphemous play entitled "Corpus Christi" made a brief but popular showing at a theater located on West 55th Street in Manhattan, N.Y.; however, stiff opposition by the public caused it to be terminated. What was the reason for the sudden termination? The ungodly play depicted Jesus as a gay man who engaged in homosexual acts with his followers. It is my understanding that the building was later condemned and torn down. This isn't the only kind of ungodly filth that is coming out of New York. In February of 2001, the Associated Press news agency published the following report regarding a controversial photography exhibit, also located in New York:

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Nude Female Jesus Photo Stirs Chaos

NEW YORK (AP) - A photography exhibit that includes a work depicting Jesus as a naked woman is stirring debate at the same museum where a dung-decorated painting of the Virgin Mary sparked a heated six-month legal battle. The work "Yo Mama's Last Supper" features the photographer, Renee Cox, nude and surrounded by 12 black apostles. It is part of an exhibit of 94 contemporary black photographers opening Friday at the Brooklyn Museum of Art. Cox, a Jamaican-born artist who was raised Catholic, said the Last Supper image highlights legitimate criticisms of the church, including its refusal to ordain women as priests. "Get over it!" she said. "Why can't a woman be Christ? We are the givers of life!"

Another artist's photo collage depicts a topless woman, crucified.

"I think what they did is disgusting, it's outrageous," Mayor Rudy Giuliani said, adding that anti-Catholicism "is accepted in our city and in our society."

Giuliani said Thursday he is appointing a task force "that can set decency standards for those institutions that are using your money, the taxpayers' money," including the city-subsidized museum. In 1999, the museum's "Sensation" show featured an elephant dung-embellished Virgin Mary. The mayor froze the museum's annual \$7.2 million city subsidy - about a third of its annual budget - then sued in state court to evict the museum. The museum filed a countersuit in federal court, where a judge ruled that the city had violated the First Amendment and restored the funding. This time, Giuliani said he would go all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court, whose decisions he said are based on "showing decency and respect for religion."

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Speaking of New York, how ironic that the Clintons have set up shop there, and Hillary Rodham Clinton is now a Senator from that State. Undoubtedly, the gay and lesbian community of "The Village" are happy to have such powerful and loyal supporters as residents of their state!

Sadly, the Clintons are not the only prominent citizens from America's so-called Bible Belt of the South to abandon their

Christian upbringing. A few months after Mr. Clinton made his outlandish remarks regarding the so-called "higher levels of decency" occurring within American society, former president Jimmy Carter, a man who many Americans viewed as being much more of a Christian example than Mr. Clinton, announced that he was not opposed to homosexuals being ordained as priests. Following is a news article from the Baptist Press which was published at that time:

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Carter States Affirmation Of Homosexual Ordination

Baptist Press

November 4, 2000

ATLANTA, GA (BP) -- Former president and former Southern Baptist Jimmy Carter said that while homosexuality is a sin, he sees nothing wrong with a "Christian homosexual" being ordained. Carter made his comments during a 60-minute telephone interview with Baptist Press on Oct. 20.

Carter announced Oct. 19 that he could no longer be associated with the Southern Baptist Convention citing among his reasons the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted in June and its stance on female pastors. Carter said he was convinced to leave the SBC after listening to a taped message by Charles Wade, executive director of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Carter discussed a variety of issues surrounding his decision to leave the SBC, including his stances on several controversial issues -- homosexuality and abortion.

"If that person [a homosexual] was demonstrating the essence of Christianity, I would not object to the individual being ordained," Carter said. "Yes, homosexuality is a sin but so is adultery. When somebody doesn't give 10 percent of their earnings to the church, it is a sin. All of us are sinners every day. And adultery is a more serious sin than homosexuality."

Carter said the ordination of homosexuals is a decision to be made by individual churches and he doubted his home church, Maranatha Baptist in Plains, Ga., would go out of its way to ordain a homosexual.

"If we did have a homosexual in our church who wanted to be ordained, it would be decided not on sexual preference," he stressed.

Carter said he does not support legal approval for homosexual marriages but he does support laws that prohibit discrimination against homosexuals.

"Homosexuals have a perfect right to profess to be Christians, accept Christ as Savior, and I wouldn't have a problem if they worshiped side by side with me," the former president said. "Jesus never singled out homosexuals to be condemned. When the Southern Baptist Convention started singling out homosexuals as a special form or degree of sinfulness, I didn't agree with it. Now, that target has shifted to the subjugation of women."

On the issue of abortion, Carter said he is pro-life. "I

have never believed that Christ would approve of abortion," he said. "When I was governor and president, I took an oath to uphold the Constitution. I had to administer the [abortion] law, but I did everything I possibly could to discourage abortion."

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In Matthew chapter seven, Jesus taught that a tree is known by its fruits. If America's political and spiritual leaders are so weak, and so backslidden in their faith, that they're willing to do the things that they do, and say the things that they say, is it really any wonder then that the general American population follows suit? As Jesus said so long ago regarding His religious critics and persecutors:

"Let them alone: they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch."

Matthew 15:14, KJV

As I mentioned in part two, the gay and lesbian community is fighting tooth and nail, in order to advance their perverted cause and sinful lifestyle, and they are using every legal means at their disposal. Please make no mistake. They are not the weak, helpless, innocent victims, which for so long they have portrayed themselves to be. These people are powerful; they are rich; and they are extremely well-organized. Not only do they possess the power to recruit the help of state politicians like Governor Dean; or openly gay Congressmen such as Barney Frank; or even the President of the United States, but they even have their own law agencies; and they are using them to the fullest, in order to soundly defeat long-held Christian values.

