

A CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO “PRIDE MONTH”

Proverbs 8:13

INTRODUCTION

- In recent weeks Uganda's president, Yoweri Museveni, has signed into law an anti-homosexual bill, which allows the death penalty for homosexual acts
- Of course, there has been international outrage. US President Joe Biden decried the act as “shameful” and “tragic violation of universal human rights”
- Many would regard such laws and attitudes as “hateful”
- But we must ask the question, Is it wrong to hate?
- Some would say that there is no place for hate whatsoever – all you need is love
- But I would contend that there is no love without hate
- If we love something, we will hate its opposite
 - ✓ To love righteousness is to hate sin
 - ✓ To love truth is to hate error
 - ✓ To love beauty is to hate ugliness
- Throughout the Bible, hate is commanded of God's people
 - ✓ “The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate.” (Proverbs 8:13)
 - ✓ “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.” (Psalm 101:3)
 - ✓ “Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee? and am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee? I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.” (Psalm 139:21-22)
 - ✓ “Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.” (Romans 12:9)
- It is written of the Lord Jesus Christ, “Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity” (Hebrews 1:9)

- But now that the ungodly have fully captured the institutions of power in Australia (legislature, executive, judiciary, media, education), Christians are being persecuted for being “hateful” towards sodomites and transgenders when all we are doing is standing for the truth
- Society is rapidly descending in to accepting and promoting the most abominable lifestyles and practices
- The wicked are not content to have their depravity decriminalised – that want to force the rest of us to approve of, celebrate and participate in their depravity
- Satan’s people have from the beginning sought to compel others to participate in their abominations
 - ✓ Sodomites forcing others to engage in their sodomy (Genesis 19:5; Judges 19:22)
 - ✓ Idolaters forcing others to worship idols (Daniel 3:5-6)
 - ✓ Pagans forcing Christians to worship Caesar
 - ✓ Papists forcing Christians to confess the wafer to be God
- So today, there is great pressure on all of us, compelling us to voice our approval of the sodomite agenda, to use the preferred pronouns of “transgenders” and to refrain from criticising the sexualisation of children in the education system, in the media and in events such as “drag queen story time”
- The month of June is called “Pride Month”
- “LGBT Pride Month is a month, typically June, dedicated to celebration and commemoration of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) pride.” (Wikipedia)
- Governments, corporations, sporting codes, the media and many other groups throw their support behind Pride Month by displaying the sodomite/transgender rainbow colours and by holding events promoting sodomites and transgenders
- Ironically the same “LGBT” community that has the praise and support of the most powerful and wealthy in our nation, and who will crush into oblivion anyone who dares oppose them – these same people claim to be an oppressed, marginalised group, victims of systemic heteronormativity
- These rainbow fascist oppressors wish to claim victim status
- As we consider Pride Month and how believers should respond to it, we will first see God’s perspective of this sin – his condemnation of it as well as his salvation from it – before looking at our duty to those who are in bondage to it

I. GOD'S CONDEMNATION OF SODOMITES AND TRANSGENDERS

- A. LGBT is open rebellion against God and a perversion of his order for mankind
 - 1. The entire LGBT agenda is an open declaration of war against God and everything good that he has created and ordained
 - 2. It is a perversion of God's creation of gender
 - a. God in the beginning made two, and only two, genders – male and female (Genesis 1:27; 5:2; Matthew 19:4)
 - b. Currently there are 33 recognised genders in Australia
 - c. Our specific gender is ingrained into our entire biology, down to every cell, and therefore we cannot change the gender God created us as
 - 3. It is a perversion of God's creation of human sexuality and the institution of marriage
 - a. On the day that God created man and woman, he established marriage as between one man and one woman, with a particular view to procreation (Genesis 1:26-28; 2:24)
 - b. Any sexual relations outside of the marriage union, such as fornication, adultery and sodomy, are sin
 - c. Sodomy particularly is an abomination before God – that is, detestable and repulsive (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13)
 - d. Sodomy is a crime against God and against nature itself, violating the natural order (Romans 1:26-27)
 - e. The direct judgment upon Sodom and Gomorrah shows God's hatred of this sin
 - f. Sodomy defiles the land (Leviticus 18:24) and causes the land to vomit its inhabitants (Leviticus 18:25)
 - g. It is a particularly wicked sin (Genesis 13:13)
 - h. it is a "very grievous" sin (Genesis 18:20)
 - 4. They pervert God's symbol of the rainbow

- a. The true rainbow was first given by God and displayed in his creation and is seven-coloured (Genesis 9:13)
 - i. God's rainbow is a sign of divine judgment upon a wicked world
 - ii. God's rainbow is a sign of grace in the midst of judgment
 - iii. God's rainbow is a sign of his faithfulness to his covenant
- b. But the six-coloured sodomite rainbow is a corruption and perversion of God's rainbow in nature
- c. It is fitting that the sodomites would use a rainbow that is corrupt, perverse and unnatural to represent them

B. LGBT targets children and seeks to destroy their lives

- 1. The education system takes the role of child training away from the parents and places it into the hands of activist teachers promoting the LGBT agenda
 - a. Children are turned against their parents and encouraged to pursue gender transitioning without their parents' knowledge
 - b. The United Nations have produced the *International Guidance on Sexuality Education* in which governments must educate children in sexuality from birth
- 2. Social media platforms are brainwashing children in to seeing the LGBT lifestyle as an attractive choice for them
- 3. Transgenderism destroys children's lives
 - a. It permanently and irreversibly mutilates the body
 - b. It makes men and women infertile
 - c. It alters the brain development
 - d. It compounds the mental problems of its victims

