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THE SUPREME COURT'S PROFANATION OF GOD-ORDAINED MARRIAGE

If our readers recall in the September/October 2013 issue of *Search the Scriptures* newsletter, right after the Supreme Court arbitrarily struck down DOMA (the Defense of Marriage Act), I said this would pave the way for Court to then legalize the abominable and oxymoronic idea of "Gay Marriage." Well that predictably happened on June 26, 2015. Fortunately, I was not in America, but in Israel, when the Five Supreme Court "Injustices" passed this dreadful decision. These Injustices



by
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were: Anthony Kennedy, Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Stephen Breyer, Sonia Sotomayor, and Elena Kagen. These five Injustices single-handedly have done something, along with what most of Europe's courts previously did, which no other civilization, empire, or judicial body has done in all of history before. They have deliberately subverted God-ordained marriage that the Creator established from the creation—marriage between one man and one woman—by saying, now, two homosexuals can "legitimately" and "legally" get married and have the same ontological status and value as married heterosexual couples do. It is truly a sad, pathetic state in post-Christian, neo-pagan America when a tyrannical, judicial oligarchy is freely allowed and afforded the unhindered opportunity to uproot biblical marriage with what is one hundred eighty degrees opposite—Homosexual marriage. And the millions of supposedly born-again Christians let it easily happen because of their indifference, fear, and compromise! But love for God, the Scriptures and true marriage has and will lead me to continually speak out against this immoral atrocity and defend biblical truth pertaining to what marriage is in the eyes of God. Think about the enormity of this heinous and destructive decision the Supreme Court passed with contempt toward biblical marriage! Not even



the grossly wicked and deeply immoral Empires of Babylon, Assyria, Rome, Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union, and Communist China ever once considered institutionalizing and legally establishing Homosexual marriage. The American Judiciary at the highest level has exceeded these wicked, depraved, and Godless regimes by reaching a new low when legalizing behavior that God says in His Word is an abomination, wicked, lawless, and will bar those who practice the homosexual lifestyle from the kingdom of God (Genesis 18:20; 19:12 Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-32; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10; 1 Timothy 1:8-11; 2 Peter 2:6-8; Jude 7).

What these five ungodly and blasphemous Supreme Court Injustices have done has placed this nation's government under the wrath of God's divine abandonment clearly predicted in Romans 1:22-32 where the sin of homosexuality is directly connected with destructive reprobation in which God will hand over an individual and society to a "reprobate mind" when they openly practice and promote the homosexual lifestyle without repentance and belief in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Three times in Romans chapter one, we read God "gave up" and "gave over" those who impenitently pursue and support the homosexual lifestyle (Romans 1:24, 26, 28). And these five Supreme Court Injustices certainly have no plans in the foreseeable future to rescind and reverse their unbiblical decision to ratify and legalize "Gay Marriage" in all fifty States. So they are now under the judgment of Romans 1:26-32 whereby the unrepentant reprobate practitioner and promoter of homosexuality becomes incorrigible and beyond the redemptive reach of God! The doctrine of reprobation is one of the most serious and solemn truths revealed in the Word of God. The most infamous reprobates in Scripture were the Pharaoh of the Exodus and Judas Iscariot, the betrayer of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now we can add these five Supreme Court Injustices to the list of infamous reprobates! God's sovereign purpose in allowing this terrible decision to be passed is the same as when He raised up Pharaoh during the Exodus (Romans 9:16-19)—to show forth His Holy wrath and righteousness against these wicked judges so that history and the world may know that He alone defines and determines for all time what marriage really is and what it most certainly is not, as He exclusively instituted it from the beginning—the monogamous marital union of one man with one woman (Genesis 2:23-24).

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How to Argue Against Homosexuality



By Aaron Levitt

Because of the recent Supreme Court decision to allow homosexual marriage, America has been plunged to a new depth of moral confusion on the issue. On the one legal hand, the national law is now that homosexuals can marry, but on the other legal hand, the Constitution provides for the free and unrestrained practice of religion, which almost always includes voicing and adhering to traditional marriage. So, which of the two mutually exclusive laws do we follow, when not even our government's leaders can decide?

Today, many people consider homosexuality to be normal, so Christians must be able to articulately debate the subject in full biblical depth. We have to recognize the perspective that many modern people start from in order to guide them toward the Bible's truth. We must imagine thinking the way they do in order to understand how to communicate with them successfully on the moral implications of homosexuality, which God has given us in His written Word. We must also make sure we act merely as the mouthpieces of Scripture, and not mix our own feelings into what we claim is God's pure truth. We must clearly delineate between those two when speaking with people - i.e., "Here are my personal feelings on the matter," and separately, "Here are God's own statements concerning it."

