God's Supreme Court Ruling on Marriage

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The White House was displayed in rainbow lights to celebrate the Supreme Court decision on gay marriage which officially legalized sodomy in this country. This was an "in your face" gesture to traditional Americans who embrace the Biblical expression of marriage between a man and woman.

One article in a paper explains the recent event like this:

"In a long-sought victory for the gay rights movement, the Supreme Court ruled by a 5-to-4 vote on Friday that the Constitution guarantees a right to same-sex marriage. No longer may this liberty be denied," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote. He states: "No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family. In forming a marital union, two people (he does not say a man and woman) become something greater than once they were."

He goes on to say that marriage is a "keystone of our social order" adding that the people in the case were seeking "equal dignity in the eyes of the law" (he does not say in the eyes of God)

Let me begin this study by saying that I'm disgusted with this ruling and I would not want to be one of the judges that voted for abortion (Roe versus Wade) and gay marriage in light of the coming Judgment Day. God will have the last say with all these liberal, ideological, anti-God judges who have voted to legalize same sex marriages.

Kennedy thinks that gay marriage is a true marriage union and that is part of the social order. But God has a different mindset on gay marriage! He never recognized this type of marriage and certainly does not condone this type of behavior.

Friend, there is a higher court than our Supreme Court! It's the court of Heaven where God sits on the throne and He looks down upon this ruling with disdain and disgust. Speaking from a Biblical and moral perspective, the Supreme Court has "wronged that which was right" (Biblical and traditional marriage) and our country is NOT better off for it. To think that a country founded upon Christian principles would lapse this far from God over a period of several hundred years is appalling.

They are now calling America "the land of the home and the gays." The president remarked about the new gay marriage law and said that it was representing "the dignity of marriage." There is nothing dignified in this ruling – it's a moral and ethical atrocity!

I'm amazed at what 2 percent of the gay population and the politics involved with this movement have done to this country. It's a sad day when a country must vote to determine whether or not a person has the freedom to marry someone who is of the same sex and give them financial benefits. This is freedom gone wild, freedom gone morally debunked. It is a false liberty that only brings people into bondage to sin.

2 Peter 2:19 says:

"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."

Sin is not freedom! It's bondage. And living a gay lifestyle if a tremendous bondage to sin. Speaking from a Biblical and moral perspective, the acknowledgment of same-sex marriages demonstrates how far a country has drifted morally from God and His ways. One thing is certain; God has the final say on marriage for He established the institution of marriage in Genesis chapter two.

In this study we are going to look at "God's Supreme Court Ruling on Marriage," in the court of Heaven, in God's court. This heavenly court rules over all earthly courts! It is the highest court in the universe!! There can be

no question regarding what God says about marriage in spite of the rulings in our land today. This past week we have witnessed yet another sad day in American history when the liberals of this land voted to uphold gay marriage. What does God, the true God of Heaven think about this ruling? What is His response to such utter nonsense?

Psalm 2:4 gives the answer:

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."

The word "derision" means mockery and ridicule. In other words, God mocks people who try and overturn His rule of righteousness. This is God's expression toward the nations who forget Him and His ways over their lives. God laughs at their utter nonsense and attempts to overthrow His rule and righteousness which in this context refers to His returning Son from Heaven in the Second Coming.

The Lord sits enthroned high in heaven (and discerns how foolish the plans of man are when he attempts to oppose Him and His ways (Ps. 29:10; 55:19; 102:12; 113:5; Isa. 6:1). This will not only be true when the Son of God comes back to rule and reign during the Millennium but by way of application is also true today as man seeks to demoralize our country and world.

When godless people shake their fist at God and say, "I'll do it my way," and when godless people can approve of gay marriage and are celebrating about the ruling, it's then the true God in Heaven laughs at their futile attempts to override His sovereign purpose for marriage and for human sanctity. He mocks them which are so opposed to His perfect will for marriage and moral decency within a society. God will have the last laugh someday! Man won't get away with it! I for one would not want to stand before God's Great White Throne Judgment someday (Rev. 20:1-5) having voted for gay marriage, which set the ball rolling to overturn traditional marriage in our nation, and which took this country on a course that resembles Sodom and Gomorrah.