Following are some reports which were sent to me by a friend who subscribes to a newsletter called "Traditional Values". While the events that are discussed in these reports are now dated, nevertheless, they still help us to understand exactly how we arrived at our current sad condition. Please notice that in addition to recruiting the help of their own legal agencies and support groups, not to mention the backslidden churches, their power and influence even extends to include such international organizations as Amnesty International and the United Nations:

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Massachusetts Homosexuals Win Public Sex Fight

The homosexual movement has gained considerable political strength under former Governor William Weld (a socially liberal Republican) and the current Governor Paul Cellucci (also a socially liberal Republican). The radical Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD), a homosexual law firm in Massachusetts, has just won a legal battle against the Massachusetts State Police over public indecency laws. GLAD had sued the police on behalf of a homosexual man who was banned from public rest areas because of his involvement in public sex acts. The man had been convicted a year ago for having sex with a man in the woods near a Wareham rest stop.

The homosexual victory against the police requires that new rules be drawn up to restrict what sex acts the police can prosecute at rest areas. The rules say that "socializing and expressions of affection" are not considered sexual conduct. And public sex is not illegal unless there is a "substantial

risk" that the conduct will be observed by a passerby. One police source called the new rules "ludicrous" and predicted that state police will continue to arrest homosexuals who engage in public sex acts in parks and public restrooms. This source also told reporters, "These rules are lawyer psychobabble. They won't change anyone's behavior. If someone is doing that in a public place, a rest area, where passersby have access, it isn't right. And this is not going to change any [trooper's] approach to enforcing the law." This victory for public sex is likely to encourage other homosexual law firms to challenge other state's policies against public sex acts.

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Homosexuals Plan Operation Rescue-like Protests

On March 13, three homosexual leaders will host an open forum in California on "Dismantling Homophobia: the Growing Use of Nonviolent Resistance to Oppose Religious-backed Sexual Prejudice." The forum will be held at First Presbyterian Church in Palo Alto (1140 Cowper St.) at 7 p.m. The three leaders are: Will Doherty of the Stop Dr. Laura campaign; Rev. Don Fado, leader of United Methodist ministers who conducted a lesbian wedding ceremony in violation of Methodist rules; and Greg Marlan, a leader in SoulForce, a homosexual civil disobedience group founded by Mel White.

This forum will encourage homosexual activists to conduct Operation Rescue-like events to protest groups opposed to homosexuality.

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Amnesty International Seeks Overturn Of Austrian Sex Law

The human rights group, Amnesty International (AI), is protesting an Austrian law that places restrictions on how young a boy can be who engages in sex with another man. Article 209 in Austrian code says that a man 19 years of age who engages in sex with a boy who has attained "the age of 14 but not yet the age of 18 shall be punished with imprisonment from six months to five years."

Amnesty International is protesting the arrest of a man known only as Franz L, who was arrested for having sex with several teenage boys. AI says it takes no position on an appropriate age of consent, but believes sexual consent laws should be the same for both same-sex and opposite sex partners. Under Austrian law, the age of consent for heterosexuals and lesbians is 14, while the age of consent for homosexual males is 18.

In other words, AI is pushing for a lowering of the age of sexual consent for homosexual males so they can have earlier access to boys for sexual exploitation.

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U.N. Seeks To Fight "Sexual Orientation" Discrimination

The United Nations is at it again. A committee working on a draft document for the upcoming World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia, and Related Intolerance, is working on banning "sexual orientation and gender discrimination." The conference will be held in

Durban, South Africa from August 31 through September 7, 2001. Homosexual activist groups in Canada have hailed this U.N. draft document.. According to EGALE, a powerful homosexual lobby in Canada, "If adopted, this will be the first time that sexual orientation discrimination has been condemned in a United Nations Conference Declaration."

Homosexuals have already won major victories in Canada against Christians who believe homosexuality is a sin and perversion. Christian mayors have been prosecuted for failing to proclaim "gay pride" celebrations; Christian schools have lost court battles for firing homosexual teachers; and a Christian printer was fined for refusing to print homosexual propaganda.

Under no circumstance should the United State sign any U.N. document or treaty that criminalizes opposition to homosexuality.

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Concerning the legal victories and headway which the gay and lesbian community has been making in Canada, (as mentioned in the previous news article), following is another news report which was distributed by the Associate Press in July of 2000, which serves to offer proof of this fact:

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Province Mulls Same-Sex Marriage

VICTORIA, British Columbia (AP) - British Columbia's attorney general filed a petition with the Canadian province's supreme court to determine whether the ban on same-sex marriages is constitutional. Attorney General Andrew Petter said Thursday that his office has received a legal opinion concluding the federal common law that defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman would likely be revised by the courts in light of recent equality rights decisions under the Charter of Rights, Canada's bill of rights. Currently in Canada, same-sex couples are entitled to all the benefits of heterosexual couples except for the right to apply for a marriage license.

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In addition to all of the advances we have already exposed, gays and lesbians are making progress in other areas as well. For example, not only have they taken over entire apartment complexes, but certain cities have now become safe havens for their ungodly lifestyle; such as San Francisco, Denver, The Village of New York City, and others as well. To make matters worse, they openly sit on city councils, church boards and school boards; and they occupy respectable positions in the American Congress. Many businesses are also operated by gays and lesbians. This issue has totally divided the Christian church within America. It has also divided the government, it has divided the military, and it has divided the American family. America is truly a very divided nation; and what did Jesus say about such a situation? Consider the following:

". . . Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth."
Luke 11:17, KJV

Exactly why is America's house divided? Because some people are willing to stand up for the truth of the Scriptures, while others are not; some people fear God, while others do not; and this causes inescapable division; even within the same families. As the Bible plainly teaches us:

"Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."