In a debate on any subject, when the listener believes the argument is coming from emotion, they are less likely to be convinced to change their views. Indeed, as we know, most people argue from emotion, at least in part, even when they claim to be speaking pure truth. While no one can truly divorce himself or herself from emotion, our personal dislike of homosexuality should not significantly play into our argument of why it is inherently wrong. Scripture speaks for itself, and doesn't need our additions. Explaining Scripture is both right and necessary; indeed, Jesus and His apostles constantly did so. But changing Scripture with our own opinions, and thus forming "another gospel", is expressly forbidden (Gal 1:8). We must make clear that, concerning what is right and what is wrong, it is God's opinion that counts - that next to His, ours doesn't count at all. Just as in witnessing to someone about the Gospel, we must first educate ourselves on in-depth apologetics. No one would say that exclaiming "Believe in Jesus!" counts as adequate preaching of the Gospel of Salvation. Any unsaved and biblically uneducated person hearing those three words would need a thousand more in order to understand

the Gospel enough to truly understand sin and make the monumental lifelong decision to follow Christ.

So, just as successfully explaining the Gospel to someone who has known only sin their entire life requires a great deal of in-depth and intelligent discussion, talking to someone who mostly only knows attraction of the homosexual kind requires the same depth of conversation in order to show them why it is, in actual fact, wrong. And, as in all Christian apologetics, we must be

careful not to give anything that sounds like a pat answer or thoughtless dismissal to what may be our listener's lifetime of deep homosexual feelings. I suspect I do not need to explain here why such an approach would lose our argument as far as our listener is concerned.

So, to review, we must not argue any biblical truths from personal emotion, and we also must be careful to avoid making arguments that are, or seem, simplistic. If we aren't well prepared to have an in-depth discussion with either someone who is experiencing homosexual attractions or someone who simply supports "gay rights", then we should not initiate such a discussion. The reason for this is that a weak argument in favor of something is a strong argument against it. Therefore, an apologist should always stick with his or her strongest arguments, and drop everything else. The last things we Christians should seem to others to be are hateful and simpleminded - for, Bible-following Christians have a very rich history of treating others both lovingly and with wisdom, just as Scripture continually instructs us to. We do our Lord Yeshua a great disservice if we are anything less than dwelling in the midst of God's miraculous love and giving that agape love to others. And we also need to be studying His holy Word intently, so that we become the most educated and intelligent Christians we can possibly be. Our love and Scriptural wisdom should be at such a level that it shocks worldly objectors who expect to knock us over easily with a few clichéd objections to Christianity. When they speak hatefully to us, we should be equipped to respond with such love, peace, and wisdom that their eyes widen in surprise at what the Lord has clearly done within us.

Particularly now that gay marriage is legal nationwide, the Church must prepare itself to address homosexuality head-on. Clearly, it is now a higher-priority argument to actively make than it was before the recent Supreme Court ruling. The argument in favor of homosexual marriage starts with an incorrect premise - the premise that marriage is simply whatever people decide to define it as. The correct premise to begin any claim about marriage is to recognize what marriage by its very nature is and has always been in every culture: the intimate heterosexual union that is bound by a publicly declared lifelong covenant. Even in Old Testament times, when, for instance, Jacob took the two sisters Leah and Rachel, and also their servant-women, Bilhah and Zilpah, for his wives, such polygamous marriages that God approved of were always heterosexual. The twelve tribes of Israel, obviously highly blessed and chosen by God, were born from Jacob and all four of his wives. So, we see that this heterosexual polygamous marriage was approved by God, whereas, by contrast, we see throughout both Old and New Testaments completely consistent rejection by God of all homosexuality. It is not a Law/Grace Scriptural issue, as, for instance, biblical dietary laws are. But rather, God calls it wrong in the absolute sense - "an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13).

Back to the popular-but-flawed argument that homosexuals should be "allowed to marry", this misses the point that marriage is heterosexual by its very nature. It is not merely heterosexual because of society's viewpoint. An apple can be declared an orange, but nothing actually changes. So, too, can people say that a man can "marry" a man, but actually, that "marriage" exists in words only. Giving a person the right to walk to Mars does not make it possible; that is an apt analogy for giving people the right to marry others of the same sex. Most proponents of homosexual marriage draw the new line separating marriage from non-marriage just after gay marriage - after having happily erased the old line. But doing so is not logical. One cannot first say,

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The Light is Almost Extinguished



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In the September/October 2013 issue of this newsletter, I posted an Article entitled The Light Is Dimming. The article can be read in that issue on this ministry's website. This article can be considered a continuation of that.