We want to look at God's Word and God's views regarding the subjects of marriage, homosexuality, and even transvestism. In Genesis chapter two we discover God's Supreme Court Ruling on Marriage. It is unmistakably clear what God says about marriage. Unless we flirt with the vocabulary of

truth and outwardly deny what God says, we cannot miss God's purpose for marriage and the role of marriage partners. What God says on marriage overrules what man concludes about marriage. Jesus said, "the Scriptures cannot be broken" (John 10:35). The truth cannot be forgotten and replaced by manmade laws which defy God and His moral way for marriage. As Christians, we would rather obey God than man (Acts 5:29).

God has given His official word on marriage. It does not matter what the Supreme Court of the U.S says. What matters is what God says! The Supreme Court of Heaven has ruled. And what is this ruling? God recognizes only heterosexual marriage. This means that marriage is between two members of the opposite sex (male and female) – not male and male or female and female. This ruling goes against the homosexual agenda in this country. God's Word teaches that marriage is between two members of the opposite sex (not the same sex). This is the way God designed marriage. This is the true God-ordained purpose for marriage.

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This is demonstrated in three ways.

I. By God's view of sacred marriage

a. What God said

Genesis 2:18

"And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him."

The Bible declares "And the Lord God said." This is really the only thing that matters on the subject of marriage. There is no earthly Supreme Court, no president, no liberal, progressive or sodomite that is going to change what God says! If America would get back to what God said they would stop toying around with evolutionary dogma, same-sex marriages, sex changes transvestite behavior, and the morning after pill. What God says matters to Christians and only a nation that has put out the lights of God's intuitive morals, which are placed within every person's conscience, would continue on a path of sinful degradation such as this.

b. What God did

Genesis 2:18-23

"And the LORD God said, *It is* not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man."

God did NOT create an animal for Adam's partner (that would be bestiality). The Bible says after the animal creation "there was not found an help meet (counterpart – someone that corresponds to the man) for him" – vs. 18. Sorry dog lovers! This means that the dog is NOT man's best friend. The woman in her creation would become man's best friend because she was created directly for the man as his human counterpart to identify with him on the same level – rationally, emotionally, and spiritually.

In this verse 21 we discover that God is a surgeon. "And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof" Someone called this divine aesthesia. God put Adam into a deep sleep to perform an operation on him. The operation would bring about a marvelous and fantastic creation from God called woman. The word "woman" is used twice in verses 22-23 to indicate God's purpose for the sexes. God created Eve for Adam. It was Adam and Eve – not Adam and Steve! It was a woman – not a manman! God's blueprint and ruling for marriage was to be between a man and woman who was directly created from the man.

The next set of verses leads in to what I want to emphasize on the subject of marriage. Once again, God speaks!

Genesis 1:24-28

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so. And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that *it was* good. And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the air, and over

These verses make it equally clear that man did not come from the apes -He was to rule over the apes! Man was to have dominion over the animal kingdom since he was a higher creation of God. Some people say today (even Christians), "I'm a progressive creationist or evolutionist," which means that God created the atoms and necessary things for life but has allowed evolution to occur over a process of billions of years. Anyone who teaches this denies the Biblical account of creation – the way God said it happened. God made the animals and He then made man on the same day. There was no evolution involved! There was not billions of years involved. Stop manipulating the divine vocabulary of Scripture in order to accommodate a phony science.

Years ago, the assistant professor of biology at Texas A&M said this: "All animals (including man) are in reality a type of highly modified plant life, derived a billion years or so again from a common ancestry with the brown seaweed." Some believe we came from the baboons, others from a barracuda, while others believe we came from a bean stalk. The insanity of evolution keeps being taught in our schools and colleges as fact. Dr. Lehman Strauss, while preaching his very last message on earth, said: "Some of your ancestors may have hung from their necks but none of them ever hung by their tails!"

The Bible declares that man was made in the image of God ("make man in our image" - Gen. 1:26). The "image" of God means that man was created to reflect God's likeness or adopt His same constitutional make up. Man

was created *morally* (he was created with a sense of morals), *mentally* (on a much higher intellectual plain than the animals), and in general was created with a *major* personality difference than the animals. This means that God's general characteristics are reflected in man's creation which includes self-awareness, rational understanding, an inbred sense of morality, and a deep emotional makeup or design. Animals (Phido) does not have the same likeness as man. Do you know why? It's because God ONLY created man to be like Himself. God created mankind (not the animals) in His own image or likeness. This is why you are a human being and not an animal species.