C. They are "proud" of their sin

- 1. The proper response when we commit sin should be to feel guilt and shame before God (Genesis 3:8)
- 2. Yet for these people their "glory is in their shame" (Philippians 3:19) – they are proud of those things they ought to be ashamed of

3. Satan is the original proud one, who proudly lifted up himself against God (Isaiah 14:12-14), and he is the father of all those who take pride in their sin
4. The last days before Christ's return will be characterised by a spirit of pride in sin (2 Timothy 3:2)
5. "There is a generation, O how lofty are their eyes! and their eyelids are lifted up." (Proverbs 30:13)

D. God's wrath is upon these proud sinners

1. "God resisteth the proud" (James 4:6)
2. "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18)
3. "Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD: though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished." (Proverbs 16:5)
4. The wrath of God is against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men (Romans 1:18)
5. They face the judgment of God even in this life, reaping of the flesh corruption (Galatians 6:7-8)
 - a. Shorter life-span
 - b. High rates of suicide
 - c. Diseases
6. They face eternal damnation
 - a. Sodom's destruction is an example and warning (2 Peter 2:6)
 - b. The men of Sodom are presently in hell (Jude 7)
 - c. Sodomites shall not inherit the kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:10)
 - d. Dogs (sodomites) are excluded from the Holy City (Revelation 22:15; cf. Deuteronomy 23:18)
 - e. "Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15)
7. God pronounces the severest judgment on these predators who target children (Matthew 18:6)

II. GOD'S CURE FOR SODOMITES AND TRANSGENDERS

A. God's hate and love for sinners

1. It has been often said that "God hates the sin, but loves the sinner", but this statement is too simplistic
2. There are numerous places in Scripture that state that God hates sinners
 - a. "The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity." (Psalm 5:5)
 - b. "The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth." (Psalm 11:5)
 - c. In Proverbs 6:16-19, there is a list of sins and sinners that the Lord hates
 - d. Certain sinners are an abomination unto the Lord (Deuteronomy 25:16)
 - e. God is angry with the wicked every day (Psalm 7:11)
3. Not only are *sins* hateful to God, but the *sinners* who commit them are hateful and loathsome to a holy God
4. Yet to these same loathsome creatures, who are under God's condemnation and wrath for their sin, God extends mercy, grace, forgiveness and pardon (Romans 5:8)

B. Even the worst of sinners can be saved, including sodomites and transgenders

1. God is merciful to the repentant (Isaiah 55:7)
2. There is no sin that the blood of Christ cannot cleanse (Matthew 12:31)
3. There must be true repentance from this vile sin
4. The Corinthians demonstrate that sodomites can be redeemed (1 Corinthians 6:11)

III. OUR CALLING TO THE SODOMITES AND TRANSGENDERS

A. Is passivity an option?

1. We are commanded to live peaceably with all men (Romans 12:18) – are we able to just passively “put up with” the promotion of sin around us? Are we able to “go along with” this gross evil for the sake of peace?
 2. Absolutely not! One of the reasons that sin has been allowed to flourish in our society is because too many professing Christians have remained silent
- B. Oppose Pride Month by non-compliance and non-participation
1. This means withdrawing from those places, situations, businesses, etc, where this sin is being promoted
 2. We are not to be conformed to this world, but rather be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1-2)
 3. There may be a cost to such non-conformity – loss of employment, finances, friends
- C. Oppose Pride Month by speaking out against it
1. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.” (Ephesians 5:11)
 2. In our dealings with others, in conversations, we should look for opportunities to state the Biblical position concerning sexuality, speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15)
 3. “What God says is best, is best, though all the men in the world are against it” (Bunyan)
- D. Preach the gospel to those deluded by the LGBT lies
1. We must never forget that the Lord’s commission to the church has not changed in 2000 years
 2. Whether it is Pride Month, or any other month, our message is the same: we have sinned against God and deserve to perish eternally in hell for our sin, but Jesus Christ died for our sins, and if we repent and believe in him we will be forgiven and receive everlasting life
 3. Sodomites (ironically called “gays”) are the most miserable people on the face of the earth
 4. Their so-called “pride” is a vain attempt to mask their self-loathing and emptiness
 5. Our task is to show them that they will never find peace and satisfaction in their depravity, but that the Lord Jesus Christ is willing and able to

meet all their needs, both now and eternally, if they will but repent and receive him

CONCLUSION

1. Psalm 97:10 says, "Ye that love the LORD, hate evil"
2. It is not merely enough to be indifferent to evil, we must hate it
3. If you do not hate evil, you do not truly love the LORD
4. It is easy to hate the evil we see in others, but what about the evil in our own hearts and lives?
5. Before saying, "O wretched people *they* are", first say, "O wretched man that *I* am" (Romans 7:24)
6. We are commanded to judge ourselves before judging others (Matthew 7:1-5)
7. We must be on our guard for any trace of a self-righteous spirit that says, "I'm better than those sinners" (Luke 18:11)
8. No, we are all sinners deserving of hell and if we are saved it is only by God's grace
9. When we look at the depraved sodomites and transgenders we ought to look at them with compassion and say, "There, but for the grace of God, go I"
10. In our confrontations with the LGBT activists we must remember that this is not a political war between conservatives and liberals, between right and left
11. This is a spiritual battle between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan and the weapons of our warfare are spiritual
12. If we are to successfully engage in this battle for Christ, we must be equipped with the whole armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)
13. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1 Peter 3:15)
14. "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world; Holding forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:15-16a)