

Homosexuality: A Destroyer of Worlds

Introduction

When I taught this lesson to my congregation, I started it off with the following statement, “Today is the last day of your lives as you have known them, for after tomorrow your lives will be fundamentally and irrevocably changed.” Now what was it that prompted so dire a prediction? Was there an impending terrorist attack? Was a giant asteroid on a collision course with earth? No, it was none of the above. However, our nation was about to face the greatest danger it ever has, since its inception. The date at the time was May 16, 2004, which of course, meant that the next day was May 17 and, that turned out to be a day of destiny for this nation. For that was the day Massachusetts became the first state in America to allow marriages between individuals of the same gender. You may not be aware that this represents an attack that is presently going on against our society, and it is far more dangerous than any enemy we have faced in the past, or any war we have ever previously fought. If we lose this battle, the consequences will be more severe than any of us can imagine, for it will cost us our nation and all of the blessings of God that we have previously enjoyed. The pervasive evil of homosexuality has been around since ancient times so it is not a new infection, but it is a festering one that is slowly eroding the vines that knit our society together. In this essay, I will tell the truth about homosexuality from the biblical perspective. I will make no pretense at political correctness, nor will I attempt to downplay the enormously deleterious effects that it has on our society. So buckle up and let us head out to the place where truth can be found.

Chapter 1: What is Homosexuality?

I suppose that this is a fair question, so let us start off by defining just what exactly is meant by homosexuality. Leaving aside, for the moment, the concept of gender misidentification, which I will discuss later, I would say that, by and large, homosexuality expresses itself most prominently in the context of sexual intimacy. Therefore, at its most basic level, I would define homosexuality as: **the act of engaging in sexual activities with someone who is of like gender.** Now, since intercourse in the conventional way is impossible during a homosexual encounter, the definition of sexual activity is expanded to include any activity between two people that is specifically purposed to bring sexual arousal and gratification. Therefore, it is not necessary for there to be conventional coitus for the actions between two like gendered individuals to be considered sexual activity. The Biblical definition for homosexuality can be found in Leviticus 18:22

“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”

We also find in Leviticus 20:13

“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.”

In these two examples, we see a close agreement between what I have stated about homosexuality and what the Bible says about it. We can also get insight into what God thinks of this behavior by closely examining these verses. Notice how in both cases, God has called the behavior abominable. Surely, that is no light indictment, for the word *abominable* goes far beyond mere dislike, disappointment, or disapproval. It implies that God is extremely set against it, and that He considers it to be vile and despicable.

According to the Hebrew dictionary, the word translated as abomination is the word (8441) towebah (to-ay-baw’): something disgusting, abhorrent, abominable.

Webster’s defines the word as follows. Abomination: very hateful, detestable, loathsome, odious to the mind, offensive to the senses.

The use of that word by the Holy Spirit in describing this behavior should leave no doubt about how God feels about the act of homosexuality. Interestingly, in the same chapter of Leviticus, mating with animals by both men and women is covered, and the Lord called not even that, abominable. I think that this shows you just how serious a crime this is shaping up to be. In addition, there is much more scriptural evidence to be presented to show, in no uncertain terms, that God does not condone this behavior.

Chapter 2: Gender Misidentification

As I have previously stated, the mindset of homosexuality is more far reaching than the mere expression of inappropriate sexual proclivities. In addition, there may be an altered sense of gender identity. This means a man who is homosexual may actually think of himself more as a woman than a man or, to use the popular expression, he may think of himself as a woman trapped in a man’s body. In order to better understand this phenomenon, we must first realize that there are differences between males and females that go beyond what is physically obvious. There are notable differences between men and women in how they function in the soul realm, in other words, how their minds work in processing information. For example, women tend to see the world more from an emotional point of view, as well as being more “sense” oriented in dealing with issues. Now, lest you think me misogynistic, these statements are not an indicator of any inherent qualitative deficiency amongst women, but they merely illustrate that men and women are “wired” differently. Admittedly, these are generalizations and, of course, there are exceptions. But if you look at the gender pool at large, you will see that they are valid as gender specific characterizations.

