

Beyond Vexing

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“And delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their lawless deeds)” (Jude 7,8 – ASV).

As I read this passage I often think of our beloved country. How far does it all go before America suffers the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah? Notice what has happened in the last few years regarding the **acceptance** of homosexuality in our land:

- ✓ The homosexual **lifestyle** portrayed in the media and Hollywood as normal. Scripts approved/ censored by homosexual activists. (When will someone make a film showing the truth about this filthy, demeaning, destructive, sad, perverted, sinful choice?)
- ✓ A growing number of Americans accept this immoral life style.
- ✓ **Same-sex** marriage approved by a state legislatures and forced upon other states by activist judges.
- ✓ **Hate Crime Laws** (so called) passed by state legislatures and recently by the U.S. Congress.
- ✓ “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” policy of U.S. Defense Department declared “unconstitutional” by an activist judge.
- ✓ A growing number of denominations **accept** unrepentant homosexuals as members and as clergy.

And the list could go on ad nauseum. *“Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry”*(Acts 17:16). In a sense, homosexuality is a form of idolatry – the worship of the human body – or an outgrowth of it (cf. Rom.1:22-27).

There is an old political axiom which states, “There is nothing quite as powerful as

an idea whose time has come”. I believe this is true with the issue of homosexual rights. Using money, lobbying and political correctness this **juggernaut** has rolled aside decency and Biblical morality to reach its evil goal – the full acceptance of a perverted lifestyle by society and ostracism (persecution?) of those that oppose it.

But we must **not** just roll over and play dead! Like righteous Lot we will be delivered IF we do what is right.

1. Continue **to stand** for the Truth and oppose perversion (cf. Gen.19:9; Matt.5:14,15).
2. **Demand** fervent preaching concerning this sin; as well as all other sins (cf. 2 Tim.4:2).
3. **Teach** our children and grandchildren that sexual immorality is a sin (cf. Pr.22:6).
4. **Be prepared** to be persecuted (cf. Matt.5: 10-12; 2 Tim.3:12).
5. Don’t fall into **the trap** of hating these enslaved souls. If possible, show them the Truth (cf. Acts 22:18; Jude 22-23).

Friends, we are not the first Christians who have faced this responsibility. It has been written that in New Testament times fornication was as common as breathing. We are fast approaching that scenario in this country. Pro-homosexual bias is becoming **engrained** in our society and **embedded** in the government and the judiciary.

Our brethren back then faced their dilemma head on. They could not picket or protest. They just injected into the world the gospel of Jesus Christ which can change human hearts; **so can we!** Paul wrote, *“Be not deceive: neither fornicators...nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind...shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God”* (1 Cor.6:9,11).