Matthew 10:34-38, KJV

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Matthew 10:22, KJV

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

2 Timothy 3:12, KJV

As I noted earlier, while for many years the gay and lesbian community has tried to paint themselves as the victims, the truth of the matter is that they are the ones who have been actively vilifying Christian believers, by portraying us as being unloving, hateful, bigoted, ignorant, prejudiced and narrow-minded. Simply by reading some of the news articles that I have included in this series, it become quite obvious what's really going on. These gay and lesbian militants have totally reversed the truth from what it really is. If there is one glaring truth which has stood out in the information that I have shared with you thus far, it is that contrary to what God's inspired Word clearly states, the gay and lesbian community does not believe that there is anything wrong, or anything sinful about their chosen lifestyle. As far as they are concerned, sin is no longer a sin. In their sad delusion, they are absolutely convinced that God accepts them just the way they are, without any need for repentance or change. This attitude is very apparent in the following news report that was released by the Associated Press in January of 2001:

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Gay Advocates Protest At Vatican

VATICAN CITY (AP) - Carrying teddy bears, toys and a message for Pope John Paul II, a small band of gay Christians from the United States gathered Wednesday at the edge of St. Peter's Square to protest Vatican teachings on homosexuality. The group, numbering 18, staged a brief, mostly silent demonstration outside the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. Arriving about two hours after the pontiff finished his weekly public audience with tens of thousands of pilgrims, they were barely noticed by the crowd. Wearing sweatshirts with the slogan: "God's Gay Children Bring Gifts . . . Bless Them," they softly sang "We Shall Overcome," and hoped a Vatican priest might come out and bless them. None did. John Paul has repeatedly denounced attempts to legalize same-sex marriages or adoption by gays. Last summer, he bitterly denounced a gay pride festival in Rome as an "insult" to Christians and said homosexual acts were "contrary to natural law."

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Isn't that really a tragedy? Isn't that truly the epitome of personal deception? If, as their sweatshirt slogan states, God has gay children, that is to say, actively practicing gay children, and NOT repentant sinners who have forsaken their sinful, unnatural lusts of the flesh, why in the world did He inspire the Apostle Paul to write the following? The part in brackets was added to clarify what the verse means:

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, NOR EFFEMINATE, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, [meaning homosexuals, from the Greek 'arsenokoites']"
1 Corinthians 6:9, KJV

Obviously, someone is wrong here; someone is lying here; and someone is deceived here; and I certainly don't think that it was the Apostle Paul. Notice that Paul very specifically says "Be not deceived". In other words, Paul is saying, "If someone tells you otherwise, don't you believe it. Don't be deceived by their lies." As we saw earlier in this series, Paul also wrote:

"But evil men and seducers shall wax [grow] worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived."
2 Timothy 3:13, KJV

While we have now covered various aspects of the gay and lesbian agenda, there is one important area which we have not yet looked at in detail, and it is one which should be of concern to us all. Contrary to what some people may be led to believe, adults are not the primary focus of their program. Most, if not all of us, are already set in our ways. We know what we believe, and we aren't too receptive when it comes to allowing anyone to change our beliefs. We are simply not very malleable. Not only that, but we are not the future; our children are; and it is precisely for this reason, that our children are the primary targets of the gay and lesbian psychological campaign. The perpetrators of this subtle program know that societal change must begin at the bottom, that is to say, with America's youth, and not at the top. They know that our children are vulnerable; they are easily influenced; and they are more prone to being open to new ideas; hopefully to THEIR ideas, and to THEIR sick moral standards. So exactly how are our children being targeted by these misguided people?

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WHEN SIN IS NO LONGER A SIN : PART FOUR

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Public School System, School Parents vs Biological Parents, Abuse Of Authority, Children Spies In Our Midst, Destroying Dependence On Parents, Questionable School Questionnaires, Well-Meaning Teachers, Ecumenism And Globalist Propaganda, A Global Neighborhood And New World Order, The Spirit Of God vs Spirit Of The World, The Public Schools Are Under Attack, "Remember The Titans" - A Quick Gay Kiss, School Conflicts, Burden Of Being A Witness, Train Up A Child, RCC Doctrines, Contend For The Faith, The Dead Animal On The Road, Hardened Through Sin, Paul's Self-Righteousness & Stephen's Martyrdom, Danger Of Being Stiff-Necked, God's Approach To Chastisement, God Deals With Paul's Stubbornness On The Road To Damascus

In addition to using different forms of mass media, such as movies, television, comic books, etc., another vehicle which is being utilized for their re-indoctrination program is the public education system. Unbeknownst to many parents, is the fact that our school-aged children are subtly being rewired, or reprogrammed, by way of school library books and videos which contain sexually-suggestive messages; by way of school counseling sessions; by way of classroom lessons, projects and guest speakers; by way of collective peer pressure and character remodeling, and by other means which can ultimately result in our little ones beginning to question and doubt their home-taught Christian beliefs and values. In fact, it seems that the overall objective of some school initiatives is to persuade our children to trust more in what they are taught and told at school by their "new parents", than in the instruction they receive from us their real, biological parents. They are subtly being taught to rebel against our God-given authority, and to embrace the school staff, no longer just as educators of reading, writing and arithmetic, but also as trusted friend, adviser, family psychologist, and "parent".

The hidden, driving mentality seems to be "Your parents do not always know what is best for you, but we, your school, do". If you doubt that this is so, consider the fact that on one certain occasion a number of years ago, when my daughter was still in elementary school, she went on a field trip to the Middle School which she would be attending the following school year. During the course of presenting his opening remarks, the Vice Principal told the visiting children "We are your parents; we are your parents when you are not at home". It was such an odd statement to make, that even my young daughter couldn't help but realize that it was wrong to say this, and so she told me about it. It really made her sit up and take notice, that the school staff has taken upon themselves more responsibility than is their right to do as educators. They have gone beyond just being educators.