The two genders are also readily discernable by differences in mannerisms. Frequently, homosexuals of one gender will take on the characteristics of the opposite gender. This may extend to dressing, talking, and carrying oneself as though they were of

the opposite gender. However, even if one's homosexual expressions were limited to any of the above, this is no more acceptable to God than those who engage in illicit sexual activities. It does not matter if you merely think of yourself as the opposite gender, or you act in a way consistent with the opposite gender, you are still guilty of homosexuality and, therefore, subject to judgment. These thoughts can be summed up in the following way. God has exquisitely designed mankind, and has built into us all of the characteristics necessary for the good order and functioning of His creation. This is so that His desire to have a people, who He can call His own, would be accomplished in us. Anything that operates outside of this model, or functions contrary to it, is inimical to that plan and, as such, is considered to be unlawful.

Chapter 3: The Case For Morality

One of the reasons homosexuality has been so persistent throughout society is due to the fact that we have been reluctant to call it what it is, namely, an immoral act. This is because those who engage in it assert that it is nothing but a "normal" expression of one's sexual proclivities. Moreover, those who know better have been pusillanimous when it comes to standing for the truth. Homosexuality has somehow become legitimized by society, and thus allowed to fester like an infected wound, threatening the entire nation.

Let us pause here for a bit so that we can discuss this concept known as morality. I would define morality as the set of rules for behavior that form the boundaries within which society agrees to be governed. A simple enough definition, but who gets to make the rules? One can readily see that if there are not standards, there may be differences in what is considered to be moral, based upon where one lives and who decided the boundaries of morality within that particular society. This kind of situation can lead to chaos. Fear not, for God has stepped in and has decided, what the boundaries of acceptable human behavior should be. So then, all that remains is for us to defer to that higher authority as a guide to our behavior. One would ask, "How has God set the boundaries?" The answer is, by His word, which contains His commands to us, as to how we should live. But another would ask, "What if I don't believe in God, or what if I believe in a different God than the one you propose?" The answer to the first part is that it doesn't matter if you don't believe in God. It only matters that the society you live in believes in Him and has agreed to be bound by His statutes. In this context, those who transgress the boundaries will be judged by the society in the name of the One who set the boundaries in the first place. This is why it is so important for the societal structure to side in with God on the rightness or wrongness of a matter. Otherwise, there is no voice of righteousness amongst the people to guide them to the path of obedience to the word of God. When this occurs, it is sure that people will choose the path of least resistance, or the road most wide, and sow to the flesh; and of the flesh, they will reap corruption. There is more to cover on this point, but I will return to it later.

What about the second part of the previous question? What if someone believes in a different deity who might put forth a different set of morals, or a contrary set of boundaries than the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Well, that does not matter either, for *that* God is known as the Most High God, so He is preeminent over all other

pretenders. Moreover, He has not left us without witnesses to His guidance, for His laws and statutes are also written into the heart of man, so that everyone, everywhere, can know what is the will of God in any particular matter. As an example, there is no one who does not know, (and has to be told) that it is wrong to take a life without just cause, or that we should not take from another, something that does not belong to us. We all know these things because they are imprinted into our spirits and are an integral part of our being, so that the case for wrongdoing is, by and large, one of rebellion and not one of ignorance. If the boundaries are so clear, why then do so many people continue to live outside of them? It is because there is something else imprinted on our spirits as well: the sin nature that we inherited from our father Adam. Sin is kindled by evil desire, and evil desire does not respect the boundaries of morality. (Are you beginning to detect the very architecture of society being elucidated here?) If there is no fear of God in an individual, and there is wholesale subornation by the society of acts that are outside of the boundaries of morality, all manner of evil becomes tolerated and eventually encouraged in others. This is the terminal condition that renders a nation subject to judgment by God. In other words, national judgment, based on the commands of God, is the last step before the Lord Himself will enter into judgment against the nation that has rebelled. Consider this powerful truth: it is far better for a nation to judge itself, than to wait for God to do it.

Previously, I stated that it is most important for a society to side in with God on matters of morality. This is part of His creation economy. He has ordained the societal structure to be an instrument of righteousness to provide for the boundaries of morality that would govern all of our lives and provide for harmonious living. But, what happens if that society abandons its lofty ideals and becomes a haven for immorality? The immediate effect is that those who are responsible for providing the environment for these transgressions are accursed, that is, set apart for destruction. The unforeseen consequence, however, is far more tragic. For a society that has become corrupted is no longer able to provide adequate moral guidelines for their youth. So each generation is more and more immoral, resulting eventually in the terminal generation that is utterly amoral. Now, this is a scary group indeed, for they have no regard for right or wrong. They are led merely by the pursuit of their vile passions. It should be pretty obvious that any society that has allowed itself to decay into a swarming mass of reprobates, no longer has any redeeming value to the economy of God. All that remains is the fearful expectation of fiery judgment that is reserved for those who have chosen to make themselves enemies of the holy statutes. History, and the Bible, are replete with examples of such nations, and I'm afraid that ours is next in line for the furnace. Selah!

