

## **God will bless America again when we accept homosexuals**

This was the heading of a commentary written by James Willis, a professor of education at Murray State University, which appeared in the Paris, Tennessee newspaper on March 2, 2004. But should it not read like this:

### **God will continue to bless America and even more abundantly when we keep all of His commandments**

Mr. Willis' reasoning is as follows, with refutation to each of his points written by Argel Reynolds of McKenzie, Tennessee. Mr. Willis' statements are in gray bold characters.

**How are a homosexual and a ham sandwich the same? They are both an abomination before God.**

**Today, "We the people" are asked to consider whether it ought to be lawful for gays to marry; persons turn to the Bible seeking the answer to this question. Those who value consistency in their thinking will be at a loss.**

**Verses in the Bible show God approves of marriage as a union only between a man and a woman.**

**To be more precise, He approves of marriage between a man and several women, and He requires a Godly man to impregnate his dead brother's widow, if the couple had no children when he passed.**

**Our society does not support God's will in either case. God in the Bible approves slavery; our country's constitution does not.**

**Jesus, the final arbiter of right and wrong for believers, unequivocally states one who divorces a spouse for cause other than adultery and marries another, while the first spouse lives, himself commits adultery.**

**Yet, our laws provide for divorce of convenience, half the heterosexual marriages end in divorce. The seven deadly sins are legal; some persons find them bemusing.**

**So, why are homosexuals singled out to the point otherwise seemingly normal persons are contemplating an amendment to our constitution forbidding gay marriage?**

**The majorities in every culture establish societal norms, requiring everyone to accept their perception of reality.**

**The inclusion of homosexuals in America is further thwarted by the image in some heterosexuals' minds of sexual conduct between persons of the same sex being more repulsive than any other they can imagine.**

**When anyone acknowledges that the Bible shows that God approves of marriage as a union only between a man and a woman, that should cause him or her to exclude any other marriage arrangement from having God's approval. Though there were those in the Bible who had several wives and concubines, God did not approve of them doing so, as a matter of fact, He rebuked them, as He did David and Solomon. But David repented for the mistakes he made that could be repented of.**

**[1 Kings 15:5] Because David did right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from all that he commanded him, to sin against the Lord; but repented of the evil all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite, wherein the Lord cursed him.**

**“They shall be one flesh.” This arrangement was designed to function in a way so as to extend life on earth; thus, marriage was ordained of God unto man and woman in order to make them “one flesh” in the life giving process. They were created to mate together in order to perpetuate the human race, and when man condescends to try and join man to man or woman to woman as “one flesh,” they make a mockery of God’s design! For He did not ordain life giving power through such relationships. Thus, since this kind of alliance goes against God’s plan and commission to replenish the earth, same gender union can only find approval by those who do not respect His plan; and according to apostle Paul, they become reprobates. [Romans 1:22-31] So, can the world “be filled with the measure of man” through same gender relationships? Certainly not!**

**It is through symbiotic type relationships that God extends power to mankind to procreate the human race. Only this type of partnerships can be mutually beneficial. Any other way can not work and is therefore beneficial to no one; not to man; not to woman; not to children - because there wouldn’t be any; - and not to God!**

**Symbiosis: the living together in close association of two dissimilar organisms especially when mutually beneficial.**

**Symbiotic: adjective [Webster]**

**Now concerning slavery; in biblical times in dominating countries, slavery was ordinarily legal and Jesus’ disciples admonished those who were servants to be obedient to their masters “in singleness of heart, as unto Christ.” They also counseled those who were masters to treat servants as they would have their “Master in heaven” treat them. The bible does not even imply that God approves of slavery. However, passages such as [Ephesians 6:5-9], [Colossians 3:22-25 & 4:1], [Titus 2:9-14], [1 Timothy 6:1-2], and [1 Peter 2:18-20] evidence that Jesus’ disciples were entreating slaves and masters alike to maintain a Christ-like demeanor in whatever circumstance they found themselves. But, isn’t this the same kind of admonition the Bible has given to people of every age?**