Now obviously, we can all recognize that a certain level of structured discipline must be maintained at all times in a school environment; as otherwise, there would undoubtedly be total anarchy. This is particularly true in this current day

when there is so much school violence, including homicides, gang violence, etc. Nevertheless, can you see the potential for abuse of authority which can be masked in such a remark? While today they may be saying "We are your parents; we are your parents when you are not at home", tomorrow, they could very easily be telling our impressionable children "We are your parents"; period! It isn't very difficult to imagine a situation where they could even begin to say "Forget your parents at home. They are old-fashioned and out of sync with the times. They still embrace those odd, hateful religious ideas of the past. They no longer know what is best for you, but WE do! In fact, your own parents may even be a danger to you. You need to trust us, and inform us of anything unusual which is happening in your home. We love you. We just want to help you. Trust us!" Frightening, isn't it? But let us not forget that it has happened before.

On a related note, it might also interest you to know that some school questionnaires, which are never brought home in order to acquire parental consent, but which are only filled out by the student in the classroom, contain trick questions, which are purposely designed to cause our children to unknowingly reveal personal information about their families, which we parents may be more hesitant to reveal. Perhaps there will be ten innocent-looking questions on that survey, but one of them will be designed to extract a specific piece of information from the unknowing child, who freely provides it without giving it further thought. Allow me to give you an example. In one survey my daughter was asked to fill out during this past school year, (which I of course never saw), the question was asked: Where do you feel the safest? The three multiple choice answers were a) at school, b) while walking to school, or c) at home. My daughter was wise enough to answer in the order c, a, b.

Why in the world did the school ask such a prying question? What does it have to do with my daughter's academic development? Yes, we can offer some valid reasons for asking this kind of question, such as the school staff's desire to know exactly how safe the children feel while they are at school, but stop and consider for a moment what might happen if a student were to place "at school" before "at home". Maybe he didn't quite understand the question; or maybe he was just in a hurry, so he just filled out a quick answer not even realizing how serious the question was. Now do you see my point? If any child does not answer "c" first, the school officials, and perhaps the Child Welfare Services as well, are going to raise their eyebrow and think to themselves:

"Uh-oh; something is wrong at home. We need to investigate this. Maybe the child is in danger. Maybe the child is being abused. Maybe mommy or daddy is an unfit parent. Maybe we need to take some legal action here."

And the next thing you know, we, their Christian parents, are being harassed unnecessarily by the State, because they are bored with their job, or with their life, and they need to go out and play the hero. In short, they are using our very own children to spy on us, and to invade, and in fact to infringe upon, our right to privacy.

Allow me to also add that I suspect that some questions on these school questionnaires are being used to create a psychological profile of our children, in order to measure and determine how well they are accepting and adapting to the multi-culturalist, globalist thinking propaganda which

is being thrown at them. Going by my own experiences with the American Public School System, it seems to me that part of their strategy is to demote our Christian faith in the eyes of our children, so that they begin to view it as just one among so many different religions, which is no better than the others. It is an attempt to create an ecumenical atmosphere where all religions are treated as equals, and the role of Jesus Christ is reduced from being the Savior of the world, to simply being just another prophet, holy man and teacher, no different than Confucius, Buddha or Mohammad. New Age advocates do the very same thing.

Allow me to give you another clear example which also exposes the clash which exists between our authority as parents, and that of the school staff. On one particular occasion about eight years ago, I was helping my daughter with her homework. As I recall, she was doing some math problems which required that she convert some fractions, so that they had a common denominator for the purpose of adding them together. While it has been over four decades since I was in elementary school, I was still able to remember the steps required to help her complete her assignment. Well, to my surprise, the very next afternoon, my daughter arrived home from school and informed me that her teacher had told the class that they should not ask their parents for help with their math homework, because we, the parents, would become frustrated and confused.

Why did the teacher give her students such odd instructions? According to what my daughter told me, this teacher does not always teach by the book. Sometimes she invents her own ways of doing things, such as math, which in her view, are easier and less confusing for the children to understand. Now on the surface, this teacher's motivation seems innocuous; just like the Vice Principal who said "We are your parents; we are your parents when you are not at home"; but if we look deeper, we can detect something more troubling.

Consider the following. If some of these teachers begin to employ non-standard methods for teaching our children in the classroom, if they decide to not teach by the book, that can place those of us who have learned by the regular standard, at a disadvantage. In fact, whether it is intentional or not, this method of teaching can foster dependence on the school teachers, instead of on the parents. In short, it gradually shifts authority away from the parents, and it also gradually shifts the child's dependence upon their biological parents, towards dependence upon the self-proclaimed "school parents"; and I suspect that this is exactly what some of them want to happen. They want our children to become more subservient to, more obedient to, more loyal to, and more dependent upon the State, than to their own flesh and blood parents. Alarming, isn't it?

It seems to me that this kind of mentality is the very same motivation that fuels the "International Rights of the Child" agenda, which is sponsored by the United Nations, which, as you may already know, is a clear advocate of, and vehicle for globalism and multi-culturalism. Everything is geared towards the creation of a so-called "Global Neighborhood". Well, such a "neighborhood" is certainly going to require some kind of a strong, charismatic leader who will be capable of keeping all of the squabbling neighbors/nations together, united by one common political view, one common approach to solving all of the world's economic problems, one common spirituality, etc. It doesn't take too much effort to figure out who this might be. Our own children will bear this New World Government upon

their very shoulders, and willingly so, after they have been properly indoctrinated, beginning at the grade school level.