Perhaps you think I am overstating the case. Well, let's see. Allow me to take this opportunity to share with you a couple of scriptural examples of what happens when a nation has become irretrievably lost. During the days of Noah, there was a terrible rebellion occurring amongst the sons of God. Some of them took it upon themselves to abandon their first estate and their mission from God, which was to watch the affairs of man. Then they engaged in unlawful, sexual contact with the daughters of men. This sin falls under the general heading of going after "strange flesh," a category that includes homosexuality. In this case the angels who were assigned to watch the affairs of men, instead, took of the women and defiled themselves with them. This unholy union resulted

in unholy offspring who, over the next couple of hundred years, succeeded in corrupting nearly the entire human gene pool. This was the earliest known example of the devil attempting to thwart the plan of God, which He had revealed in the garden after the fall. Recall how He stated that there would be enmity between the seed of the woman and the seed of the devil, and how the seed of the woman would rise up and defeat him. He figured that if he could corrupt that seed, the plan of God could not be fulfilled. What followed as a result of the sin of these angels was the first attempt to mix iron with clay. (Daniel 2:43-45) With the exception of eight souls, the plan worked nearly to perfection. For if he had succeeded in corrupting the entire human genome, it would have forced God to destroy all of mankind, thus rendering His Garden of Eden threat null and void. Fortunately, there was one man and his family who were perfect in their generations, namely Noah, his three sons, and their wives. So God entered into judgment with the remnant of mankind, who had been corrupted by the evil one and He purposed in His heart to destroy them all. But before He did, He preserved Noah and his family, as well as the animal kingdom, safely in the ark. He then rained down destruction on the whole earth. All living creatures that walked the earth, that were not in the ark, were destroyed. Thus the earth was purified, and God resumed His plan of salvation using the three remaining sets of genes from the sons of Noah. I think it is obvious that God does not take too kindly to those who go after strange flesh or those who, by their complicity, allow the sin to continue unabated.

Let me regale you with yet another example. Consider the case of Sodom and Gomorrah. Here were a couple of cities that were so rife with sexual immorality, that the name of Sodom became synonymous with the very act of wickedness with which it was associated, namely, sodomy. In the process of time, news of this evil reached the high courts of heaven, and the Lord God sent His servant, the Angel of the Lord (who is also known as the Lord Jesus), to investigate the matter. (Genesis 18:20-21) He found the state of those cities indeed as it had been reported. The Lord God then purposed in His heart to destroy those cities. But before doing so, He sent His angels to rescue Lot and his family. When the two angels got to Lot's house, reprobate men, who sought to have their way with them in a sexual sense, harassed them. All of the men were struck with blindness, and were therefore unable to carry out their evil plans. The next day the angels escorted Lot and his family out of town. After they were safe, the Lord God rained down on Sodom and Gomorrah, fire and brimstone, utterly destroying the cities with everything and everyone in them. Again, we see demonstrated here the awesome consequences of the sin of going after strange flesh, which in this case manifested as homosexuality.

Additionally, you may recall from a previous essay, the story I related from the book of Judges concerning the behavior of the children of the tribe of Benjamin. (Judges 19:1-21:25) The result of their sin, homosexuality, was that nearly the entire tribe of Benjamin was wiped out. The only thing that saved the nation was that they decided to take up the cause of righteousness and judge their brethren, so that God did not have to judge the entire nation. Finally, history, as well as the Bible, records for us the rise and fall of many of the world's great empires. Conspicuous in its association with the fall of some of these empires, such as Alexander's Greece and the Roman Empire, is the widespread practice of state sponsored homosexuality.

I believe that I have presented a compelling argument to back up my original assertion, that it is unwise for any nation to be found living contrary to the statutes of the God of Heaven and earth. For such a place as this, history has shown us that God is not at all inclined toward mercy, but His anger has burned hot, and His fury vented in the destruction of the offenders.

Chapter 4: Why is God so Opposed to Homosexuality?

