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### GAY PRIDE: THE WAR AGAINST THE CULTURE – PART V

*Since I last wrote: New York State has done the deed. They've legalized same sex marriage. They are the sixth state to do so. What is interesting is the significance of the growing legitimization of gay marriage. According to the Babylonian Talmud, the Jewish rabbinical interpretation of the Scriptures: There is only one other time in history when the government officially recognized marriages between people of the same sex. That was in the days of Noah. Just before the Flood. Here's how Rabbi Aryeh Spero explained it. He said, "before the Flood people started to write marriage contracts between men, in other words, homosexual 'marriage,' which is more than homosexual activity – it's giving an official state stamp of approval, a sanctification ... of homosexual partnership."<sup>1</sup> What's really interesting about that is that Jesus warned that we could use the Days of Noah as a benchmark to know where we are in the prophetic calendar. When things got like that...then we would know that His return was very close. Now what He said referred to lots of things; violence, indifference, self-absorption, demonic activity and all forms of illicit sexual activities – both heterosexual and homosexual. And our day qualifies on so many of these fronts. Here's Jesus Himself speaking as recorded in Matthew 24:37. **"But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."***

*Pastor John Piper was quoted by the Christian Post as warning that the entire world "is moving toward the institutionalization of homosexuality." Recent polling data reveals that now a majority of Americans – 56% - believe that homosexuality is morally ok. And 53% believe that those folks should be allowed to get married.<sup>2</sup> In Great Britain, the Church of England is poised to begin appointing openly gay bishops to get in compliance with Britain's Equality Act of 2010.<sup>3</sup> We've already seen Canadian pastors taken to law for reading Bible passages that proclaim homosexuality as sin.*

*In an article published on the Rapture Ready website, Edward Wood rehearsed the life cycle of the great empires from the cultural perspective. He pointed to "commonality of the rise and fall of their respective cultures. Starting off small and then growing in science, architecture, the arts, literature, they all peak, then decline into stagnation, decadence, corruption, and decay, this final stage characterized by a corresponding descent into sexual aberrations. History has shown that once this course has been undertaken, there is no return."<sup>4</sup> The Apostle Paul lays out the pattern in the hard hitting words of the first chapter of his letter to the Romans. **"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness."** (v18) He says of those that would follow their own 'wisdom' rather than God's: **"Professing to be wise, they became fools."** (v22) Verse 24 drives home the point. **"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them."** (Romans 1:26-32)*

*What we are seeing then is the embracing of sin. It is not enough to tolerate...it is now something to be celebrated and taught to our children; - this even though, as we've seen in this series, – this lifestyle destroys both families and individuals;*

*the very building blocks of a healthy moral culture. It is NOT limited to the homosexual phenomenon alone. We see it in the political arena, in our boardrooms, our schools, our bedrooms and even our churches. Moral relativism has necessarily robbed the culture of even the ability to recognize the difference between right and wrong. Edward Wood styles it as constituting the “profusion of immorality that characterizes a society’s last days.” A scary thought indeed! Wood again: “I believe we are now replicating for the first time on a global scale the very things that caused the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.” Perhaps worse, is the fact that the radical gay movement and its fellow travelers are now trying to justify their position by re-writing the very intent of the Scriptures.*

*The final battleground in the Gay Revolution has settled around God’s Word. For millenniums, so the argument goes, the Bible was misinterpreted. God is a loving, affirming, God, - who does not care about our gender preferences. Besides, the Scripture is full of references to homosexual characters, fully approved by God Himself. To this way of thinking, the greatest example was David, described as a man after God’s own heart.*

### **The Battle For the WORD!**

**“He who does not love does not know God, for God is love”** (1John 4:8) Thus is the sword of the Word selectively wielded by adherents of the gay lobby. There is among the practicing homosexual community, (as in the world in general), a body of people longing for God’s approval. They wish however to be justified in their actions, - approved of in their choices, rather than conforming their choices to God’s law. To that end, a whole theological reinterpretation of Biblical doctrine has been developed. Every behavior choice is sanctioned. That’s how the Episcopal Church USA defended its 2003 appointment of Rev. Gene Robinson to be the Bishop of New Hampshire. Rev. Robinson is an admitted and practicing homosexual, - who in fact has broken his marriage vows, and now lives with his male lover. His defenders stressed *“inclusion and affirmation”* as they expressed their approval of same-sex unions and the good bishop’s appointment. In the process they effectively turned Scripture on its head, rejecting thousands of years of consistent Biblical belief, fundamental to both Christianity and Judaism. Robinson proclaimed the near sacramental nature of his love for his partner, - a type of the *“...never-failing love that God has for me”*. Writing at the time in the Wall Street Journal, Katherine Kersten pointed out that this ‘Gospel of Inclusion’, *“...preaches a reconstructed, therapeutic Jesus, who accepts us exactly as we are. Traditional Christianity, however holds that Jesus calls us to repentance of sins”*, and the transformation of our lives through God’s power.<sup>5</sup> 2Corinthians 5:17 tells us that **“...if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; old things have passed away”**. So thus are the battle lines are drawn.