The human race has been created in God's likeness (James 3:9). Like God, you possess similar personal, moral, and spiritual dimensions to your existence. Your created humanness is a reflection of God's likeness in many ways. This is why Adam needed a woman and not an animal for a partner. He needed someone who was created in God's likeness as he was. He needed a counterpart or someone who was similar to him. No animal would fit the mold for Adam. He needed someone to be created in his own likeness. Therefore, God made a "woman" for the man and in doing this He made the original distinction among the sexes.

Genesis 1:27 is the clincher on God's ruling for marriage:

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."

God's Supreme Court Ruling on marriage is "male and female" – not male and male or female and female. Let's study our Bibles and believe them today! Only left-winged politicians and Bible bashing, godless, homosexuals who have an axe to grind would come up with any other conclusion. God's plan for the sexes was *male with female* and anything that bypasses this divine design passes as an abomination from His ruling.

I know that people will call me homophobic for declaring and exposing these things about homosexuality from the Bible. But that's okay. This is because God's ruling concerning marriage still stands. I can conclude this first point with these words: "let God be true, but every man a liar..." (Rom. 3:4). God has spoken and His Word is final. Marriage is between a man and woman. Any other type of union is a sinful abomination and is not considered to be a true marriage in God's eyes.

II. By God's view of sex perversion

God is very clear on the matter of what He hates and despises! He does not mix words or speak in generalities like politicians do today.

Leviticus 20:13

"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."

God's moral laws regarding marriage and sexual distinction never change! Man might try and change them but God has not changed them! If a man also lie with mankind (the male gender of the human creation), as he lieth with a woman (the female gender of the human race), both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. God views homosexuality as "an abomination" which is something disgusting and detestable to His design for marriage and His ruling for marriage. You may question God's character and ways when He put the gay community to death at this phase of His dispensational outworking with man but in doing so you are questioning God's purposes and ways and placing a dark spot upon His holy and impeccable character.

Romans 9:20

"Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed *it*, Why hast thou made me thus?"

Of course, we do not put gays to death today, since we do not live under the Mosaic Law, but there was a time when God instructed the people to practice this sever penalty and form of punishment upon gays for their wicked lifestyle.

Leviticus 18:22-25

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it *is* confusion. Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants." This is God's moral code. America does not want a moral code today! Most Americans want to live in open rebellion against God. We discover from this passage what God's moral code is and we can be sure that it's not the debased immoral code of homosexuals and transvestites. Once again, God's moral code does not change regarding the sexual distinctions among people and His plan for marriage.

Consider from this passage:

A. The sinful abominations

1. The abomination of homosexuality

Leviticus 18:22

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind (a sinful degradation), as with womankind (the creative arrangement): it is abomination (it is detestable and perverted sex!). This is what the word "abomination" means. It is perverted and if you practice homosexuality the Bible says you are a sex pervert! You can't get around it. This is abnormal sexual behavior even as child molestation is abnormal sexual behavior and bestiality is abnormal sexual behavior. Which brings me to God's next point.

2. The abomination of bestiality

Leviticus 18:23

"Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto" (this is talking about having sex with the animals!)

You might conclude that our nation will never go this low. Are you kidding me? People are already practicing this type of perverted sex in our land. What is happening in our society is stark raving mad! One perversion of sex leads to another! God calls all of these things an "abomination" or that which is detestable and perverted in His sight. Someday Americans might even be forced to acknowledge the right of marriage between a man and dog! It's bad enough to play on the organ: "Here comes the man all dressed in white." It's equally sickening to play: "Here comes the dog all dressed in white." Something has gone terribly wrong. The tables have been turned and today America is calling evil (gay marriage) good and good (traditional and Biblical marriage) evil. The Bible warns of this.

Isaiah 5:20

"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!"

What is happening today in our country is a perversion of God's sexual order and moral code. God has a sexual order and it's not with members of the same sex or with animals! God's rules! His Word is final whether man wants to recognize it or not.

B. The sexual perversions

The Bible calls all of these sexually perverted acts as confusion when it state "it is confusion" (Lev. 11:23). This means that which is "a violation of nature or normal order." This is what Romans 1:26-27 also teaches when it states that homosexuality is against "nature" (God's normal moral code). It is absolutely perverted from God's natural order and morals. It goes against the natural moral base that is intuitively given to everyone that is born in this world and the clear revelation of God's Word. In other words, you are a sex pervert when you commit homosexuality or bestiality. This is because you are creating sexual confusion with your relationship with members of the same sex or animals. Unless you realize the error of you ways (sex perversions) you will never repent of them and get right with God.

