

## SIGN OF THE TIMES

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If you read your daily newspaper, watch the local or national news, or even notice the events around us, you know these are unsettling times. Where will it all end? This is a question I have often pondered as of late.

A few years ago in the Las Vegas local newspaper, a week was set aside to talk about the homosexuals who live in the city. What I read was truly amazing and unsettling at the same time. Let me share with you some of my observations.

One article was concerning the Bible opposition that the homosexuals were facing. How can they get around the plain teachings of Passages as these:

"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature." {Romans 1:24-26}

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God." {1 Corinthians 6:9-11}

God's teaching in the Old Testament was just as plain, Leviticus 18:22-29. Truth of the matter, there is no getting around what God says! In plain, vivid, and powerful language, God abhors the sin of homosexuality, period!

So what do they do? Another article discussed the churches in Las Vegas for the homosexual and lesbian community. A picture showed them at a Sunday service, praying and worshipping God. In their prayers they were "**thanking God**" for creating them with this lifestyle, and asking His help in opening the eyes of those who oppose their lifestyle! What next?

Let me set the record straight. God had no hand in making the homosexual what they are. This came about by "**personal choice**." God created in man a sexual drive towards the opposite sex. Please read Genesis 2:21-25. What about praying to God? According to passages such as John 9:31; 1 Peter 3:12, God does not hear sinners, nor answer their requests! Make no mistake about it, God does not condone this sin! Who can read these passages and misunderstand how God feels about such things?

The homosexual community says we "hate them." Not so! We love them, we **HATE THE SIN!!** This is something that is difficult for them to come to grips with. True Christians love the souls of men, but must stand up and oppose anything that God calls sin. Many of the articles talked about how

homosexuals fit into society, and the contributions they are making. What are they teaching our children? What is the leading cause of the AIDS virus sweeping this country?

Many of the homosexual community in these articles, despite the warnings, said publicly nothing has changed in regard to their sexual practices! Many are HIV positive. One article commented that ten years after the AIDS disease became known, also how it could be transmitted by these unholy relationships, 90% of that community did not alter their practices. We are told that the average homosexual will have over 20 different partners in their lifetime! Truly this saddens my heart. What they're doing to their bodies is terrible, but far worse is the damage to their souls. God does not change His mind. Worshipping God in "their way" will not save them or make this sin more acceptable to God!\*\*\*