There once was a house on a hill; it was a bright and shining light. Corruption started seeping into the house; it was a poison that started suffocating the house and the light started to dim.

On 22 May 2015, Ireland went to the poles and voted on "Same Sex Marriage." Sadly Ireland became the first country in history to legalize same sex marriage. From time immortal, marriage has been defined as between "One Man and One Woman." Ireland has redefined Marriage as between one man and whoever or whatever he wants to be married to, or one woman and whoever or whatever she wishes to be joined to. Believe me, today it is same sex marriage... what comes next — Pedophilia marriage between adults and children? Marriage to the animal of your choice? You tell me. I tell you it is coming.

This now brings me to a sad reality — on the morning of June 26, 2015, the "Supreme Court of the United States" decided it was Constitutional to have same sex marriage; SCOTUS has effectively changed G-d's definition of marriage, a definition that has had standing for thousands of years. That has spelled out the beginning of the end.

G-d destroyed two cities because of Homosexuality and Sexual immorality... What do you think he will do to a nation that sanctions Homosexuality and Sexual immorality.

We today live in a nation I do not recognize, it feels like up is down, down is

up, good is bad, bad is good, top is bottom and, bottom is top. I was born just after WWII in 1946. I grew up in an innocent age, and I grew up in freedom and was not indoctrinated but instead was given an education. When I read "Animal Farm" and "1984" I never dreamt I would be living them in too short a time. It was just fiction, or so I thought... instead it turned out to be prophecy, and what was predicted is now coming to pass. But the prophecy began 5000 years ago when G-d chose His people and made a covenant first with Abraham and then the Hebrew people, and then with mankind.

For the past four or five years, I have said this country is under G-d's judgment and many have scoffed and belittled me for telling the truth. It matters not if I am believed or not... when you wake to the fact that we are under judgment, it may be too late to do "Teshuvah" (turn from your collective sin and turn to G-d). There is no turning back the clock to biblical times. But conservatives have gotten into the habit of explaining our doubts about homosexual marriage in highly pragmatic, rationalistic terms having nothing to do with religion. Conservative pundits say you have to keep your arguments secular to reach the ideological middle. To them, citing Leviticus would seem the grossest violation of good manners. But the advance of sanctioned gay marriage, creeping like ivy across the face of the American legal system, shows the futility of this strategy.

Let us consider telling the truth about what underlies the case against homosexual matrimony. After all, many Americans look to the Bible for their values. We live in a culture imbued, from the Pilgrims onward,

with Old Testament values. That's who we are.

The minute you compromise your moral values is the minute you turn your back on G-d... and once you turn your back on G-d you invite His Judgment. And we as a nation have been turning our backs on G-d since 1962 and have been inviting His Judgment on us since then. We are getting what we as a nation deserve, and if we do not repent and turn back to G-d, we as a nation will cease to be.

When the Supreme Court passed down its ruling, my heart broke. I was actually weeping as the announcement was made... I have been saying for the past three or four years that we as a Nation have been under G-d's Judgment, and virtually no one has been listening. So now the end begins. I say it is time that men and women of G-d make a stand and start acts of 'Non-Violent' civil disobedience. No One and I do mean No One can mock G-d without suffering His wrath. If you mock G-d you cannot expect to survive. Remember that foolish woman Madeline Murray O'Hair... She mocked G-d... had G-d kicked out of school, had His word banned from public schools, and removed prayer from public schools. Do you remember what happened to her and her granddaughter? They were both murdered and dumped in the desert to rot. That is what happens to those who mock G-d. G-d destroyed two cities for sexual immorality; what do you think He will do to a nation that encourages sexual immorality and makes a mockery of the institution of marriage? My heart aches and is broken. What SCOTUS has done to G-d's definition of marriage is an abomination. This decision cannot be

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The Lord Jesus Christ reaffirms this sacred union by quoting Genesis 2:23-24 in Matthew 19:4-6. So let it not be said here, or elsewhere, by the pro-gay theologians that Jesus never ratified and confirmed what true marriage is in the eyes of God the Creator of it.

