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A VOICE FROM THE PAST –

"HOMOSEXUALITY IS A SIN"

When I was growing up, "homosexuals were known as "queers". *Queer* (as an adj.) is defined as a "differing in some odd way from what is usual and normal..." The slang definition is "sexually deviate: **HOMOSEXUAL**..." When used as a noun the slang definition is "one that is queer; esp: **HOMOSEXUAL**..." [Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary] NOTE: *Homosexuals are "sexual deviates"!*

Current "political correctness" accepts homosexuality and promotes it although it is neither natural nor right.

Sodomites (which include homosexuals) were condemned in the Old Testament. Deut. 23:17 says: "**There shall no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.**" (Also see 1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46 & 2 Kings 23:7).

From the beginning God's plan for sexual relations was between a man (male) and a woman (female) and was within the bonds of marriage, which God

approved. (See Gen. 2:23-25; Mt. 19:4-6; 1 Cor. 7:1-5; Heb. 13:4). Note: In God's plan there is no allowance made for *homosexuality!*

God *condemned* homosexuality prior to the giving of the law of Moses. (Carefully read Gen. 19: 1-19; 2 Pet. 2:6-8 & Jude 7)

Under the Law of Moses God condemned homosexuality! He said: "**Thus shalt not lie with mankind, as with woman-kind: it is abomination.**" (Lev. 18:22; cf. v. 29). God also said: "**If thou also lie with mankind, as he that lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.**"

Homosexuality is *condemned* under the Law of Christ! In Rom. 1:26-27 Paul said: "**For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their woman did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of** (Con'td on p. 3)

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Editorial...

THINKING THAT GOD IS LIKE MAN

We read in **Psa. 50:21** that the wicked do wicked things because they think that God is altogether such an one as they are because they did wicked things and God kept silence, but God is sore displeased with such. Let us consider the following things.

1. MAN HIDES FROM MAN – SO HE THINKS HE CAN HIDE FROM GOD. (See Gen. 3:1-13). NOTE: Although Adam & Eve made an attempt to hide from God, they were not successful because God knew where they were.

Prov. 15:3 says: "**The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good.**" Heb. 4:13 says: "**Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of him with whom we have to do.**" Also read and carefully consider Psalms 139:1-13.

Men often commit their evil deeds when it dark and they hide them from other men. In so doing they think that they are hidden from God, but such is not the case.

Jesus said: "**And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be re-proved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.**" (John 3:19-21). NOTE: Although we can hide from man, it is impossible for us to hide from God.

2. MAN DECEIVES MAN – SO HE THINKS HE CAN ALSO DECEIVE GOD! (See the case of Ananias and Sapphira in Acts 5:1-10) Apparently they were trying to deceive men, but in so doing they ended up lying unto God! In Gal. 6:7-8 Paul said: "**Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**" See Psa. 139:1-4.

3. MAN IS SLACK IN HIS WORD – SO HE IS PRONE TO THINK THAT GOD IS ALSO LIKE THIS. Men will often lie. They will make promises and not keep them, but not so with God.

There are some today like those of old who said "**we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.**" (See Isa. 28:15b). The Psalmist mentioned some in 62:4 of whom he said: "**they delight in lies: they bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.**"

In Psalms 101:7 we read: "**He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that**

tellethe lies shall not tarry in my sight."

In contrast with men and how many of them lie and deceive in other ways, **"The lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness, but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."** (2 Pet. 3:9).

In Titus 1:2, Paul said: **"In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began."**

In James 1:17 we learn that all good gifts come from **"the Father of lights, with whom is no variability, neither shadow of turning."** A careful reading of Hebrews 6:17-18 will indicate that it is **"impossible for God to lie"**.

The Lord has given us many promises such as those found in such passages as Mt. 11:28; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38; Mt. 6:33; 1 Cor. 10:13; Rev. 2:7; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 22:14, etc. We can be fully confident that He will keep every promise that He has made.

IV. MAN CAN BE BRIBED INTO THE APPROVAL OF THINGS HE SHOULD NOT APPROVE – SO HE THINKS THAT HE CAN BRIBE GOD INTO APPROVING OF HIM BY GOING TO WORSHIP OCCASIONALLY, GIVING A PITYANCE TO THE POOR, PRAYING OCCASIONALLY, FLATTERING THE PREACHER, Etc.

Since God is holy, pure, true, just, no respecter of persons etc., there is no possibility that God can be bribed by men, angels or Satan!

V. MAN THINKS THAT SIN IS NOT SO TERRIBLE – SO

HE THINKS THAT GOD MUST FEEL THE SAME WAY!

Sin is an awful thing in the sight of God! Those who habitually practice sin will be enslaved by it. They will be in bondage to it! (See Rom. 6:12-23; 2 Pet. 2:9-19; Heb. 2:15; John 8:30-37, etc.)

Sin will separate from God. (See Isaiah 59:1-2). Sin will deceive and harden the heart! (See Heb. 3:12-13.) Sin will keep us from inheriting the kingdom of God! (See Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; Rev. 21:8, etc.) Sin will cause one to be lost eternally in Hell!

V. MAN THINKS THAT ONE RELIGION IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER – SO HE THINKS GOD FEELS THE SAME WAY.

God's ways and thoughts are as much higher than man's ways and thoughts as the heavens are higher than the earth! (See Isaiah 55:8-9). Many religious people will be lost! (See Mt. 7:21-23). Jas. 1:26-27 mentions vain religion and a pure religion. See Eph. 4:4-6, etc.

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the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet." V. 32 says: "...That they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

NOTE: Homosexuality is not natural. It **"is against nature"**! It is **"vile"**! Homosexuals engage in **"uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves!"**

In 1 Cor. 6:9-11 we learn that the "effeminate" and those who are "abusers of themselves with mankind" [homosexuals-NASV] shall not inherit the kingdom of God! They are listed along with fornicators, adulterers, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers and extortioners! NOTE: If homosexuals (as well as others listed) *will turn away from their sin of homosexuality in repentance and obey God* they can be washed, sanctified and justified. The Corinthians were! [See 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Acts 18:8; 2:38; 17:30-31; Mk. 16:15-16; and Gal. 3:26-27].

No, homosexuality is not inherited! No, homosexuality is not a sickness, but a choice! It is against nature! It is vile! It is a sin! God does not make thieves, drunkards, murderers, or homo-

sexuals. Neither does he make perverts of any kind. A holy, righteous God is not responsible for wicked, ungodly lives.

Stating that "*Homosexuality is merely a different sexual orientation, a natural life style, and is not wrong*" does not justify such. Calling those who oppose homosexuality names such as "homophobes, gay-bashers, bigots, etc." does not and will not change the fact that homosexuality is wickedness! We call upon all homosexuals to *repent!*

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Digging for facts is much harder than jumping to conclusions.

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Those who speak only their opinions usually seem to talk louder than those with facts.

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