

REPROACH OF A NATION

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When you think of our great nation, what comes to your mind first? Freedom? All the freedoms we enjoy in this great country might not be so wonderful. Let me explain.

FREEDOM TO KILL THE UNBORN. Yes in this great nation, where mankind has the right to the "pursuit of happiness", it does not apply to all of her citizens! "Freedom of Choice", whose choice? Who speaks for the unborn? God speaks!

"Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, " {Romans 1:29} Changing the name won't change how God views the millions of babies who are murdered each year by calling it "pro-choice."

FREEDOM TO COMMIT MURDER. Yet, to be sure they don't call it that. "Mercy killing" is the phrase that is used to describe this freedom. Dr. Jack Kevorkian (Dr. Death) has decided to take the place of God. Yet, what gives him the right, or any other for that matter, to end the life of another?

"And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment," {Hebrews 9:27} All will die, but the 'when' and 'how' is not left up to others to decide. Masking "Mercy Killing" as compassion doesn't change it in the sight of God. Today it is for the terminally ill. What will it be tomorrow? Population control? When people become old and feeble and a burden on society, should we just "put them to sleep"? Could it happen?

FREEDOM TO MARRY AND DIVORCE AT WILL. One out of every two marriages will end in divorce. In Las Vegas it can all be over in a matter of days and done cheaply too! Man says "divorce for any cause". What does God say?

"For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce: for it covers one's garment with violence, says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal treacherously. ""{Malachi 2:16}

"So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate. "{Matthew 19:6} God has not changed His mind about divorce! Save for the cause of adultery (Matthew 5:32; 19:9). This is destroying our families, the fiber and backbone of the nation. Sadly, I must add, many of my brethren are encouraging this plague on society by the teachings regarding divorce and remarriage!

FREEDOM TO CHOOSE AN "ALTERNATE LIFESTYLE." Homosexuality is not a sin, it is a choice of one's sexual orientation. In some states, and many will follow the same course, same sex

marriages are being performed. In some states homosexuals can adopt children. On all fronts, this "lifestyle" is being put forth in a positive light. What does God say?

"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} Could it be any plainer?

"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." {Proverbs 14:34}
"They sow the wind, and reap the whirlwind..." {Hosea 8: 7} I'm worried. What about you? Is our nation going forward or backwards? Will God bless us? Not likely, unless we change our thinking! ***