I suppose, to the truly ignorant, this would be a reasonable question. However, the unrighteousness of this act is so clearly evident that explanation seems hardly more than superfluous. Nevertheless, for the sake of completeness, I will share with you why God is so against this type of behavior.

- A. It is an affront to His image and glory, in which man was created to exemplify. By engaging in this activity, it nullifies man's ability to accurately reflect the glorious nature of the eternal Godhead, who created him for this very purpose.
- B. It violates His divine ordinance concerning His blueprint of creation, regarding the command to mankind to be fruitful and multiply; to provide for God, a remnant from which He could enjoy the fellowship of godly offspring.
- C. It perverts the divinely ordained institution of marriage, which was established at the beginning, to be a visible and personal model of God's plan for the salvation and redemption of mankind. (Matt. 19:4-8, Eph. 5:25-32)
- D. Homosexuality is the product of a satanically mediated deception that is designed to thwart God's plans for judgment against His rebellious angelic host. By corrupting the seed of men, they seek to undermine our role as witnesses against them, by being faithful to honor and praise Him, even though we were made a little lower than them. By causing the wholesale defilement of mankind, we would no longer be fit to serve as witnesses for the prosecution, but would find ourselves facing the same condemnation as him against whom we were supposed to have borne witness.

In light of the aforementioned reasons, it should now be abundantly clear to any reasonable soul why God takes such a dim view of homosexuality. We can see that it is the epitome of rebellion against the very fabric of creation, and it represents the highest order of disobedience to the ordinances of the eternal Godhead. It is mankind's moral equivalent to the rebellion of the angelic host who did not keep their proper domain. They left their appointed habitation to pursue vile passions by going after strange flesh. (Jude v.5-7, Romans 1:16-32)

Chapter 5: The Road to Homosexuality

I am hopeful that now that I have communicated to you the extreme gravity of the error of homosexuality, we can move on to discuss why so many people are caught up in this deception. One of the first errors that are made is the mistaken belief that people are “born” that way. The story usually goes something like this. “How can God judge me for being a homosexual, when I did not choose this lifestyle, but I was born this way?” The assertion is that a person has no more say in choosing their sexual identity than they do in choosing their eye or hair color. Since many homosexuals do indeed trace their sexual proclivities back to their very earliest memories, their assertions as to the nascent origin of their sexual orientation seems logical to the spiritually uninformed. At this time, allow me to present two compelling pieces of evidence that the student of the word of God may be edified, and therefore judge with righteous judgment.

The first clue can be found in the reading of the following Scripture.

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. (Romans 1:26-27)

I want you to focus on the repetitive use of a particular word in these verses, and that is the word “natural.” What does it mean for something to be natural? It is the state whereby behavior is governed by innate programming, and is not at all dependent on external influences to be expressed. For example, it is natural for people to stick out their hands to brace themselves against a fall. They do not need anyone to tell them this; it is part of the architecture of their soul. Is it not also evident that the Lord has fashioned mankind according to the following model?

Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, “For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother, and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?” “So then they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate.” (Matt. 19:4-6)

One would think that the symmetry of the male and female union is so obvious, that it should scarcely need mentioning. Nevertheless, for the sake of the willfully ignorant, I think it prudent to elucidate this fundamental operation of God’s creation. It should now be abundantly clear what the Lord considers to be “natural,” is the joining of male and female. It is for this reason that He made them in this way, that the man would be joined to his wife, (a woman) and they would partake of His holy institution, namely marriage, in the hope that they would produce godly offspring. This would eventually provide for Him a remnant that they could be His people and He could be their God. Therefore any intimate relationship that falls outside of these parameters is, by definition, unnatural. Now, if unnatural, it follows that the expression of this behavior cannot be by the means of innate programming, but it must be the product of external influences.

So, it is spurious to claim that one's homosexual tendencies are merely a natural expression of their biology.