You know, a person's morality is the fruit of his theology, his concept of God. When one commits these sinful degrading acts of homosexuality they have a flawed concept of who God is. God is very clear on His viewpoint regarding homosexuality. It is a perversion! It is "out of the norm" and was never intended to be part of society. It is foreign to God's ways. The most ungodly societies of history have been plagued by sex role perversions, no doubt because Satan is so intent on destroying the family unit.

Sadly, today there are churches who, in the name of love, defend homosexuality and condone homosexual ministers and marriages in their congregations. These churches are not only perverting God's standards of morality but encouraging their members in sin. However, encouragement in a sinful lifestyle has no part in love. This is because "Love rejoices in the truth" (1 Cor. 13:6). Many churches today are inviting homosexual to attend their church so they can feel at home in a friendly environment. But homosexuals and sinners in general should not feel comfortable in their sins! Many in the Christian community somehow think that love is being friendly and bypassing the sin of sinners.

1 John 5:2-3 declares:

"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

Don't tell me that you love the homosexual crowd when you personally invite them into the church and fail to expose their sinful perversions! This is what many churches are doing today. True love of others is not doing for them *what they want* but doing for them *what God wants*.

Remember that God despises the sin but not the sinner! He is a friend of the sinner. God love all sinners and what them saved and living for His glory (John 3:16). When Jesus was on earth He was a friend of sinners! The same should be true regarding Christians today.

Even the enemies of Jesus knew that Jesus identified with sinners. They said in Matthew 11:19, "The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold a man gluttonous, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners." Well, they got one right out of three. Jesus was not a drunkard and glutton but He was a friend of sinners! Every homosexual today can know that Jesus loves them and wants them to repent of their evil and wicked ways, spare them from coming judgment, and make them into a new person – the kind of person that God intended them to be. However, like any other person, every homosexual must be willing to repent of his or her sins in order to have a right relationship with God (Rom. 5:1).

III. By God's declaration of severe judgment

Leviticus 18:24-25 goes on to say:

"Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants." This promise of judgment is spoken in light of the sexual perversions of the people. This speaks of God's judgment coming upon the people for practicing the sins of homosexuality, bestiality, idolatry and many other wicked sins. As He drove the Canaanites out of the land so He would drive them out of the land under His hand of judgment. God says, you can be sure about this. I will judge you for these wicked sins.

America had better wake up! We are headed for God's judgment and are very likely experiencing His judgment already in this country. We may not know it or realize it but we are on God's hit list for judgment. On Tuesday morning, September 11, 2001, four airliners were hijacked by suicide squads and aimed at the symbols of American financial, military, and political power. Thousands of people lost their lives and untold billions of dollars went into the rebuilding effort. Many would never identify this as part of God's judgment on America and yet we read about God judging the nation of Israel with the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities for her idolatries.

Who are we to say that God is not moving the forces of evil against this nation for our moral atrocities? The evils of socialism, fascism, and communism may very well be part of His judgment on this country. God sometimes uses these types and forms of evil atrocities to punish other nations who have adopted their own set of evil atrocities against God! Of course, some will still say that God does not plan, purpose, or direct evil. This is not what the Bible teaches.

In Isaiah 45:7 God declares, "I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these things." The word "evil" here speaks of such things as one nation rising up against another to be an instrument of judgment in the hands of God. God can bring peace or war against another nation. I think terrorism is a telling sign of God using evil and wicked people to fulfill His judgment against other evil and wicked people. Of course, God Himself does not literally make or create moral evil. He cannot because He is absolutely holy and without sin. James 1:13 declares, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man."

To "create" evil means that God allows or permits certain tragic events to happen, through His providence, which brings His purposes of judgment to pass upon evildoers. God is in some sense directing the affairs of this world in His providential way and allows what man considers to be evil, to occur on earth. Things such as war against another nation, internal conflicts, hurricanes, earthquakes, and things of this nature can be used by God to send judgment upon wicked people, cities, and nations. God allows and directs these types of events to their intended course since He is God and sits on His sovereign throne bringing to pass His ways upon mankind.

Psalm 103:19

"The LORD hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all."

Of course, God in His providence was behind the most evil event in the world's history, the crucifixion of Jesus of Nazareth. We find that God actually planned, purposed, and directed it right down to the details (John 19:36-37).

Acts 2:23 declares:

"Him (Christ), being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:

All of this happened according to God's determinate counsel. Yes, God knows how to use evil to bring about His purposes, even His purpose to judge sinners and societies that forget about His moral codes.