**But, let us, for a moment, suppose that God did approve of slavery, what does that have to do with homosexuality? It is entirely fallacious and deceitful to say that God approves of homosexuality because He approves of slavery. They are two totally unrelated issues, and this is certainly not the kind of reasoning the Lord had in mind when He said to Isaiah, “Come now, and let us reason together. [Isaiah 1:18] Nowhere in the Bible does God’s reasoning with man condone this act, that is no only repulsive, but in many instances, life threatening, as will be discussed shortly.**

**He requires a Godly man to impregnate his dead brother’s widow, if the couple had no children when he passed.**

**To think that God commanded anyone, much less “a Godly man,” which the Bible did not say, to take his dead brother’s wife and impregnate her is hogwash! God does not and did not require this. Moses told them to do this because lineage was of the upmost importance to the Hebrews. [Deuteronomy 25:5-10] [Matthew 22:23-29][Luke 20:27-36] Just as Moses also, according to Jesus, told them to give their wife a writing of divorcement if there were any unclean thing found with them. Jesus even told the Pharisees why Moses allowed them to do that; “because of the hardness of their hearts.” He also told them that in the beginning it was not so. [Deuteronomy 24:1-4][Matthew 19:3-19]**

**Anyway, how does this justify homosexuality? God certainly did not tell them to do that!**

**Persons highly resolved in their opposition to gay coupling promote a perception of reality that supports their notion. Other perceptions of reality are available for those who**

wish to consider them.

**First**, emphasis on sex in gay unions is ill-placed. Without benefit of judge or clergy, heterosexual and homosexual persons routinely engage in sex. One who defines marriage in only sexual terms has never been married, or won't be married long.

Remove sex as the foremost definition of a married couple, and what remains is two loving, committed, devoted persons, one to the other, who publicly declare their love to strengthen it and gain acceptance from society, friends and family.

Disregard sex as a consideration, and loving marriage of homosexuals and heterosexuals is the same.

Remove sex as a consideration and you remove the human race. I suppose God was aware of that when he created man, male and female. If He had created them male and male, or female and female, the feasibility of the homosexual act would not be an issue, but He didn't! The Bible calls the act an abomination, but man has the tenacious tendency to create a God in his mind who approves of his actions and of the way he believes; it has been that way since Adam and will be that way until the end of time.

**Second**, that homosexual love is un-natural is contradicted by observation, experience and common sense.

In the animal kingdom, we observe loving, supporting bonds among primates of the same sex to the extent of deep mourning upon death or separation. What occurs in nature is by definition natural.

Our experience during our first sexual awakenings indicate sexual preference is natural; though research on the human genome is ongoing, preliminary data indicate genes determine our sexual direction.

During puberty, we naturally, often relatively suddenly, discover an abiding interest in things sexual. At that moment, most persons found sexual orientation is not a decision consciously made, weighing merits of being homosexual or heterosexual.

Common sense causes one to ask for what gain does one freely choose to be gay?

One is desperate for proof to support homosexuality when he compares human behavior with that of animals. When one does that, he could just as easily prove that incest should be an acceptable mode of behavior. Of course some animals mourn the death of a fellow primate of the same sex at death, so do humans! But that doesn't make them, or us, homosexuals. Would it not be better to look to God, instead of to animals, in order to understand how humans are supposed to behave?

But, if one wants to look at nature in order to ascertain what kind of relationship should exist between humans, let him look at one of the smallest part of God's creation, the atom.

Power is extended throughout the universe through the basic principle that unlike objects attract each other and like objects repel each other. In the atom there are electrons, protons and neutrons where electrons carry a negative charge of electricity, the proton carries a positive charge and the neutrons are uncharged. If suddenly all electrons started clinging to other electrons or all protons to other protons, there would be no power. All electrical and electronic devices that we are so blessed with would cease to function. No lights, no TV, no appliances, automobiles or airplanes. And what about life sustaining equipment in hospitals? Useless!

The universe operates by this same principle. If the negative and positive charges in all the atoms were to start clinging to their own kind, the universe would implode and disappear.