At this point, allow me to anticipate an objection from those who persist in legitimizing this rebellion. Having followed the previous logic, the hard of heart and dim of mind might conclude that the only purpose for male-female interaction is to procreate. Therefore, an argument can be made that if for some biological reason a couple cannot procreate, it should not then be lawful for them to engage in physical intimacy. A fallacious argument indeed, for they fail to comprehend that the procreative aspect of intimacy is but one facet of the phenomenon. True enough, sexual intercourse is the means by which God perpetuates the sons of Adam. But, the physical intimacy between a man and his wife also serves as a celebration of the covenant between God and man. In this way we, by our very existence, should declare the glory of the eternal Creator. For He is the one who designed men and women to be a symbiotic system, neither complete without the other. Moreover, the act of human marriage on the Earth, serves as a shadow of the great marriage of Heaven, between the Christ and His bride. In fulfilling the command of God for every man to have his own wife, and every woman to have her own husband, the marriage of shadow, therefore, renders less mysterious the marriage of substance.

As to the second clue to prove that anyone who engages in the sin of homosexuality is doing so, being awake and aware, (and his or her behavior is not an accident of biology) consider this simple logic. Every single reference to homosexuality in the Bible is portrayed as an act of rebellion and is associated with punishment, meaning that God judges it. Recall what we saw from the book of the laws of Moses.

“ You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22)

“ 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.” (Leviticus 20:13)

And from the New Testament:

“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.” (Romans 1:26-27)

*“ 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 revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.* (1st Cor. 6:9-10)

Knowing this: 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, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust. (1st Tim. 1:9-11)

In the reading of these Scriptures, it is clear that God considers those who engage in the act of homosexuality to be in violation of His statutes, and subject to judgment. Now here is the logic. If homosexuality were truly a condition of biology, and as such out of our conscious control, it would be patently unjust for God to hold anyone responsible, who was found to be pursuing his or her “biological” imperatives. Look at it this way. Suppose God had said that anyone who had green eyes, or anyone who was less than six feet tall, or anyone who had brown hair would not inherit His kingdom. Would we not all rightly say that He was guilty of perverting judgment? For we recognize that all of these things are truly outside of our control, so it would not be fair to judge us on matters that we do not have the ability to alter. Nevertheless, God has spoken that He will judge those who rebel according to the manner of the Sodomites. We must then decide between two choices. Either those who have so acted are indeed guilty of transgression, or else God is guilty of a subversion of justice. Let me warn you here. If you think that the answer is the latter, you had better be prepared to do better than Job did in answering the questions put to him by God, (Job 38:1-40:2) when he challenged Him on His integrity, by accusing Him of exactly the same thing. (Job 8:3, 34:12)

Hopefully, the preceding arguments have convinced the convincible that homosexuality is a crime against the natural order of the highest degree. So, why then do so many people become entangled in this grievous error? The short answer is deception, which is the act of accepting as truth, that which is known to be a lie. This error, however, is so great that it is not casually stumbled upon, nor is it without encouragement from the forces of darkness that war against mankind. Recall that homosexuality is an unnatural act and, as such, one does not readily embrace it. It requires outside influence to both entertain the notion of such a thing, and to break down the natural barriers which usually result in revulsion at the very thought of such aberrant behavior. There is indeed a road to perdition that leads to rampant institutionalized homosexuality and all of its destructive consequences. The first stop on this road is found in the fact that in our natural state, we the children of Adam, are afflicted with his sin nature, and that nature manifests itself through the flesh. In other words, our flesh is always ready and willing to be an active participant in anything that is considered contrary to the commands of God. But, not even we, in our most decadent state, would have come up with the idea of defiling our bodies according to the manner of homosexuality. Remember this overriding principle: all other things being equal, we can always be counted upon to do that which comes naturally. You may feel free to consider this a fundamental law of humanity.

Let me analogize this concept in the following way. Consider our lives to be a train, and the path that we follow to be the tracks upon which the train rides. Because that train is fixed to the track by wheels, it will readily follow the predetermined path without

dissent and it will, of course, end up in the place where the tracks lead. The course that the tracks follow may be considered to be that which is “natural.” Without outside influence, the train will always follow the same path, and it will always end up at the same destination. Now, since the paths of the natural and the unnatural do not cross, the train cannot merely switch tracks by the throwing of a lever. It requires a tremendous input of force to lift the train off of one track, and place it on the other. Once placed on another track, the train will happily follow it to its new destination. As for us humans, although the path that we were on was certainly one that led to destruction, it did not include the crime of going after strange flesh. This “gift” of abomination was given to us by the rebellious sons of God who sinned according to this very manner in the days of Noah. During that time, there were many evil and forbidden things that these rebellious angels taught mankind, and these were not intended to help us, but to put enmity between our Creator and us. Moreover, the knowledge of these things was not at all washed away in the flood, but persisted in the consciousness of man, and in the fullness of time began to manifest anew. Some of this legacy includes divination, astrology, idolatry, bestiality and, of course, homosexuality. So in essence, mankind was picked up off of his natural track by the deceiver of the whole world, and placed on a different and far more deadly one, forcing God’s hand in judgment in the same way that it always has. This time, however, it will not be confined to an individual, tribe, city, or even a nation. But the whole world will be judged to rid it of this deadly infection.