There are three examples of judgment on homosexuality.

1. Societal judgment

Malachi 2:2 gives us an enduring principle of judgment upon societies that forget God's moral codes.

Two matters of importance stand out.

a. Rejecting God's ways

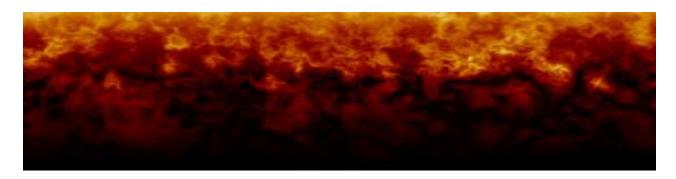
"If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts."

When we reject God and kick Him out of everything – the schools, the home, marriage, and kill babies by the untold millions, we can be sure that judgment will come! America has purposely rejected God's moral code and is worthy of God's chastisement.

b. Retribution is promised

"I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart."

The illustration of God judging the nation of Israel is appropriate and applicable to our own country today. God knows how to judge nations and societies who forget His moral code! He has proven this from history. God will not bypass our country! We are not exempt from His judgment! If you are not sure about this we need to reflect upon Sodom and Gomorrah for a few moments.



Genesis 19 is another passage of Scripture that reminds us of God's judgment on a society that openly defies and rejects His moral standards and codes. Homosexuality was so characteristic of Sodom that the term sodomy became a synonym for this sin.

a. The visiting angels

Genesis 19:1-3

"And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing *them* rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat."

God would use these angelic visitors to save the day. They would keep Lot from being overcome by the mob of homosexuals and rescuing Lot from these two twin-cities before they were destroyed by God.

b. The vile sex perverts

Genesis 19:4-9

"But before they lay down, the men of the city, *even* the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where *are* the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as *is* good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said *again*, This one *fellow* came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, *even* Lot, and came near to break the door."

You will notice how even the "young" (Gen. 19:4) were affected by this grievous sin of homosexuality. Today we have young people practicing homosexuality. This is a terrible plight on our nation. The modern TV shows are approving of this delusional lifestyle and are seeking to push it on young people. Satan is behind it all! Satan is behind Hollywood!

The sex perverts of Sodom wanted "to know" (vs. 5) or have sexual relations with Lot's angelic visitors. They wanted homosexual relations with these two angels who appeared in the form of men. As angels, they apparently were very handsome. However, the men's vileness was matched, surprisingly, by Lot's hypocrisy, for he was willing to give them his virgin daughters in place for the men. To protect one's guests was part of hospitality, but this was going way too far! Lot did a great injustice to his daughters at this point and God was not pleased with his actions and offer.

Men, we are called to protect our children from sex before marriage and not throw them into the world of promiscuity and the new morality.

Nevertheless, we discover that the homosexuals or gay crowd wanted the men and not the daughters. They were going to use force to overcome the home and take the men but the angelic victors smote them with blindness. However, even in their blindness and lustful craze they still sought to come into the house. This is what debased sex does to a person. It sets them up to bizarre behaviors and perverse actions.

c. The verification of God's judgment

The angelic visitors had to come and rescue Lot and his family from the judgment that was coming upon the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah for their abominable wickedness of homosexuality.

Genesis 19:15

"And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city."

Genesis 19:17

"And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed."

Genesis 19:24-25

"Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."

These verses verify God's judgment upon the wicked cities. God rained fire and brimstone upon this society that had lapsed into this wicked and perverted lifestyle. Societal judgment is very real. God knows how to judge cities, nations, and entire races of people because of their wickedness and sins. We don't always know exactly how God judges a society that promotes and glorifies homosexuality. It's been proven that He can judge it without fire and brimstone. However, He may bring other devastations of nature against it and the spread of certain diseases. How about acts of terrorism? Ultimately God will bring the whirlwind of the Tribulation Period among the world for all these societal sins.

Revelation 3:10 speaks of the greatest oncoming judgment from God: "Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth." This is where America is headed. In fact, all the socialistic and communistic trends in our country and across the world is leading to the Antichrist's world control of people, 666, and the Tribulation Period. This will be the time God will be pouring His judgment out upon planet earth.

