

RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES

On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, with a 6-1 decision, the California Supreme Court upheld a state constitutional ban on gay “marriages.” The ban was a result of a ballot initiative which passed in November 2008 with 52% of the vote. Citizens petitioned and won a place on the November ballot for Proposition 8 after the California Supreme Court’s 4-3 decision in May 2008 granted homosexuals an “equal right” to marry. Sadly, these individuals claiming a breach in “equal rights” are either ignorant of the facts or dishonest. In the United States, everyone has the same and equal right to marry. This right is derived from God’s definition of marriage – “Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). God’s law grants equal rights in regard to marriage – every qualified man has the right to marry a qualified woman and vice versa. What sodomites and their supporters are seeking is an “unequal right” to do that which God condemns as “vile,” “against nature,” “unseemly,” and “error” (Rom. 1:26-27). Marriage is a divine institution (Gen. 2:24). God defined marriage and made laws to govern marriage (cf. Mat. 5:32; 19:9). God is the only One who can join two together in marriage (Mat. 19:6) and He is the only One who can “disjoin” or abolish a marriage (Mat. 19:6, 9). I appreciate the 52% of Californians who voted in harmony with God’s law regarding marriage. It is rather refreshing to see a state known to be one of the nation’s most liberal do something so right. I also appreciate the California Supreme Court for upholding the “voice of the people,” rather than legislating law from the judiciary bench. But, “gay rights activists say they plan to return to voters as early as next year with a bid to repeal Proposition 8” (foxnews.com). Because these individuals do not respect God nor His Word, they will continue to fight for their lascivious and ungodly cause. Millions and millions of dollars will be spent in 2010 for and against the homosexual agenda and it seems pretty clear that this cycle will continue until California’s legislature steps in to make it harder to amend the state’s constitution. As long as people disregard the laws of God, and refuse to claim Him as King and only Law-Giver, every man will continue to do that which is “right in his own eyes” (Jud. 21:25).

God’s law is “settled in heaven” (Psa. 119:89) and cannot be changed. No matter how many propositions Californians vote on, God’s law will not change. No matter how many states follow the examples of Massachusetts, Connecticut, Iowa, Maine and Vermont and choose to spit in God’s face by allowing “same-sex marriages,” God’s law cannot be changed. Individuals who vote in their respective state governments that God is wrong and sodomy is right, will have to stand before the Almighty Judge and give an account if they do not repent.

Sadly, the religious world has seen its share of “Prop. 8s,”– ballot initiatives allowing men to vote on a matter already determined by God. Several denominations have met in “conference” or “general assembly” to vote in favor of welcoming homosexual members and for allowing homosexuals to serve as preachers and elders. They have eschewed God and His laws in favor of doing that which is right in their own eyes. In the mid 1800’s, the Christian Church denomination began after the famous “Prop. 8s” in which they chose to add mechanical instruments of music to worship and to “out-source” the work of the Church to a “Missionary Society.” They rejected the authority of the Bible and chose to do that which was right in their own eyes. There are various “Prop. 8s” being introduced in the Lord’s Church today as well. Some propositions bind and some loose where God did not. Many “Prop. 8s” are adopted and ratified by congregations without them even knowing it. All it takes is one sneaky individual to convince a good-hearted person or two that “we can all just agree to disagree.” How many false

doctrines and unscriptural practices have slipped in under the radar because people were satisfied to “agree to disagree” regarding matters of doctrine? While those who were “hoodwinked” think that the controversy has been quelled, the sneaky individuals (wolves in “sheep’s clothing,” Mat. 7:15) begin the process of introducing that with which the “hoodwinked” disagreed. They enact their “Prop. 8” by doing that which is right in their own eyes.

The world around us will continue to do that which is right in their own eyes. The homosexual agenda (among others which are anti-God) will be debated every election cycle. More states will obey men (homosexuals who comprise a minuscule percentage of the population) rather than God (Acts 5:29) and will adopt “unequal rights” for sodomites. We, as children of God (Gal. 3:26-27), must not swerve to the right hand nor to the left of God’s commands (Jos. 1:6-7). We must seek to do that which is right in God’s eyes and not our own – “For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and His ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil” (1 Pet. 3:12).

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