I think that you may be beginning to understand the power of this weapon our enemies have forged against us, so that they might undermine our ability to serve as examples of the glory of God. And through this, they hoped to prevent us from taking our seat in a place that is more excellent than theirs. From there we will then sit in judgment over them and wonder why they, who exceeded us in power and glory, sought to undermine our faith in God through instructing us in rebellion, and were not rather tutors, ministering to us the excellent glory of the eternal Godhead. In and of itself, even all of this was not sufficient to provide an environment for the wholesale spreading of homosexuality. There were a couple of other stops along this road.

At this time it is necessary to understand certain things about the form and function of homosexuality. This portion of the essay will concern itself with homosexuality in specific to men. The reasons surrounding the susceptibility of women to homosexuality are somewhat different than men, so I will discuss them separately. First off, I would say that in order for homosexuality to work, you must have someone willing to be the sodomite, (the one who perpetrates the act which defiles) and one who is willing to be the catamite (the one who submits). The sodomite is the one who has been derailed by the evil one so that his thoughts no longer revolve around that which is considered to be the natural use of the body. His flesh, having been immersed into a new venue of evil expression, such a one now seeks physical gratification in defiling himself with another man. This is, of course, impossible to do if there is no willing man available to submit to this defilement. I propose that no man who is not so inclined sexually would ever, under any circumstances, (up to, and including death) submit to being defiled in the manner of the homosexual. To such a man the very thought of a thing such as this, is utterly odious to his mind.

Howbeit then are there men who are willing to submit to the way of the catamite? This brings us to the next stop along the railroad to destruction. The first step in producing a catamite is that the man must be emasculated, and I am not talking necessarily in the physical sense. In the soul realm, a man must have his gender identity warped so that he no longer views himself as possessing all of the attributes that constitute maleness. Now, what do I mean by “maleness?” It is the collection of attributes that are innately present in all of the sons of Adam. They are the things that are indicative of our heritage from God in whose image we were made. Among these is our sense of empowerment over all that is considered to be ours, and our strength of will and the inward witness that all of those who are in our sphere should be subordinate. We are aggressive and willing to ferociously defend those things that are important to us, even to the extent of great violence if necessary. True maleness has a strong sense of honor and feels an obligation to stand in defense of those who are weak. The male is bold, and speaks with authority, not seeking the approval of others. He is confident, judging every matter with the clarity that comes from knowledge of who he is in the eyes of God, and the acceptance of the responsibility to act faithfully to his high calling.

Because women, being made from man, do not share in these attributes, they are not spiritually interchangeable with man. I know that this may come as a shock to some readers, but you must accept that God has fashioned the genders to serve different purposes during this time of redemption. It is patently unlawful for a man to divest himself of his God-given attributes of maleness, and to take upon himself those characteristics of soul that are fitting for women. This is the process of emasculation, and the promulgation of it has been ramped up considerably in recent decades. There is, at present, a worldwide movement to homogenize the genders, so that the differences between them are nullified. The end result is planned to be a world in which there is effectively no male or female, but only some sort of co-equal hybrid creature. There are even new sociological frameworks to describe this aberration of God’s economy. There is a new class of men that are called “metro-sexual.” These are men who are supposed to be softer in their demeanor and in their appearance. They are inordinately concerned with their physical appearance, such as their hair, nails, and the presence or absence of body hair. These men speak with soft “indoor” voices and tend to be very indecisive and non-judgmental in their communications, meaning that they do not take a stand on anything. In other words, these are men that have gotten in touch with their “feminine side.” Well, I have news for you dear reader. Real men do not have a feminine side to get in touch with! If you consider these findings, it is clearly evident that real manhood has been under attack for some time now. There have been wholesale defections by men from the glory of their God-given maleness into the perversion of males who, functionally, more closely resemble females.