God knows how to demonstrate His disfavor with those who practice this type of perverted lifestyle – homosexuality. In both the Old Testament (Gen. 19:1–26; Lev. 18:22; 20:13) and in the New Testament (Rom. 1:18–32; 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10), God condemns the sin of homosexuality. He demonstrates His wrath against it by destroying the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. Under the Law of Moses, sodomy was punishable by death. In the New Testament God says that he will judge the people who practice this wicked sin. God never allows sin to go unpunished.

2. Future judgment

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

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. Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

This is another illustration of God's judgment. This judgment focuses on the future and what God is going to do to every person who practices a sinful lifestyle in rebellion against God and fails to repent of his or her sins.

This verse God does not imply that Christians can practice such sins and be lost; rather it is teaching that people who habitually practice these sins are not Christians and they are lost and going to hell. In this list we see two sins mentioned which are important to this study. The expression "effeminate" means "soft" and is a word that focuses on homosexuality – a catamite. It is probably referring to the male partner that remains passive

and submissive in the homosexual relationship (his actions, traits, and personality take on the soft appearance of a femininity or of a woman). In every homosexual relationship one partner seeks to fulfill the womanish role. This is because of the way God designed and wired people in all true heterosexual relationships. This word may also suggest a man who seeks to change his gender into a woman -- becoming soft like a woman in appearance, characteristics, and traits.

The next phrase "abusers of themselves with mankind" is a generic term for people) – this refers to homosexual acts whether it be a man with a man or a woman with a woman (lesbianism). Actually, transvestism, sex change, homosexuality, and other gender perversions would also be included in these two references. All of these sins would all fall under these terms. This is speaking of sexual abuse and perversion among the human race.

William Barclay writes:

"We can scarcely realize how riddled the ancient world was with it [homosexuality]. Even so great a man as Socrates practiced [sic] it; Plato's dialogue The Symposium is always said to be one of the greatest works on love in the world, but its subject is not natural but unnatural love. Fourteen out of the first fifteen Roman Emperors practiced unnatural vice."

We treat God's statement on homosexuality way too lightly today. Those who live in this type of lifestyle are going to hell. They will not inherit the future kingdom of God. This is because their lifestyle and practice of this sin verifies they are not born again.

I remember when Dr. Hermon Hoyt preached at my church. The man had a brilliant mind. I would pick his mind as a young preacher. Dr. Hoyt is with the Lord today but I will never forget what he shared with me. He told me that he was invited to speak at a somewhat liberal seminary on the subject of homosexuality. He told them what he was going to preach on (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) and they actually left him come and speak. They said they wanted "the conservative perspective on this subject." Well, they did not get the conservative and Biblical perspective.

Galatians 5:19-21 is another similar verse that speaks of future judgment: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like (add to this list homosexuality and transvestism): of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do (this speaks of the habitual practice of these sins) such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

Friend, God means what He says! The phrase "do such things" that a person continually practices unrighteous living, without conviction and repentance and therefore demonstrates by their committed lifestyle to sin that they are unbelievers. These people do not possess God's regenerating life and will not enter the future Millennial Kingdom. Instead, they will enter hell and be judged for their wicked sins for all eternity. This includes the sin of homosexuality. Be not deceived! Don't fool yourself! If you live as a homosexual – you will be judged as a homosexual.

1 Corinthians 6:11 gives this wonderful promise:

"And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

This means that any sinner can be cleansed from any and every sin if he will repent to God and place faith in Jesus Christ. This means that God can change and forgive you – And such were come of you! God can give you a new way of life and a new position of acceptance and forgiveness in His sight. If this is what you want, it is available for you today through Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ came to set the sinner free and give each one of us a new way of life and true fulfillment.

John 10:10

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly."

c. Personal judgment

This is yet another judgment on homosexuality.

Romans 1:26-27

"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 recompence of their error which was meet."

There are three descriptions of homosexuality.

1. Unnatural

The expressions "change the natural" and "against nature" in Romans 1:26 reveal that the homosexual changes what is normal and natural and goes against something that is intuitively inbred within every person. This means that no person is born a homosexual. Yes, "science falsely so called" (1 Tim. 6:20) may make these outlandish claims but the Bible does not. The Scriptures teach that homosexuals leave what is "natural" and normal which is referring to God-given desires and instincts – His internalized moral code placed within all mankind.

Homosexuality is something that goes against the moral grain and fiber that is intuitively placed with all mankind. The Bible says that the truth about God, His moral code, and man's accountability before Him is in some way "manifest in them" (Romans 1:19). No person is left without this internal code and witness regarding God and His moral (Rom. 2:11-16). All humanity is born with natural drives or instincts for the same sex and a person must willingly "change that which is against nature" (Rom. 1:26) to become involved in homosexual acts. In short, there is nothing normal about homosexuality or transvestism. It is abnormal and a learned behavior.