At this point, I think that it is important to mention that I am not trying to demonize all teachers. I am not saying that all teachers are evil, or that they all have some kind of a hidden agenda. I know that some teachers, in fact, many educators, are very serious, and very sincere, regarding the career which they have chosen in life. They have invested a lot of personal time, money, energy, study and hard work in order to excel in their chosen profession, and to be a help to children. They love children, and they are trying to help give them a better life by providing them with an education, so that they will be better prepared to face the future, as well as adulthood, and the responsibilities that come with it.

Yet, at the same time, as a Christian parent, I realize that their world perspective, and their priorities and goals in life, not only for themselves, but for our children as well, are not the same as mine. In fact, to be quite blunt, I know that we Christian parents are at odds with public educators, because we are trying to build our children's lives upon two very different foundations. One is based upon the spirit of the world which promotes self-confidence, competition, being proud of one's accomplishments, and becoming a useful pawn in the global economic system, while the other is based upon the Spirit of God which teaches us to walk humbly before our Maker, to give Him glory, credit and thanks for everything, and to choose a life of meaningful service to Him, as well as to others. So what these well-meaning teachers think is best for our children, is not necessarily the same as what we Christian parents know is best for them. How can some of these teachers and school staff claim to know what is best for our children, when they do not even have the Spirit of God to guide them in their decision-making? They have made themselves friends of the world, and they teach the ways of the world, and not the ways of God. Consider these verses:

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

James 4:4, KJV

"If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you."

John 15:19, KJV

"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."

1 Corinthians 2:14, KJV

So then; because many of these educators are a part of the worldly system, and are in tune to the spirit of the world, and not in tune to the Spirit of God, they cannot possibly begin to know, and much less understand, what is truly best for our Christian children. We are simply on two different wavelengths so-to-speak.

To reiterate my main point, there is a hidden agenda at work within the public school system; the goals of which are to cultivate our children's minds and hearts in the ways of the world, to win their trust, obedience and loyalty, and if

necessary, to even turn them against us, so that they become de facto wards of the State. Allow me to remind you again that the public school system does not cultivate or nurture faith in God; it does the exact opposite, as we all know. It teaches children to place their trust in modern science and man's achievements. It teaches children that the answers are to be found within themselves. It cultivates the spirit of national pride and patriotism. It teaches multi-culturalism, tolerance towards non-Christian faiths, and globalism. It is a very secular, humanistic, ungodly, liberal environment.

Sadly, as I pointed out earlier, the gay and lesbian crowd is not satisfied with their current achievements; they still desire more. They want to totally eradicate the thought that homosexuality is a blatant sin against God's Laws; and they are using every means at their disposal in order to succeed with their goal; including political means, religious means, scientific means, (they now claim that sexual preference is genetic in nature), and even academic means. These people are fully aware of the ungodly, secular, liberal attitude which pervades the environment of the American public school system, and they are using it to their full advantage. They are using that liberal environment to target our children. Forty years ago, who would have possibly imagined that our schools and university and college campuses would be flooded with gay and lesbian rights groups as they are today? To my dismay, a number of years ago, I also discovered that even elementary schools have not remained immune to their ungodly onslaughts.

Allow me to share one more real-life story with you. In my view, as a concerned Christian parent, I consider this the most serious and shocking incident of all; and I hope that it will wake up some of you, and help you to realize what is really happening within the American public school system, and undoubtedly in other countries as well. After all, this is a global effort.

One morning about eight years ago, while my young daughter was preparing herself for school, she casually mentioned to me that the day before, her class had been watching a video called "Remember The Titans". She informed me that the movie was about Whites and Blacks, and reinforced the lesson that prejudice is wrong. My daughter also told me that they were going to watch the second half of the video that day. Up to this point, I didn't see anything nothing wrong with it; but then, to my surprise, she also mentioned to me that in one brief scene, which probably lasted a second or two at best, the movie showed two school boys kissing each other on the mouth.

As you can imagine, when my daughter told me this, I really exploded. It made me extremely upset, because I immediately realized what was going on. Why in the world did they show this video to young, impressionable, fifth-grade children? Didn't the teacher, or the principal, or someone screen it first? Were they simply too busy to do so; or is it possible that they did screen the movie, but didn't find anything in it objectionable? Or might it be something more sinister?

I tried to explain to my daughter the subtle message which was being projected by this video about prejudice, but due to her young age, and her naivety, she simply wasn't able to understand. In fact, she began to argue and say that I could be wrong. Well, my daughter knew that as soon as the school opened, I would call them up and lodge a complaint, because

I was really mad; so she pleaded with me not to, being as she was afraid that she would get in trouble, or that someone at the school would yell at her, or at the very least, that she would be further ostracized from the rest of the children, as a result of her Christian beliefs.

Allow me to inform you that prior to that particular time, we had experienced a number of problems with that very same school, due to our Christian faith; and in each instance, my daughter had either been painted as the villain, or else the principal had come to the defense of the teacher in question. In short, it is useless to argue with the System, because you can rarely ever win. Those people have their agenda, and they will follow it no matter who opposes them. They will likewise defend their own, before they will admit any wrongdoing. I've seen this happen a number of times over the years, and maybe you have too.