In their unparalleled arrogance, these five Injustices think that by waving their magical wand of legal fiat they can undo what marriage really is from the biblical perspective. By God's definition in Scripture, marriage is between one man and one woman. God never has, nor will ever, change this meaning because anything outside this basic perimeter is not true marriage that He created and defined! So just because these Injustices now say there is such a thing as "Gay Marriage" does not make it so, anymore than if they ridiculously ratified square circles or flaming snowballs to exist, that would not make them so! Or as one friend wrote to me wisely said: "Any high court in any country can declare (that is, claim) a nonevent to be so, but that declaration is nonbinding as far as reality is concerned. There are no apple oranges, and if the Supreme Court declared that there were, we would be logically bound to call their claim foolish, regardless of their own high opinion of their own wisdom." Marriage is God's invention of man and woman united in lifelong committed companionship. That is what it is, nothing more and nothing less.

I now call on all Bible believers in America, both in the pews and pulpits, to mount a stand of civil disobedience against this unjust and unbiblical law of the Supreme Court that squarely contradicts God-ordained biblical marriage. We do have precedent for doing this in the Word of God. For when man's law contradicts the higher Law of God, we must disregard the former and follow the latter. When the Sanhedrin demanded the apostles stop preaching in the Name of Jesus (Acts 5:17-42), they were asking these holy men to disobey Christ's command to preach the Gospel in Jerusalem and the entire world (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8). Peter's response was to say "We ought to obey God, rather than man" (Acts 5: 29). The apostles left the Sanhedrin and continued preaching in the Temple and all throughout Jerusalem! Christians in this country must do the same: Renounce the unbiblical concept and abomination of "Gay Marriage" and simultaneously speak out against it by reaffirming what biblical marriage is, as originated and defined by the God of the Bible! With the Court's decision, mounting persecution of

Christians, who stand for biblical marriage and denounce the absurdity of homosexual marriage, will only dramatically increase and harmfully intensify unabated. We have already seen this with non-compromising Christians living in Gresham, Oregon, Albany, New York, and Houston, Texas and other places in the nation where other bible believing Christians are being penalized and punished by the liberal "gay" supporting courts at both the State and Federal levels. This increasing persecution will certainly reveal who is really on the Lord's side from those who are not when they accept or reject "gay marriage," respectively. How a person who calls himself or herself a Christian either stands up to this wicked law or simply acquiesces to it will be the Lord's way of exposing the wheat (true, born-again Christians) from the tares (false Christians). Already, we see 'Evangelical' leaders and 'conservative' churches accepting the homosexual lifestyle within the fabricated and spurious context of "gay marriage."

Recently choir leaders, Josh Canfield and Reed Kelly of 'Evangelical' Hillsong Church, in New York City publicly announced their engagement to be "married" sometime in 2016. Hillsong Church is an Evangelical/Charismatic community lead by Australian Brian Houston. This is an apostate church and Brian Houston does nothing to biblically correct it. No surprise, since he also is a false teacher! I heard him actually say that Allah and the God of the Bible are the same God! Wrong! Not calling these sodomites to repentance and faith in the Gospel which involves turning from the sin of homosexuality, and, instead, leading them to believe this sinful lifestyle is acceptable in the Church is all you need to know about where Houston's group stands on the issue of homosexuality and "Gay Marriage." By the way, his late father, Frank Houston, who was the head pastor of Hillsong at one time, is a convicted pedophile. He was still receiving a pension from Hillsong after he confessed guilt over this heinous crime. Soft on sin and false on Scripture describes Houston's Hillsong group and this abominable announcement of this 'Gay' couple getting "engaged" in the Church is ample proof of that! So

avoid having anything to do with Hillsong in the future!

Now that the Supreme Court Injustices have legally ensconced homosexuality under the rubric of "Gay marriage" they have merely confirmed what has been true about gay accepting, secular America for some time—they have been given over to a reprobate mind and are therefore under the wrath of God's divine abandonment according to the judgment of Romans 1:26-32. One thing still remains forever true: the Supreme Court is not truly "supreme" or the highest court of all, nor can they act like the Supreme Being and think they have the power and authority to tell us what marriage is, which is based on an unconstitutional misreading of the fourteenth Amendment that supposedly gave them judiciary license to legalize the immorality of Homosexuality and "Gay Marriage." No, in God's just eyes and judgment, though Kennedy, Ginsberg, Breyer, Sotomayor, and Kagen think they are the "lords of life" and "gods" unto themselves by presumptuously creating a new, twisted idea of marriage contrary to the original, God's judgment pronounced in Psalm 82:2-6 will fall on them instead: ***"How long will you judge unjustly, and show partiality to the wicked...They do not know, nor do they understand. They walk about in darkness...I said "You are gods... but you shall die like men, and fall like one of the princes."*** These five vainglorious and pretentious Injustices will die as all mortal men and stand before the highest court of all before the greatest judge of all at the Great White Throne Judgment of the Lord Jesus Christ (see Revelation 20:11-15). At that terrifying time, each one of these Injustices will give an account to Him of their egregious profanation and deliberate usurpation of marriage with the legalized elevation of one of the most serious sins of all under the disgusting guise of "Gay Marriage." God's ordained heterosexual union of one man married to one woman still stands in the face of the Court's despicable repudiation of it. We, therefore, conclude by affirming the statement of Paul in Romans 3:4, ***"Yes, let God be true, and every man a liar."*** †