2. Unseemly

Homosexuality is "unseemly" (indecent and shameful – Rom. 1:27) which means that homosexuality is a shameful act, a queer act, a degrading act that is against God's moral code. Let me give you some advice; if you don't want to be labeled as strange, odd, and queer – then don't do strange, odd and queer things! The Bible calls this lifestyle "vile affections" (Rom. 1:26) which are perverted affections, desires, and lusts. Elsewhere the Bible terms homosexuality as "strange flesh" (Jude 7). These sexual drives and sex acts are not normal, they are weird, queer, and an oddity. That is what the word "unseemly" literally means.

3. Under judgment

The Bible concludes that those who practice these degrading and despicable acts of sin will receive God's hand of judgment - "receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet" (Rom. 1:27). What is God's judgment on homosexuals today? There may be various judgments that homosexuals experience for their sin but there seems to be one primary judgment being presented in this text of Scripture ("that recompence"). Many conclude that it's the judgment related to aids but I disagree with this. Even little children get aids but they are not being judged as homosexuals. Aids might be one of several judgments that homosexuals face but it is not the specific judgment or "recompense" (reward) that God is speaking about here.

What is God's primary judgment on homosexuals? Ultimately it's the losing of one's sexual identity, who they were created to be, how God created them to function sexually. Losing one's sexual identity (who a person was created to be) by following strange and perverted sexual desires is the ultimate judgment that God could bring on any person within his or her life.

Recently Bruce Jenner (the former Olympic star) has decided to turn himself into a woman. This has been all over the TV news broadcasts, in the papers, and now it's said to become a TV special show. A new promo for "I Am Cait" is here and it shows how now Caitlyn Jenner (formerly Bruce Jenner) explaining the TV show and how she hopes the 8-part documentary series will inspire others.

"Why did I decide to do a series?" Jenner says in the clip. "I am telling my story." The former Olympian and reality star, 65, continues: "People don't understand looking into the mirror and nothing seems right. Putting on clothes that you just don't identify with. This is about getting to be who you really are."

This is despicable and disgusting. The Bible also condemns transvestism. This gross sin also goes against what is natural and in accord with God's moral code. Transsexualism, also known as transgenderism is a desire to change one's sex or to fulfill the role of the opposite gender. This too is a perversion according to God's moral code. The Bible speaks of this. Deuteronomy 22:5 is a message to Bruce Jenner and transvestites: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God."

The Hebrew word translated "abomination" means a disgusting thing in the ethical sense of wickedness. Tranvestism or cross dressing was directly forbidden by God. This is what God is warning against in this section of His moral code.

Why do these people act in the way that they do and perform such abnormal and unnatural actions? It's because they are under the judgment of God. In an act of God's judgment both homosexuals and transvestites lose their sexual identities in some specific way.

Homosexuals lose their sexual identity and distinction by having perverted sex with an individual of the *same* sex. They lose their proper sexual cravings and desires that were originally given to them by God. They lose the understanding about the natural God-given desires and fulfillment in a heterosexual relationship. Transvestites lose their sexual identity and distinction by dressing and acting like a member of the *opposite* sex. Cross dressing and a man turning himself into a woman is also unseemly, strange, weird, and queer. This is why people look at them and ask, "What is it?"

The result of moral decay and collapse in a society is the perversion of the natural God-given drives and sexual order of human life. When people move away from that which is natural they have lost the understanding of who they were created to be. This is actually a terrible judgment from the hand of God.

Romans 1:26

"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."

When people give up on God, He reserves the right to judge them. God turns these people over to their unholy desires and strange flesh and judges them by keeping them in a state of confusion, limbo, or blindness regarding their true sexual identities and distinctions.

This judgment of a lost identity is why there is such a high rate of suicide among homosexuals and transvestites today.

- LGB (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual) youth are 4 times more likely, and questioning youth are 3 times more likely, to attempt suicide as their straight peers.
- Suicide attempts by LGB youth and questioning youth are 4 to 6 times more likely to result in injury, poisoning, or overdose that requires treatment from a doctor or nurse, compared to their straight peers.
- Nearly half of young transgender people have seriously thought about taking their lives, and one quarter report having made a suicide attempt.
- LGB youth who come from highly rejecting families are 8.4 times as likely to have attempted suicide as LGB peers who reported no or low levels of family rejection.

