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"take heed....as to a light that shines in a dark place." II Peter 1:19

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Dear Friends,

Obama is vacationing in Africa (at a cost to you and me of around one hundred million dollars, by the way, but who's counting? Do you spend your way out of debt?) He has taken it upon himself to correct the Kenyan people about their "backward ways." Of all the earth-shaking life-and-death issues he might address, chief on his mind is same-sex marriage. According to Obama, Kenyans need to affirm it. But a high-ranking Kenyan official responded that God is still the final authority in Kenya, and Obama can take it somewhere else.

Certain members of the Supreme Court of the United States have become confused over the term *supreme*. They seem to think it means SUPREME! But contrary to the propaganda machine news media, the

recent decision concerning Prop Eight and DOMA did NOT make same-sex marriage the law of the entire land. . It only affirmed the 12 states that have done so. Those states (so far) cannot demand that the other 38 states bow to same sex-marriage, so this was not the great victory for gay rights the left would have you think. At the same time, it was NOT a valid response from the court and will have negative ramifications beyond marriage. Still, the court left the door open for the ongoing debate. So called conservative members of this court seem unable to hand down clear Constitutional decisions. It would not matter. Believers in Jesus will not obey any edict that denies the Word of God. So we are not breathlessly awaiting the Court's decision in order to make our own. Ours has been made long ago. We will not obey evil laws.

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At the same time while all this is going on, the demise of Exodus International has shocked many. Once a vanguard of Christ-centered counsel for those struggling with same-sex attractions, Exodus began several years ago making compromises that led to this inevitable collapse. Sad to say, they will arise in another form, preaching a Crossless gospel devoid of the power to transform and heal. But at risk of being misunderstood, I must say I am glad for Exodus to vanish. I have believed for decades that it is a huge mistake for any organization to establish itself upon the premise of addressing one single sin. I sympathize with the argument that at the time there needed to be a 'clearing house' headquarters for the dissemination of teaching and counseling material for those suffering same-sex attraction issues. But it became a means of supplying the enemy with materials needed to build into the collective psyche a *false identity*. There is no such thing as gay, so there is therefore no such thing as ex-gay.

Around the mid 80s, the argument began between gay activists and Christian leaders centered around statistics. The pro-homosexual side claimed 10% of the country. The Christians then countered with a smaller number: 2%, or at the most, 3%. This kind of numbers game might be acceptable if we are referring to the number of those politically involved, but cannot accurately account for the many variations of hidden sexual struggles in the entire population. When arguing this point with a leader I was asked, "Well then, what number should we offer to counter the 10% claim?" I replied, "100 %." We should say, "No, there are not 10% or 3% of the population that are gay, because there is no such state of being as gay. There are only fallen sinful human beings with a wide variety of capacities for sinful responses to life. And the number of us in that category is 100%.

By refusing to take the biblical view, we did two things we did not intend. We acted in dishonest hubris, claiming moral superiority we don't have. We supplied the gay activist movement an ontological identity by which they constructed a minority identity with which to become a polarizing political force. If we had spoken biblically, we would have placed them in the normal category of all human beings: sinners in need of a Savior. Instead, we affirmed the 3% which was all they needed to grow that into a special inborn minority group which could then easily morph into the ambiguous gay community which constantly has to add new letters to its ever increasing affirmation of various perversions. (LGBTXYZ, etc.)

Many in the church failed to be honest about the true sexual brokenness among us. We then offered 'help' from the church for those suffering. Thankfully there were real churches that did give true help. And there were also ministries who sought to fill the gap left by a church in denial. (Exodus International used to be one.) And thank God for those hard working, self sacrificing, pioneer ministries doing what the church refused to learn to do. But because the church at large failed to incorporate the truth about same-sex struggles into the life of the congregation, it only took about fifteen years for a crop of hurt, confused, angry, and seduced ex ex-gays to rise up and join with the growing army of non-Christian sex worshippers. The result? The church gave birth to the present culture war.

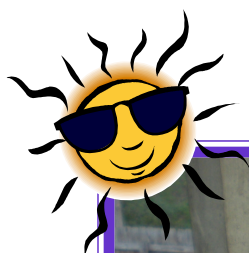
I don't pretend to know how far this current malaise will last before reality brings a fresh wind of sexual sanity back to us. It may be that we are already beyond any hope of return to such sanity, and the dark will simply grow darker until its final end. But should that worse case scenario occur, then the light, if it is light, will have to grow brighter. And in that Light, the hurting, searching, suffering people will find real help. The true church will arise with honest, humble, truth which can set all people free. There will be no special back room ministries where hopefully the rest of the church won't know 'those people' meet. Maybe in spite of it all, this deluge of sexual insanity is ultimately good, if it awakens the church to not only speak the truth, but also live the truth in love and power.



Annual Retreat Time

If you have never been with us at "His Healing Presence" Conference in Black Mountain, NC (August 17-21), maybe this is the year you should make a special effort to come. If you have been, consider coming again. My reason for saying this is not mere promotion. Nor do I think we have some special corner on the anointing. You can certainly receive from God on your knees at your own home. But there is a special blessing that God places on the gathering of believers who have come together for no other purpose than to worship Him and seek His face. (See Psalm 84, Psalm 133, and Acts 2.) Hebrews 10:25 says to not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, especially as we see the day approaching. This applies, not just to 'going to church' but to purposeful time to gather with like minded believers to corporately seek the Lord as momentous days and events approach.

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