There have already been enormous consequences to this error. Emasculation has been responsible for the near total collapse of the sanctity of the marriage vow, as well as the stability of the family unit. This is hardly the spiritual environment that lends itself to the Lord’s obtaining the godly offspring He desires. Nevertheless, emasculation serves as the next step along the way to homosexuality. The root cause of this deception is the satanically mediated push to “equalize” the genders. The problem is that women, not

being made in the image and glory of God, are missing the key attributes necessary to be made truly more man-like. So, the only way to make it work, is to strip men of the things that make them separate and distinct from women, which is their nature, which came from God. If you distill out from man, the things that come from God, you are left with only the things that came from woman: the body through birth. After this there remains a creature that, although male in outward appearance, is nevertheless tending toward the female in his self-image.

This might be a good place to pose the following question. Why would men allow themselves to become vulnerable to this type of deception? The answer is simple. Living the life of a true man is stressful. We must bear the burden of the world on our shoulders. We are responsible for all things, concerning our families' well being and their safety. We must lead and guide them into the ways of righteousness, and correct them when they are wrong. We work hard to provide for them and many times deny ourselves in the process. Many men succumb to the temptation to be relieved of the burden of leadership by relinquishing their manhood and assuming the role of one who is cared for, rather than the high calling of being the one who is the caregiver. This process is made all the more potent when the enemy succeeds in convincing more and more people of the deception, and they begin to add their voices in concert with those who would lead others astray. Those who would resist become as the one voice crying out in the wilderness, and they are castigated for being "out of touch" with the times. As of this writing, in the first decade of the 21st century, men have essentially become persona non-grata. If a husband and wife go out shopping or to a restaurant, the man is usually totally ignored by those who service them. The woman is looked to as the one who will make the business decisions and handle the money transactions. Rarely, if ever, will they even make eye contact with the husband. It's as if he is not even there. If you don't believe this, and you are married, I invite you to go out and put it to the test.

Consider also the media and the entertainment industry. Here men are usually portrayed as bumbling buffoons, devoid of wisdom and knowledge. Their children dishonor them and their wives treat them more as children than husbands. Unfortunately, this lie is beginning to be believed by society in general, and it is making its way into the homes of the world. Most men seem to be totally oblivious to this attack on their manhood. They have abdicated their God-given right to be leaders in their homes and communities, and have become content to be couch potatoes, leaving all of the work of running the family to their wives. In addition, the divorce rate is at an all time high with the resultant dissolution of the family. Children grow up with no father in the house, so there is no opportunity to pass on attributes of manhood to their sons, and to be coverings for their daughters. You may not realize this, but it is not possible for a single mother to instill attributes of manhood into her sons, nor can she be a lawful spiritual covering for her daughters. All of this is the legacy of societal emasculation, and it has rendered our culture impotent and powerless to fend off the attacks of the evil one.

After the emasculation process has been completed, the man is now subject to the final step before becoming a catamite. He undergoes the process of feminization. This condition may manifest in either of two ways. In the first case, the man may actually

begin to manifest feminine affectations. Such a man will talk in a more high-pitched voice, and in the manner of women. His outward appearance will be deliberately softened and devoid of facial hair. He may even wear makeup and style his hair according to the manner of women. In extreme cases, such a man may attempt to disguise his identity as a male by dressing like a woman and attempting to pass himself off as one. Secondly, a feminized man may still have the outward appearance of a male, but inwardly he thinks of himself as a woman. The popular description for these men is that they think of themselves as a “woman trapped in a man's body.” Now, once a man has reached this stage of feminization, he has completely given himself over to the deception of the devil, and it is highly likely that homosexual acts are the end result of this error. You must realize that this is not something that a man can casually stumble into, but it is the result of an over-riding of all of the God-given attributes of maleness that each man is born with. If a man will not follow the truth of who he is, then God will give him over to a debased mind, that he may dishonor his body in this way and, as a result, bring upon himself swift destruction.

What about women, why do they engage in homosexuality? After reading the previous section on the current state of affairs within the kingdom of men, it's fairly obvious that womankind is suffering from a deficiency of manly covering. For most women these days, being married to one of these pusillanimous man-creatures is tantamount to being married to a woman anyway. Many of them figure that it is better to co-habitate with “one of their own,” rather than have to put up with the foibles of a man that they do not respect. What I am saying is this. Women's stumbling into homosexuality is mostly a reaction to abandonment by those who were supposed to be covering them. It is not a primary leap into rebellion, as is the case with men. Nevertheless, they are not guiltless in this, for they have allowed themselves to be given over to a debased mind, in supposing that the devil's solution to their plight, is better than following the divinely mandated ordinance concerning, the natural use of the body.