Humans are the only creatures that willfully and knowingly disobey this principle and if we were to universally ignore this principle and cling to our own gender, mankind would also disappear! There would be no power to multiply and replenish the earth as God intended.

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Research shows that behavior can be disciplined and controlled, that it is only partly determined by genetics. Edwin B. Fisher, Jr., Ph.D., Professor of Psychology, Medicine, and Pediatrics; Director, Center for Health Behavior Research, Washington University states that; “Human behavior is determined partly by heredity and partly by environment. In addition, it can be modified through learning.”

The question to ask yourself is this; “where do I want to obtain my learning, from the world, or from God?” People with homosexual inclinations are not the only people who need to make choices between right and wrong; there are pedophiles, adulterers, fornicators, liars, thieves, and et cetera. Paul said; “to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are after the flesh cannot please God. [Romans 8:6-8]

The flesh makes demands upon man’s spirit to feed it’s insatiable appetite for pleasure. That is one of the reasons Jesus said; “Watch and pray that ye enter not into temptation; the spirit indeed is willing; but the flesh is weak. [Matthew 26:38]

[Philippi 3:18-20] There are many, ... that are the enemies of the cross of Christ. These men are heading for utter destruction – their god is their own appetite, their pride is in what they should be ashamed of, and this world is the limit of their horizon. But we are citizens of Heaven; our outlook goes beyond this world to the hopeful expectation of the saviour who will come from Heaven, the Lord Jesus Christ. [JBP]

**Third, expecting homosexuals to deny their own identity is wrong-headed. Parents tell a heterosexual youngster to wait until marriage, or adulthood, or some other time considered proper, to become sexually active. Homosexuals are told by the most powerful among the sustaining society of our culture to just say no to who they are forever. When homosexuals do not do what heterosexuals aren’t expected to even attempt, we shun them, shame them, silence them and single them out for ridicule, for violence and for worse – an amendment to the U.S. Constitution.**

Obviously, parents are not the only ones who would have “youngsters to wait until marriage” to become sexually active. The scriptures are so replete with advice, and warnings, to do the same thing that it would be superfluous to print them here. The Bible shows that only in wedlock does sexual relationships meet God’s approval.

[Hebrews 13:4] Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled; but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

The Bible also shows that there are a number of things that man cannot do and still worship the one true God.

[Romans 1:21-28] Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful, but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. [23] **And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, ...** [24] Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, through the lusts of their own hearts; to dishonor their own bodies between themselves; [25] Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. [26] **For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use**

into that which is against nature; [27] And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of 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. [28] And even as they did not like to retain God according to some knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.

**Fourth**, the first and foremost purpose of marriage in every culture is to produce progeny; gay couples cannot, straight couples do not have to. Marriage among heterosexuals is an expected routine.

Infertile couples marry, couples that do not want children marry, women past child-bearing age marry, elderly marry, and straight couples routinely engage in sex for reasons other than procreation – behaviors clearly sanctioned and expected by our social thinking.

The latest U.S. Census finds that 26% of gay couples are raising children, many birthed by heterosexuals and not wanted.

What more can be said than what has been said to oppose homosexuality? God is against it; Jesus is against it; His disciples are against it; then who can be for it? So 26% of gay couples are raising children of which “many” were birthed by heterosexuals; that’s because they are not asexual and therefore can’t be natural parents of their own children; pregnancy has to have help from the opposite gender, even if through insemination. Besides, maybe some of those who were not wanted would have been adopted by heterosexual couples, and would have had real mothers and fathers, had they not been taken by gay couples.

The point that should be stressed is this; there is not even a trace of evidence in the Bible that supports homosexual behavior. There is generally a lot of comparing people with animals, with people of various circumstances, and with science; but not one shred of evidence to justify such behavior. They are left with only the option of comparing themselves with themselves, which is not wise.

[2 Corinthians 10:12-13] For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves; but they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise. [13] But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

**Fifth**, persons seriously discuss their position on whether gays should couple by civil union or marriage, albeit a discussion about a distinction without a difference. Whether clergy or judge marries a couple, a court dissolves their marriage.