The desire of the Bishop and of the many gays wanting Divine sanction for their lifestyle choice, is an attempt to seize the high ground. ‘God approves’, they argue. But this is in essence a part of a larger argument that goes all the way back to the Garden, when Satan convinced Eve that we could all be like gods, defining the very nature of good and evil. To the adherents of this new theology, the Bible no longer sets the standard of right and wrong. We do! In modern thinking there is no sin, for the most part. There is no Truth, which does not pay homage to the overriding value of Tolerance. Surveys show that 2/3 of Americans no longer believe in “absolute truth”, over half of those call themselves born-again Christians. Over a quarter of Christians say sin is, “an outdated concept”.<sup>6</sup> In essence even ‘religious man’, has deigned to set himself up as the judge over Biblical Truth. It is God’s unfailing love that is cited as justification. The God that this liberal theology worships is one in which God’s holiness is diminished. In this view, the presence of love then, sanctifies the behavior. Here’s the essence of the argument: *If God is love, and a homosexual relationship is based on love, then how can homosexuality be wrong? ‘Besides’, they argue, ‘Jesus Himself, said nothing about homosexuality’*. As one gay Christian leader puts it, *“Jesus was more interested in love”*.<sup>7</sup>

The most radical in the movement, have taken the argument farther. They have developed an actual Gay-Affirming theology. One of its most potent spokesmen is Troy Perry from the Metropolitan Community Church, an organization specifically designed for *“gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered communities”*. He will tell you categorically that homosexuality is not a sin because: The Bible is full of errors, and Biblical references do not refer to the practice at all. Further, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorah had nothing to do with the sin of sodomy. In addition, many Biblical characters, were both gay and approved by God. Examples include David and Jonathan, Ruth and Naomi. Even Jesus, may have lived an “alternative lifestyle” with the Apostle John, “the disciple whom Jesus loved”.<sup>8</sup> Such is the depravity of his musings. But the argument falls down on several fronts. First of all, it rejects the consistency of the moral law. Jesus explicitly affirmed the entire law in Matthew 5:18; - even the parts that condemned homosexuality. **“For assuredly, I say to you, till**

heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.” It by-passes Paul’s categorical listing of those unqualified for the Kingdom. **“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”** (1Corinthians 6:9) Homosexuals and sodomites are included. Finally, it completely ignores the theme of Christ’s ministry expressed in Matthew 4:17. **“Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand.”** And Jesus certainly confirmed the existence of sin, - and He condemned it in all its forms. Or else why repent? Yes Jesus taught love, but the love that Jesus preached, however did not leave people dead in their sins. **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”** (Romans 6:23) The nature of that born-again experience, described in John 3:3, is one of a changed life, freed from the bondage of sin, - not just its penalty. It does not leave us to live the sinful lives we lived before our surrender to God. The nature of God’s law is that it points to our sin. It never legitimizes it. In John 14:15, Jesus enjoined us, **“If you love Me, keep My commandments”**. Yes we are saved by faith through grace, but it is the Holy Spirit given at the new birth, that allows us fulfill that command to overcome. God’s holiness can never be compromised!

So that’s the general. What about the specific pronouncements of Scripture regarding the matter. I’m glad you asked. First, the whole matter must be seen in a larger context. The Bible, and by extension Jesus, The Word, - expressly prohibits sex outside of marriage. **“You shall not commit adultery.”** (Exodus 20:14) It does not say, “...unless you want to do somebody of your own gender”! It does not say, “...unless you feel like you can’t help yourself”! Love does not sanctify or legitimize an otherwise illegitimate relationship. Scripture places limits and boundaries on many human relationships; - especially the sexual which were created for Man’s benefit and pleasure. Those Biblical limits proscribe; - all activities outside of marriage, incest, sex with animals, as well as homosexual behavior. Now many in the homosexual lifestyle claim that they are Born Again Believers. However, in the words of Joe Dallas of Exodus International, *“...their salvation [does not] legitimize their sins”*. Even the presence of the gifts of the Spirit at a church with a gay-friendly theology cannot negate the clear teachings of Scripture.<sup>9</sup> The test for us all, gay and straight, is obedience. We cannot rely on a religious veneer to save us. In Matthew 7:21-23 Jesus says, **““Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”**