Now, my daughter sincerely loves the Lord, but because of her past conflicts with school officials, it became increasingly difficult for her to even express her beliefs at school. She was a very sensitive young girl, and would easily break out into tears. While I wanted her to stand up for her faith, I was wise enough to know that I could only push her so hard, and so fast. She had to learn to operate according to her own level of faith, and not according to mine. I also recognized that she had a burden on her little shoulders which I most certainly did not have when I was her age. I didn't know the Lord as well, or His Word as well, when I was at that age. I didn't receive the same Bible-based Christian upbringing that she has been given. The only thing I had was the catechism doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. As we are taught in the Scriptures:

"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."
Proverbs 22:6, KJV

Sadly, whether or not that training is sound, Bible-based indoctrination, it will remain with a child for years to come. This seems to be particularly true in Roman Catholic families. Once they receive their CCD, (Confraternity Of Christian Doctrine), classes, many of them become staunch Roman Catholics for life; and that includes blindly trusting in their totally unScriptural doctrines such as Mary's supposed "Immaculate Conception", (born without sin); and her supposed "Assumption", (being raised to Heaven without suffering bodily decay); as well as "Transubstantiation", (the Eucharist actually becoming the physical Blood and Body of Christ); and other doctrines. I discuss some of these issues more fully in the Roman Catholicism articles section of our Endtime Prophecy Net website, if you care to read them.

To continue with my story, after giving it further thought, I decided not to call my daughter's school; not only because she would be the one who would feel the repercussions, but also because, as I stated a moment ago, from previous experiences with them, I knew that it would be to no avail. They might appease me by taking her out of the class temporarily while the rest of the video was shown -- which would only serve to ostracize her even more -- but they would continue showing the video to other classes in spite of my protest; just as her teacher had continued reading "The Chronicles of Narnia" to his other classes, after I had strongly voiced my objection. In short, we would be viewed as an inconvenience,

and the source of the problem, due to our Christian faith, and not the video itself. Do you see my point? In addition to this point, I also chose not to confront the school staff directly, because this incident occurred during the final month of the school year; and this was to be my daughter's last year at that school; so I decided that it would just be better to let the incident pass. While Jude does instruct us to earnestly contend for our faith, we must choose our battles wisely:

"Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Jude 1:3, KJV

In the end, my daughter left that school and entered Middle School; and I knew from the start that we would have bigger and greater spiritual battles to contend with. I did not anticipate the situation getting any easier for either of us, and it most certainly didn't. In fact, to make a long story, let me just tell you that the situation came to a head rather quickly; and that in spite of our very limited income, the Lord worked a miracle so that my daughter was able to attend a private Christian school for the final six years of her education. Unlike the public school system, her new school had a very Bible-centric curriculum, where God, and His Word, were incorporated into every subject.

But let me finish the story that I began a few moments ago. Well, it took me until later that night, but I was finally able to help my daughter to understand what was really going on. To do this, the Lord inspired me to use the example of a dead animal on the roadside. The first time that we see an animal carcass on the road, with all of the maggots crawling about, and the frenzied flies swarming madly in the air, our stomachs are sickened. When the smell of rotting, putrefying flesh hits our nose, it really repulses us; doesn't it? But then what happens? As that scene continues to be repeated in our lives, over the years, we begin to accept the fact that dead animals on the road are a normal part of life. Maybe we are still repulsed by them, and perhaps we still hold our fingers over our nose as we quickly walk by, but there is a certain degree of acceptance that this is now normal; it is to be expected.

Now, what do you suppose would happen if one day, a new boy in your neighborhood accompanies you to school, and there is a dead beast on the side of the road; yet to his surprise, you walk by without offering the slightest evidence that you even realize that the animal is there? Remember; you've seen these dead carcasses lying on the roadside year after year, but this is his very first time. Obviously, your friend would look at you rather strangely, as he is immediately sickened by the sight and smell of the dead animal. You see; this is exactly how some people choose to react to sin in their lives. While a God-fearing, Bible-believing Christian will hopefully react to sin; repent; and attempt to make things right with God, as we have already seen, some people, such as gays and lesbians, choose the easy path of deception instead. In other words, they choose to harden their hearts against the Lord's Spirit and Voice which is trying to work in their lives; and the Apostle Paul warned us against doing this very thing when he wrote:

"But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day;

lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin . . . To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation."
Hebrews 3:13, 15b, KJV

The word "hardened" is derived from the Greek word "skleruno" which means to become stubborn or obstinate. While Paul is discussing faith and unbelief in those verses, and using the example of the children of Israel, who were forced to wander in the wilderness for forty years, until thousands of them had died, due to their provoking the Lord by their constant complaining and sin of unbelief, how much this lesson applies to the gay and lesbian community as well. Rather than humbly admit their blatant sexual sins against God, and repent of the same, they have hardened their hearts; they have become stubborn and obstinate in their ways; and I don't doubt that it is because of this, that the Lord has allowed so many of them to be plagued with such things as the AIDS virus, much more so than the general population. God is trying to send them a message, but because they have hardened themselves through the deceitfulness of sin, they just don't get it.

Amazingly, that is precisely what Paul had done earlier in his life when, in his self-righteous, pharisaical delusion, he was persecuting the nascent Christian church. There is Scriptural evidence which suggests that when Stephen was lambasting the false religious leaders of the Sanhedrin in Acts chapters six and seven, Paul, then known as Saul, was among that group. Just prior to being stoned by that mob of self-righteous wolves, notice what Stephen said to them:

"Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."
Acts 7:51, KJV

You see; Stephen is accusing the Jews of the very same things which Paul spoke about in the verses I shared a moment ago; and Stephen is using the very same example of the forefathers wandering in the wilderness because of their sin of unbelief. The word "stiffnecked" is likewise derived from the very same Greek root as "hardened". To give you an example, sometimes when we correct our children, how do they react? Or to make this an even better lesson, what do we sometimes do when God is trying to correct us about a certain sin which is plaguing our life?