Those who like to emulate the traditions of our nation’s Christian heritage will find Puritans, the most Godly of our forebears, did not believe marriage was an unbreakable and mystical union blessed by God. It was a civil union, a contract dissolvable by humans, a court.

The fact that some people go to a minister, who they believe has authority from God, to join them in wedlock; yet go to a judge, who has his authority from the world, to vaporize their marriage, has absolutely nothing to do with homosexuality. This is entirely another matter. To try and use that as a reason to be homosexual is illogical and fallacious; one cannot use one wrong act to justify another. Because in this comparison is the affirmation that since divorces are wrong; why then, can’t homosexuals also do that which is wrong and marry each other?

And who determined that Puritans were the most Godly of our forebears? Some of them may have been good people and some of them may not have been, it doesn’t matter; for it is sure that their perception of marriage was not more accurate than God’s.

**Sixth, the gay marriage issue would disappear if persons could adopt a live-and-let-live attitude — if you don't want a gay marriage, don't have one — that we normally adopt toward others whose behavior we do not practice that harms no one.**

**But such a compassionate position is unthinkable for those who believe our allowing gay marriage would cause God to turn his face from us, our laws must enforce their interpretation of God's intentions for His people, their perception of reality, or calamity follows.**

Jesus never endorsed the live-and-let-live philosophy. He presented principles that one **must** live by to be a Christian. And who says that such behavior harms no one. Consider this scientific information.

HIV and AIDS are FATAL diseases caused largely by homosexual acts, heterosexual acts, and by substance abuse. (Using a dirty needle)

Medical scientists estimated that **during the year 2002 there were 33 million cases of HIV and AIDS world wide, with 16 thousand new cases occurring every day.** These people will die prematurely, many of them because of their behavior - children being the exception, they die because of their parent's behavior. As yet, no cure for this disease has been found, but scientists focused on developing drugs that would block HIV and AIDS. These efforts led to development of a class of antiviral drugs called reverse transcriptase inhibitors. The first of these drugs, called zidovudine, commonly known as AZT, was licensed in the United States in 1987. AZT and other reverse transcriptase inhibitors sometimes produce toxic side effects, including severe anemia that requires blood transfusions. HIV also develops resistance to these drugs. [D. Peter Drotman, M.D., M.P.H., Senior Medical Officer, National Center for Infectious Diseases, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.] Mr. Drotman says also that "The most common way of becoming infected is through sexual intercourse with an HIV-infected person. In the United States, sexual transmission of HIV has occurred mainly among homosexual and bisexual men." And bisexuals infect heterosexuals.

This is reality. Even small cities are being plagued with AIDS at an alarming rate, and if the citizens knew the numbers involved, based only on those who reported for treatment, it would shock and them.

In addition to this, there are people incarcerated in prison for murder for infecting someone with the AIDS virus, because they knew they had the virus before performing this noble sex act. If someone knows he has the virus and infects someone else, he is guilty of murder.

**However, the life of Jesus provides a contrary reality to the extent one can believe our nation would be blessed and raised up, when we bring our last persecuted minority into our ideal of equality for all.**

One may make an allegation that Jesus' life provides a contrary reality that allows homosexuals the freedom to indulge themselves in sinful acts. But how does Jesus' life provide a contrary reality to that which is written in the Bible? As was stated earlier, God was against homosexual acts; Jesus was against homosexual acts; Jesus' disciples were against homosexual acts. Jesus calls the act an abomination.

[Leviticus 20:13] If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, **both of them have committed an abomination;** they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

One might say, "well, Jesus didn't say that, that was God speaking." What a travesty! If God said that, **does anyone think that Jesus would contradict Him!** [John 5:19] ... The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father do; for what things soever he doeth, these also doeth the Son likewise. [John 8:28] ... I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.

One version of the Bible has it that Jesus was the one who gave the law. For, concerning the law, this is written;

[Matthew 9:18-19] Then said the Pharisees unto him, Why will ye not receive us with our baptism, seeing we keep the whole law? [19] But Jesus said unto them, Ye keep not the law. If ye had kept the law, ye would have received me, for I am he who gave the law.