The word **“lawlessness”** refers to sin. And **“the will of My Father in heaven”**, refers to the clear commands of Scripture. In Leviticus 18:22, God gives one of those clear commands. **“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”** The next two verses go on to deal with other practices the LORD finds abhorrent. **“Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion.”** Leviticus 20:13 details the extent of God’s displeasure with the act of homosexuality. **“If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them.”** Elsewhere in the same chapter God prescribes the penalties for *regular* adulterers, as well as those involved in incest with stepmothers and sisters and aunts and animals. God is quite serious about His holiness, His law. The entire lifestyle of the gay culture is addressed by Scripture and condemned; - cross-dressing, bikini clad men, Gay Pride Parades, female impersonators and the like. Deuteronomy 22:5 is clear. **“A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman’s garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the LORD your God.”** It is a serious matter. Jude 1:7 tells how Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed after **“...having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”** 2 Peter explains the punishment as reserved especially for the unjust, [those not justified by the blood of Christ], **“who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority.”** (2 Peter 2:10)

Yes! We are under the grace of God’s love. Yet we know that **“that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine”**. For all those that **“practice lawlessness”**! The judgment of Romans 1:28 applies to all who purposefully continue in their sin. **“And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting”**

### **For Such Were Some of You !**

Just like all sin, homosexuality is a matter of the heart. And so much a part of the heart of the 'homosexual movement' has been an attempt to justify a self-destructive behavior rooted in licentiousness and pagan practice. It is not good for the individual, for our children or for our society. This is not something that should be promoted or even tolerated.

Gays are 4 times more likely to be alcoholics than the population at large. Even factoring AIDS out of the equation, the life expectancy of a homosexual is 20% to 30% shorter than a heterosexual. The common lifestyle of having dozens or even hundreds of partners, means that only about 2% of gays have had 10 or fewer lifetime partners.<sup>10</sup> The result is that they are more likely to contract STD's, anal cancer, gay bowel syndrome and hepatitis. Some have carried this purposefully self-destructive / masochistic behavior to an almost unimaginable extreme. There is a phenomena in the homosexual subculture that actually seeks to get / or give the AIDS virus to their lovers. These are called 'Bug Chasers'. Documented in Rolling Stone, one man fantasizes, saying that the moment he will get the HIV virus will be "the most erotic thing I can imagine". Another, HIV positive man, describes the excitement of infecting someone else. "*I'm murdering him in a sense, killing him slowly, and that's sort of, as sick as it sounds, exciting to me.*"<sup>11</sup> This is a sickness beyond comprehension. There is no moral equivalency.

Yet still, for all that, forgiveness is possible. God is calling out to us; - all of us, gay and straight. We are each the unique objects of His love. **"I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well."** (Psalm 139:14) In Ezekiel 33:11, He has called each to repentance. **"As I live,' says the Lord GOD, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die"**. After his list of sinners, disqualified from the Kingdom found in 1Corinthians 6, Paul offers this hope. **"And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."** (1Corinthians 6:11)

### **MINI YADA FEST**

**CAN'T TALK ABOUT IT !** – God, that is! According to a lawsuit filed in Texas, the Veterans Administration has forbidden the mention of God or Jesus at funeral services by the Veterans Honor Guards at Houston National Cemetery. Charges include: 1) VA Forbids Mention of God at Funerals for Veterans and Requires Families to Submit Prayer for Approval to the Government, 2) VA instructs the VFW and a Private Funeral Home that they may not present the option of prayer to families, 3) VA Tells Volunteers to Remove "God Bless" from Condolence Cards to Grieving Families.<sup>12</sup>

**HOW STUPID IS THIS** – The Obama Administration has put Israel on a list of nations that support terror – while removing North Korea from that same list.<sup>13</sup>

**EMBRACING THE BROTHERHOOD** – After promising it would not happen, the United States announced that "*the political landscape in Egypt has changed*" – and they would be making formal contact with the Muslim Brotherhood. The Brotherhood was founded as a fundamentalist revolutionary movement in 1928. It cooperated with the Nazis in World War II, finding common cause against the Jews. It supports Hezbollah, and its spinoffs include the terror groups Hamas, Islamic Jihad and al Qaeda. In the present day leaders of the movement are calling for abrogating the peace treaty with Israel and openly encouraging violent jihad against both Israel and America. The sad fact of the matter is that this is not new. American administrations have been dealing with the 'Brothers' since at least the days of Eisenhower. A number of recent books written by former CIA operatives have detailed the connections between that agency and various MB, radical Islamic offshoots including al Qaeda itself. But the plot goes even deeper. American intelligence has crafted a layered and contradictory network that ties the leadership of Islamic fundamentalism to the top Western banks. It is a sordid and complex story that can be traced all the way back to Cecil Rhodes and his "*scheme to take the government of the whole world.*" And here's the key, as enunciated by Rhode's chief lieutenant Lord Milner – spoken in Parliament in 1923. All must be done to keep Palestine – "*an international country in which all the world has a special interest.*" Thus, even Radical Islam is but a tool of the Illumined elite. Look for an 'International' component to any Middle East settlement. That's the plan!<sup>14 15 16</sup>

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