Imagine that God is symbolically looking down from Heaven and saying to you, "Look at me; I want to talk to you about something"; but instead of looking at Him directly in the eyes, because you know that you just won't be able to bear the conviction of His Spirit, you stubbornly look to the side, and your neck is kind of stretched and stiff. Just as Stephen and Paul state, you're being stubborn, stiff-necked, obstinate and hardened; not only physically with your neck, but in your heart and spirit as well. You are acting in a very rebellious manner. The Lord inspired the Prophet Isaiah to describe the descendants of Jacob in the very same manner when he wrote the following verse:

"Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass;"
Isaiah 48:4, KJV

The problem is, if in our foolish pride we act this way long enough, we may end up in very serious trouble with the Lord,

and it won't be fun. As we read in the Book of Proverbs:

"Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."

Proverbs 16:18, KJV

God will try to get through to us gently at first; but if we are too stupid to take a hint, then He allows the axe of His judgments to fall upon us, until we learn our lesson, and cry out to Him for His Mercy. We see this happening over and over again in the Old Testament stories of the children of Israel. Returning to the link between Stephen and Saul, when Stephen was martyred that day, after giving his God-inspired witness in the Sanhedrin, we are told that the two required witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul, before they began to stone Stephen. In the very next chapter, we discover Saul, later to be known as Paul, unleashing his full fury against the Christian church, as we see here:

"And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man's feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison."

Acts 7:58-8:3, KJV

So you see, just as Paul had written in his Epistle to the Hebrews, due to the deceitfulness of sin in his own life, he was acting very rebelliously, and very stubbornly, by persecuting the Christian church; at least until the Lord knocked him to the ground, and knocked his pride out of him as well, in Acts chapter nine, where we read:

"And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink."

Acts 9:3-9, KJV

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WHEN SIN IS NO LONGER A SIN : PART FIVE

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If you are gay or lesbian, and are reading this series, I truly hope that you are not so hardened of heart, and so deceived by your sin, that God has to deal as severely with you, as He did with the Apostle Paul. I hope that you are not kicking so hard against the pricks, that is, resisting the Spirit of God in your life, that He is forced to take some drastic measure in order to bring you to your senses; but if He does, then please consider it a Divine Token of His Love and Mercy; for as it is also written:

"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth."

Hebrews 12:6, KJV

"Open rebuke is better than secret love."

Proverbs 27:5, KJV

Before leaving this lesson behind, allow me to also mention the fact that in the previous verse from Hebrews, Paul began by saying "But exhort one another daily". In other words, one way to avoid falling into sin, and becoming hardened against the Lord's Spirit working in our lives, is to keep each other in check. In other words, we need to constantly encourage and inspire each other through the truth of the Scriptures. We need to not only support each other with our prayers, but we also need to help strengthen each other, and keep each other on guard against sin, by constantly quoting the Scriptures. This thought goes right along with the following verses:

"Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend."

Proverbs 27:17, KJV

"Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth; for he hath not another to help him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, KJV

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much . . . Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know,

that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

James 5:16, 19-20, KJV

Let us return now to the dead animal story, and my daughter. After sharing this story with my daughter, I told her that it was not simply an accident that one short scene in the movie depicted two boys kissing each other on the mouth. I told her that it was intentionally placed there for a very specific reason. Actors were purposely hired for the part, and perhaps even paid to do the scene. It was not just an afterthought. I am sure that careful attention was given to every detail of the video. I then explained to her that the intention was to implant a subconscious thought in her mind, via a movie about prejudice between Blacks and Whites, that to view homosexual relationships as abnormal, is not only wrong, but it is also a form of prejudice.

In other words, the intention of the video's creators was to attach a lie -- gay relationships are normal -- to something which is totally unrelated -- Blacks and Whites shouldn't be prejudiced against each other -- which most people perceive as truth. This tactic is so typical of Satan. He will mix a little bit of truth with his pack of lies in order to trick and deceive people. But let us remember what Jesus and the Prophet Isaiah said:

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Isaiah 5:20, KJV

". . . He [the Devil] was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."

John 8:44, KJV

I told my daughter that I have no doubt that irresponsible school officials will continue to show these kinds of videos in the classroom, which contain these quick, short scenes, which slowly but surely indoctrinate children, and subtly persuade them that the gay and lesbian lifestyle is normal, acceptable, and can even be enjoyable. Even though these relationships clearly defy God's Natural Order, similar to the animal carcass on the road which nauseates us, children will be taught to ignore the natural repulsion given to them by God, and will eventually tolerate, if not embrace, these aberrant lifestyles. Their sense of right and wrong will be warped. They will become numb to the Voice of God's Spirit speaking the truth to their hearts. Sin will no longer be a sin in their eyes; and we, their parents, will simply be branded as old-fashioned, narrow-minded fogies full of hate.

How much this has come to pass in the eight years since I first wrote this series! As we saw earlier, gay and lesbian militants have made great strides towards convincing people to accept, or at the very least, to tolerate, their sinful lifestyle; and this fact is particularly evident amongst the younger generation. Even at the private Christian school that my daughter attended, there were a few students who claimed to be gay or lesbian much to the chagrin of the schoolmaster.

I also explained to my daughter, that as she continued going through school, sooner or later, she would encounter gay and

lesbian people; and she would have to decide how she wanted to react to them. I told her that eventually, she would have to make her own decisions regarding her faith. In a word, she could either compromise and hide her light under a bushel, or else she could stand up for what she believes in; even if it means being ostracized, and suffering mockery and ridicule, and losing friends, or maybe even being reprimanded by school authorities. Thankfully, as I mentioned in the last part of this series, the Lord worked out our situation so that she was able to attend a private Christian school during her last six years of school life.