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"Marriage is not just heterosexual; everyone should have the right to get married," and then say, "But marriage can only be two people."

The family unit is the building block of society. Part of that role is that, almost without exception, families produce children, and thus collectively bring into existence the next generation of the population. Children are raised by both a father and a mother in order to teach them about both men and women, and also because fathers and mothers typically fulfill different - not to say concretely defined - roles in their children's lives. It is important for boys and girls to see in their parents good examples of a man and a woman, and of how that man and woman work together to care for their family. This, of course, serves to teach children how to be when they grow up. So, when the family unit is fundamentally redefined by the Supreme Court, clearly that declaration can only bring about a confused, and thus dysfunctional, next generation.

Regarding the Supreme Court's belief that they alone can determine what marriage is for all Americans, there are two huge problems that I see. One is that, as I addressed earlier, no human being can change a fundamental existential fact - such as the nature of marriage. (They might as well have voted on the nature of water, because in both cases such a vote completely lacks effect.) The second major problem I see is that the Court has violated the Constitution, in that it changed a major existing law by fiat, rather than by national vote. The Constitution is the highest law of the land. Therefore, any law that was made through unconstitutional means was illegally made. Therefore, in redefining marriage, the Supreme Court has actually broken the law. They, who are bound by the Constitution, which is the highest law of the land, have acted unconstitutionally, and therefore illegally. Homosexual marriage being made okay by them both was and is illegal. Any lesser law in conflict with a higher law is automatically rescinded by the higher. So, in fact, we are not legally bound to the Supreme Court's decision to allow gay marriage. On the contrary, for us to recognize the Court's marital law change would be to violate the Constitution ourselves. ☆†☆

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allowed to stand. I pray the SHEEPLE start to awake from their slumber, but I am not holding my breath. At this time I am afraid it is over... We are no longer the G-dly nation we once were... we are a G-dless nation. At this time, you either stand with G-d or you do not! As for me and my household we serve the 'One True G-d' the G-d of Avraham, Yitzchak, and Yaakov.

There once was a house on a hill; it was a bright and shining light. The light is almost extinguished and unless this Nation falls on its face and repents its sin, the light will be extinguished and shine no more. We will be consigned to the rubbish heap of history, like so many bright and shining houses that came before us. ☆†☆



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- ☆ Pray for us that whenever we teach or witness, words will be given to us to boldly proclaim the Gospel to the Jew first and also the Gentile (Acts 4:31; Romans 1:16; Ephesians 6:19).
- ☆ Pray for spiritual agreement and unity among us (Psalm 133:1).
- ☆ Pray that God will open the hearts of those who will hear (Psalm 110:3; Acts 16:14).
- ☆ Pray for witnessing opportunities and for the anointing of the Holy Spirit's conviction and power to teach and witness (John 4:35; Luke 10:2; Acts 1:8; John 16:7-11).
- ☆ Pray for health and strength (Isaiah 40:31).
- ☆ Pray for spiritual fruit that will last (John 15:7-8; Galatians 5:22-23).
- ☆ Pray that God will open doors for us among the Jewish people for the Gospel to speak about the Messiah that we may make Him known, as we ought to speak (Colossians 4:3-4).
- ☆ Pray for favor among the Chosen People to hear the Gospel (Proverbs 12:2).
- ☆ Pray for protection from dangers and the hand of the enemy both seen and unseen (Psalm 91; Matthew 6:31).
- ☆ Pray that we have the Father's wisdom and guidance in every thing we do (Psalm 32:8; 48:14; Colossians 4:5).
- ☆ Pray that the Chosen People will come to faith in Messiah Jesus (Romans 10:1; Matthew 15-16; Mark 8:27-29, 14:61-62; Luke 9:18-20; John 4:25-26).