Chapter 6: Why Must the Church Make a Stand Against Homosexuality?

This is certainly a legitimate question and one that demands an answer. After all, does not God judge those who are outside? This is true, and there is a judgment reserved for those who transgress in this matter. Nevertheless, we who are the church, have a responsibility to be the light of the world and the salt of the earth. Our judgment concerning this, or any, matter of conscience is to provide the witness for what God says about the matter. It is not to execute wrath, but to live by example according to the will of God, so that those who transgress will do so in full view of the truth of God regarding His statutes. If the church does not echo the words of God regarding the error of homosexuality, the world will only have the witness of the sons of disobedience and their own debased minds. Where, then, is the place found for repentance? So, it becomes paramount for the church to speak the truth regarding homosexuality, that we don't encourage them in sin by our silence.

In summary, there are three main reasons why the church must not be complacent, but must make a stand against homosexuality.

1. **Because God does:** If we say we are His, we must side in with Him on all matters, reckoning that His wisdom, knowledge, and understanding is superior to ours. On anything that God has definitively spoken, there can be no neutrality.
“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.” (Luke 11:23)
2. **To bear witness to righteousness:** There is an attempt underway to get the Church to “sign off” on homosexuality, to remove the last barrier to social acceptance (political, educational, and familial barriers have already been compromised). This will spell the death knell for this nation. The Church must stand united on this issue if there is to be any hope of salvaging our land. Even though supporting homosexuality is the stand of those who are merely in the church. It must not be the stand of those who are of the Church. Now, since those who are of the Church have not made a stand by way of uncompromised obedience to sound doctrine, (and have allowed the leaven of those who are merely in the Church to prosper) both those in and those of the Church will suffer the consequences of their error.
3. **To be a watchman on the wall:** not to turn the evildoers, but to avoid being judged by God for not making a stand for righteousness (be salt). Homosexuality is only prospering because of the weakness demonstrated by the Church in not making a stand against it and, thereby, preventing it from becoming part of mainstream society. This weakness stems not only from a lack of leadership from the pulpit regarding the wrongness of homosexuality, but outright support of it, (and in some cases practice of it) in direct violation of the very Scriptures we are charged by God to teach the sheep.

Conclusion:

In this essay, I have presented compelling evidence of the erosion of God’s divine order here on the earth. He has determined the way of men and the way of women, and it is clear that their roles are not interchangeable. I have presented in the clearest possible terms how dangerous this sin is, for it has been demonstrated that if allowed to continue in a widespread manner, it will exhaust the grace of God for that entity, whether man, city, or nation. The title for this essay was not chosen as an expression of hyperbole, or designed to be merely sensational, but this sin is indeed of a most grave nature. If we as the church do not judge this matter, then neither will the world, for they cannot exceed us in righteousness. And if the world does not side in with God concerning the wrongness of homosexuality, but continues to practice it, and to encourage it in others, it will surely not escape the fate of all of the other nations who likewise transgressed. Moreover, will not the church, having been found complicit in its silence also share in the evil deeds and the indignation, which is to follow? Now is the time for those, who are not only **in** the

church, but who are also **of** the church, to rise up in courage, and to resist the attack of the enemy, who seeks to portray those who love righteousness, as though, they were the ones who were the transgressors. Our moral authority on this matter comes from God and not the whim of man. We must convince ourselves of this fact, so that we can stand strong and continue to speak the truth, even as the forces of darkness continue their campaign to desensitize our nation to the desperate wickedness of homosexuality. This has caused a vicious cycle of greater acceptance, leading to more widespread practice. Surely, the day is far spent and there is judgment awaiting us if we do not repent. For this much is certain. God is not a respecter of persons. The wrath that He has poured out on other nations that have transgressed in like manner is poised, yet again, to rain down on we who have failed to learn obedience through their sacrifice.

Let those who have ears to hear, receive what the teacher has ministered unto you this day. Moreover, may the God of heaven be merciful unto us, according to the measure of the blood of the Lamb, and fill our hearts with wisdom to discern and courage to act, so that we may not be judged with the unbelievers. Amen.