But general speaking, if there is one thing which has become clear to me personally over the years, it is that we will each have to pay a greater and greater price for our faith, as the world continues to slide into spiritual darkness, and the gulf grows ever wider between the Children of Light, and the Children of Darkness. This is an inevitable truth; for as Jesus said:

"And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved."

Matthew 10:22, KJV

If you are a God-fearing, Bible-believing Christian, then I hope that after reading the information which I have provided in this series, that you are truly convinced that all of the social and legal victories which have been won by the gay and lesbian community, are most certainly not of God, but rather, are inspired by none other than Satan himself; the Father of Lies; who has declared a war of spiritual anarchy against the Natural Order established by the Lord in the Garden of Eden. It should be clear to you by now, that the primary purpose of these new laws, court rulings, and new social attitudes, is to totally overturn God's Standards, as they are contained in the Bible, and to replace them with a less-demanding, human standard, in which sin and guilt are viewed as outdated ideas from the past, and in which sin is no longer considered a sin.

It is encouraging to know, that despite the heavy onslaught by these gay and lesbian militants, many American states have continued to stand firm in their objections to marriages of two people of the same sex. As of this current time -- April, 2009 -- thirty US states still have constitutional amendments on their books which explicitly prohibit the recognition of same-sex "marriages". Furthermore, more than forty US states explicitly restrict marriage to heterosexual unions; that is, between two persons of the opposite sex. Finally, nineteen US states ban any legal recognition of same-sex unions that would be equivalent to civil marriage. Let's hope and pray that the people and law makers in these states will continue to remain strong in their convictions. Let's also hope that with these recent victories in Iowa and Vermont, God's people will rise up and prevent the rest of New England from adopting same-sex "marriage" laws.

A moment ago, I mentioned that Satan, the Father of Lies, has declared a war of spiritual anarchy against the Natural Order established by the Lord Himself in the Book of Genesis. If you think that this idea of an anarchist's world sounds a bit preposterous, may I suggest that you consider how the Apostle Paul describes the soon-coming false Jewish messiah, Moshiach ben David, in the second chapter of his second Epistle to the Thessalonians. While some Bibles, such as the KJV, interpret "anthropos hamartia" as "man of sin", meaning of course that this person will rebel against and violate the Laws of God,

other Bibles interpret it using such terminology as "man of rebellion", and "the lawless one". Here is the KJV version:

"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;"

2 Thessalonians 2:3, KJV

No matter how we choose to interpret the phrase, the general idea being proposed by Paul, is that this man, this false messiah who will actually claim to be God, will live outside of the Law of the true God of Heaven; he will be a spiritual anarchist who opposes God's Natural Order; and it is only natural to assume that his followers will do likewise as well.

As a final proof of everything I have stated in this series, allow me to present you with one more piece of convincing evidence, which points to the fact that there is currently a concerted effort to overturn the Natural Order established by God Himself. As we all know, at this current time, one's legal gender is determined by his or her physical attributes at birth. If a baby is born with female reproductive organs, she is obviously female; and if a child is born with male reproductive organs, then he is obviously male. But what if this is legally redefined so that one's gender is no longer determined solely by one's physical attributes, but also by one's mental and emotional state, or even by one's physical attributes after undergoing a sex-change operation? If you doubt that this is really possible, please consider the following excerpts which I extracted from a news article which was published eight years ago by "Christian News at Worthy News":

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Same-sex partnerships have been debated since the great community barbecue at Sodom and Gomorrah, and the trend will undoubtedly continue. But a related issue of monstrous proportions is on the horizon: Impending legislative changes regarding gender definition as a result of sex-change operations, and a scarier subject, transgenics, both of which challenge the orthodox rendering of the divine order, are inevitable.

Up until now, a man who submitted to sex-reassignment remained legally defined as a man regardless of how he mutilated himself. That's because the law was based on existing limitations regarding reproduction; a person who went through a sex-change operation did not acquire the necessary internal organs for procreation during the procedure and therefore continued to be defined by his gender at birth.

But such concepts are changing. The catch phrase has gone from "sex reassignment surgery" to "gender reassignment surgery." The language is intentional. The goal is to change state and federal definitions of male and female to existing physical characteristics, rather than gender at the time of birth. To make matters worse, cloning and alternative conception and gestation methods have been developed to satisfy the legal requirements of genetic reproduction by gender-altered couples.

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Alarming, isn't it? Imagine; the day may soon be upon us when, from a legal perspective, men are really women, and women are really men, and men may be able to physically bear their own children; after they've been turned into women of course! Now, if all of that sounds confusing to you, just remember; God is not the author of confusion; Satan is; and he, (meaning Satan), must be gloating with absolute delight over the sexual identity crisis which has sadly gripped the world. One thing is for certain; regardless of how much man tries to implement and force his imperfect, corrupt laws upon us, God's Word stands forever; because it is Absolute Law, and nothing will ever change that. Please consider the following verses:

"For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven."
Psalms 119:89, KJV

"Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."
Psalms 119:160, KJV

"The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever."
Isaiah 40:8, KJV

"For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."
Malachi 3:6, KJV

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."
Hebrews 13:8, KJV

With these verses, which clearly reveal the immutability of God's Word, I am going to bring another series to a close. I trust that it has been a blessing in your life.

If you happen to be a practicing gay or lesbian, I truly hope that you will seriously ponder the path which you have taken in your life. If you are interested in learning more about this topic, allow me to suggest that you consider reading my companion series entitled "Homosexuality And Lesbianism: To The Point!", as well as the very controversial 1987 magazine article "The Overhauling Of Straight America". This shocking article, which was written by people who actually support the gay and lesbian agenda, will further confirm everything that I have stated in both of my series.

May God have His Will and Way in your life.

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