The Bible cannot be made to support homosexuality; the best anyone can do is sidetrack the issue and try to make another theme seem to apply to this potentially life threatening act. You know – Jesus only gave two commandments; “thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.” [Mark 12:35-36]

The first commandment is man’s duty to God, the second is man’s duty to man. The second one can be observed with total disregard to the first, but the first cannot be observed with disregard to the second. The second commandment requires one to be a humanitarian, but the first one requires one to be a Christian. One can be compassionate towards others and not even acknowledge that there is a God.

**With proverbs, parables and observations in nature, Jesus attempted to change the perception of his culture from an emphasis on holiness to one on compassion that stresses inclusiveness and acceptance and love.**

The Bible teaches us that we should be holy; [1 Peter 1:16] Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. And if we are holy, we will also be compassionate; one cannot be holy and be without compassion for others. However, one can be compassionate without being holy. So, which should one strive for? It is also written; [Philippians 2:5] Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Can one do this and not be holy and compassionate?

The church leaders of Jesus’ day did not like him, especially the Scribes and the Pharisees. They presented themselves as being righteous and holy, but according to Jesus they were evil and hypocritical.

[Matthew 23:10-30] woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.

[11] Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees! for ye are hypocrites! Ye ... shall receive the greater punishment.

[12] Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is made, ye make him two-fold more the child of hell than he was before, like unto yourselves.

[13] Woe unto you, blind guides, [14] You are fools and blind;

[20] Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

[21] Ye blind guides, who strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel; who make yourselves appear unto men that ye would not commit the least sin, and yet ye yourselves, transgress the whole law.

[22] Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

[23] Ye blind Pharisees! Cleanse first the cup and platter within, that the outside of them may be clean also.

[24] Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

[25] Even so, ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

[26] Woe unto you, Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!

[27] And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets;

[28] Wherefore, ye are witnesses unto yourselves of your own wickedness, and ye are the children of them who killed the prophets;

[29] ... ye, yourselves, kill the prophets like unto your fathers.

[30] Ye serpents, and generation of vipers! How can ye escape the damnation of hell?

[Matthew 5:22] For I say unto you, except your righteousness shall exceed that of the Scribes and Pharisees,

ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven. No wonder they demanded his crucifixion! Anyone of the opinion that the Scribes and Pharisees were not evil and hypocritical should find themselves a Bible and take a peek inside.

Jesus' conflict with the most holy of His society, the Pharisees, was not their lack of devotion, or sincerity; He opposed what they were devoted to and sincere about — holiness.

They were not evil men, nor were they hypocrites in the usual since of the word of pretending to be what they were not.

A Pharisee was a faithful Jew, following the standards of holiness of that day. They were God-fearing, holy men, and the most powerful defenders of conventional wisdom.

In their perception of reality, they knew of what God approved, lived accordingly and condemned those who did not — a societal behavior of every era.

Jesus attacked the Pharisees for their emphasis on holiness; “Woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God.” The holy Pharisee did not pray correctly; the lowly publican did, and so on.

Jesus did not throw money-changers and sellers of sacrificial birds from the temple because they weren't supposed to be there; He threw them out because the conventional thinking supposed them to be there.

One would have to be pretty unfamiliar with the Bible to think that the Pharisees were good people. When some Jews told Jesus that God was their father, Jesus told them that the devil was their father.

[John 8:44] Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do; he was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it.

Jesus said to the Scribes and Pharisees; [Mat 15:7] O ye hypocrites! well did Esaias prophesy of you, saying, This people draw nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me. Jesus was constantly calling them hypocrites.

He even threw the money-changers out of the temple because they had turned it into a den of thieves. [Matthew 21:11] It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

But, what has all this have to do with homosexuality? Aren't we getting side-tracked again. Sure Jesus calls us to be holy. Sure Jesus calls us to be compassionate. The dictionary defines compassion as; “the feeling for another's sorrow or hardship that leads to help; pity; sympathy.” Nothing there about accepting, approving, or endorsing.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because of their sins. He had compassion on them but he did not approve of what they were doing.