Why is this? It's because God has brought His judgment on these people by causing them to lose their sexual identities or their understanding of who they really are and were created to be. As a result, these people live in a world of confusion, unfullfillment, and emptiness.

God's judgment on these people is their loss of sexual identity and sexual distinction which causes them to miss out on the role that God intended them to fulfill in a heterosexual relationship. These people begin to take on a totally different personality and play out perverted an unnatural desires in a relationship and body that is totally foreign to God's purpose and plan. God gives these people up to these perverted desires and brings His judgment against them. It actually becomes a psychological judgment of the worst sort!

We have seen that God not only reserves the right to judge nations who ordain these types of sins as normal, but He also reserves the right to judge the homosexual physically, psychologically, and physiologically today (Rom. 1:27) and ultimately judge them everlastingly in hell (1 Cor. 6:9-10; Gal. 5:21). Remember that Galatians 5:20 reveals that those who

continually practice wicked and vile sins without conviction, without transformation and repentance will NOT "inherit the kingdom of God."

Repentance means to recognize one's sinfulness and desire release and pardon from sin. It means to possess a desire to turn away from sin and rebellion against God.

Jesus said in Luke 13:5: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

God said it! This settles it with me! I did not write it; I'm just reciting it! The Bible is unmistakably clear on the matter of homosexuality. Practicing homosexuals who continually live within slavery to this debased lifestyle, without repentance, will be judged for their wicked and vile sins. Their ultimate judgment will be in hell.

Hell is for all those who fail to repent of their sins and turn to saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Is that you? Are you going to hell? You don't have to go to hell. You can repent of your sins right now and turn to Christ and He will forgive every one of your sins.

Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Ephesians 2:8-9

"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

We have seen in this study that homosexuality is not in accordance with God's official word or declaration on marriage. There is a higher court and law then the court and law of our land. It is God's Law. The Law of God reigns over the laws of this country! God's "Supreme Court Decision on Marriage" is that he approves of a heterosexual relationship within the confines of a sacred marriage relationship. Despite the ruling of the Supreme Court, marriage has not changed. Society may suppress the truth in unrighteousness (Rom. 1:18), but it cannot any more change the truth than it can the color of the sky.

How will this Supreme Court ruling play out in the days ahead? Well, the agenda of socialism is to put everyone on the same level and take away all the distinctions. This means that without a change in the progressive leftwing leadership in this country, we can be SURE that they will eventually becoming for the churches! They will demand that ministers marry gay couples and if we refuse we will lose our tax exempt status, we will be hit with fines, and other kinds of persecution.

This is what socialism does! Socialism is not God's theology – it's Satan's theology! It's a theology and ideological teaching where people, who feel they are unjustly treated, must get equal justice and status in every area of life – including their sinful lifestyle. Socialism results in getting everyone on the same playing field economically and socially. But here's the catch. Getting everyone on the same level results in the government forcing others to accept and support abortion, the homosexual lifestyle, gender changes, and other sexual perversions so that everyone can have their way and do what is right in their own eyes.

In other words, Christians will eventually be forced to accept this type of lifestyle or pay the price. The inevitable result of socialism is the breakdown of a society morally and ethically and a loss of the liberties and freedoms of Christians. Big Daddy (the government) is coming for Christians and our churches. Mark that down. But put this in the records. We will NOT bow the knee to sodomy! Our church and every other faithful Bible believing church that stands on God's eternal truth will not participate with and promote perverted acts that openly defy God's moral code and which bring the judgment of God on people and nations.

It is going to cost the Church for taking a stand against homosexuality and gay marriage. The days are fast approaching when God's people across America will have to draw a line in the sand and not cross it, as we face the loss of our religious freedom and face various forms of persecution for our stand for righteousness.

Let me close this study with an important verse to help us in these last days of confusion and compromise.

Ephesians 6:13

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

May God help us to stand and be counted as a Christian!

Randolph Shaylor was correct when stating: "The days of simple faith have faded into distant memories."

This is true for a society and nation like America and the apostate church that has rejected God and His ways. However, as believers, we can still cling to the simple faith and truth, embrace it in our hearts, obey it, and find the blessing of God for our families (Ps. 1:1) in midst of great moral decline and confusion. Thank God for truth and the guidance we have today (Ps. 119:105) to live lives that will honor God and keep our families on the path of God's true blessing.