Jesus demonstrated the compassion of which He spoke by seeking out persons rejected by those emphasizing holiness. It was these persons with whom He broke bread, walked, and shared His most profound, life-changing words.

In the Good Samaritan, one of Jesus' better known parables, He was not critical of two men, who just happened to be inconsiderate or in a hurry.

He attacked the all-embracing ethos of holiness their neglect represented, a philosophy without compassion for those most in need, whom we find along the roads we travel in our life.

**With his emphasis on compassion, Jesus was an iconoclastic revolutionary who alienated the mighty.**

There were prophets of Old Testament times who were compassionate, but they were also holy. The scriptures generally refer to them as holy men. [2 Peter 1:21] For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The dictionary defines holy as: like a saint; spiritually perfect; pure in heart. It seems that this would be more desirable than just being compassionate. Again, one can have compassion and not be holy, but one cannot be holy, spiritually perfect, or pure in heart, without having compassion; for this is part of the characteristic of being holy.

Now then, consider this; would you rather that God would have compassion on you for what you are doing; or would you prefer God's approval of your behavior? And along this line, would you prefer to have compassion, or approval from others for what you do?

**WWJD? The question is unnecessary, the answer is always the same; he would be compassionate.**

**Jesus did not follow the live-and-let-live approach to life too difficult for some of us. He believed in live and help live; "Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you."**

**If one believes Jesus is Christ the Lord, the living Son of the Christian Holy Trinity, it follows His criticism of a conventional wisdom that emphasizes holiness and de-emphasizes compassion would be unchanged today.**

**We could not hide behind our holiness we disguise as compassion when we say, "I love the sinner; hate the sin."**

Again, the same question; would you prefer to have compassion, or approval from Jesus for what you do? Anyone who thinks that Jesus has at any time emphasized compassion over holiness, needs to find a Bible, and as I said before, "take a peek inside."

Consider this; as you look upon a child lying in a hospital bed, infected with the HIV virus, who receives you compassion, the child, or the parent that through his or her behavior caused the child to have this deadly disease? Same question; if you see a teenager, a middle-aged man or woman, or an elderly person with AIDS, who receives your compassion? The murderer, or the victim?

**WWJD some say is not the question, They say It is not Christ who would destroy our nation; it is the wrathful Lord God Almighty of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.**

**Perhaps such folk are not familiar with what the Son, who best knows the Father says: "Be ye therefore compassionate as your father is also compassionate." He adds, "Judge not and ye shall not be judged: condemn not and ye shall not be condemned: forgive and ye shall be forgiven."**

**If the God of Jesus would not destroy a people whose laws and moral values were guided by these words, which God would? Surely not America's.**

[Matthew 5:43-48] Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. [44] But I say unto you, love your enemies; bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you; and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you; [45] That ye may be the children of your Father who is in heaven; for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. [46] For if ye love only them which love you, what reward have you? Do not even the publicans the same? [47] And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? Do

not even the publicans the same?

[48] Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father who is in heaven is perfect.

The God of Jesus would not destroy a people whose laws and moral values were guided by these words!

He did destroy a people whose laws and moral values were guided by worldly lusts - especially homosexuality. Ever hear of a city called Sodom? God destroyed it!

**Sodom:** 1. an ancient, wicked city near the Dead Sea which was destroyed together with Gomorrah, by fire from heaven (in the Bible, Genesis 18 and 19).

**sodomy:** unnatural sexual intercourse, especially of one man with another or of a human being with an animal.

**sodomite:** a person who practices sodomy.

Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; of all the “ites” listed in the dictionary, Sodomite is the only “ite” that does not refer to a people of a certain lineage, but refers to a person who practices sodomy.

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

Jesus has compassion on all of us for our wrong doings, but calls us to repent, to be holy, and to be perfect, just as our Father who is in heaven is perfect. The Bible shows that He will not approve of anything less, and if “we the people” would spend more time trying to be like Jesus instead of trying to justify our carnal and evil ways, God would not only continue to bless America, He would bless it even more abundantly, so that perhaps “there shall not be room enough to receive it.” [Malachi 3:10]

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