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Gay marriage could signal return to 'centuries of persecution', - say 1,000 Catholic priests - posted by sermonindex

In one of the biggest joint letters of its type ever written, they raise fears that their freedom to practise and speak about their faith will be "severely" limited and dismiss Government reassurances as "meaningless".

They even liken David Cameron's moves to redefine marriage to those of Henry VIII, whose efforts to secure a divorce from Katherine of Aragon triggered centuries of bloody upheaval between church and state.

They claim that, taken in combination with equalities laws and other legal restraints, the Coalition's plans will prevent Catholics and other Christians who work in schools, charities and other public bodies speaking freely about their beliefs on the meaning of marriage. ...

read more: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/9795680/Gay-marriage-could-signal-return-to-centuries-of-persecution-say-1000-Catholic-priests.html>

Re: Gay marriage could signal return to 'centuries of persecution', - say 1,000 Catho - posted by hoohouu (), on: 2013

Our pastor spoke Sunday from Revelation and the church in Smyrna and the persecution they endured. The scripture is clear that we will be hated because of Christ. We obviously haven't been hated for Him here in America. I was thinking yesterday that this was coming to and end pretty quickly. I think this post is one important reason why persecution will come.

Soon, not only will we have building fund drives, we'll also have bail fund drives. It might give a whole new meaning to jail ministry and make it a lot easier. Don't know why I find that funny, but alas, I do. If we are to be sure and true to the Word of God we will necessarily offend people. When that offense runs contrary to law we will be jailed. What's interesting is that most will view us as the bad guys. We will be the ones breaking the law.

Re: Gay marriage could signal return to 'centuries of persecution', - say 1,000 Catho - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013

One thing that concerns me when it comes to homosexuals and homosexual marriage is the power of God. How often do you ever see homosexuals being interviewed about their life and when they knew they were gay? Some even grew up in the church and say they gave their heart to God but then this happened and they didn't get deliverance. Even today, I heard an interview with Jean or Gene Robinson in which he said he said a sinners prayer and was baptized at age 12 in Kentucky but now he is homosexual. He said he prayed for it to go away and even got married to push it away and he could not.

In light of the 'diversity' effect in America and the PC voices what I am finding is the power of God has become void. There is no effect. It seems as if it doesn't exist and therefore many are leaving the churches. Many are seeking deliverance and somehow not finding it. I am especially paying attention to the homosexual shift and listening to each story that I hear to understand the back. I find it too easy to just say that the bible speaks against it. We know that, then how in the world are these people not being delivered? Are they destined for hell because what they are practicing in which they say they can't get deliverance from?

I am careful not to fall into an emotional trap in this subject because the emotionalism of it has caused people to raise their voice in promotion of gay marriage. It is all about love and if 2 people love each other then she should be able to marry. But where is the power of God in all of this? Has God removed Himself from it?

John

Re: , on: 2013/1/14 13:45

The harlot church (mother and daughters) will not be persecuted, she will be judged by God and destroyed at the coming of Jesus Christ. Judgment is coming on apostate christendom, don't get it confused with persecution. For as much as we have a counterfeit harlot church we must also have counterfeit persecution to go along with it.

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Friend, what if the God of the Bible views "us" as the bad guys too. His word seems to imply that religious hypocrites receive the greater damnation. Isn't protesting gay marriage while allowing open divorce and remarriage and being marred with internal pornography addiction pure hypocrisy (not to mention the rampant greed in christendom that God abhors as much as homosexuality). If modern christendom really cares about preserving biblical marriage they would push for legislation to outlaw remarriage after divorce. Of course they won't because they would go broke from offending away their supporters. These are all things we should humbly consider.

This is the same for abortion. Protesting a woman killing her baby in order to maintain an easier lifestyle but supporting the dropping of bombs on villages in the middle east that kills babies because it's perceived to protect our american dream followed by appreciation days for the evangelical soldiers who did this in Iraq. I wonder if the jews went around talking about how they were being persecuted when God sent babylon to judge them in Jeremiah's day?

So which does the world hate more, the truth in opposing the evils of abortion and homosexual agenda or the blatant hypocrisy in it? Maybe both but only one leads to persecution.

brother Jimmy, on: 2013/1/14 14:57

preach it! make it plain!

your word was anointed and True...i could just quote the entire post you made, but everyone can read the original, i just wanted to put an "amen!" right beside it.

i also wanted to reach out, i think you were cross with me a bit back, and to be absolutely honest, i forgot my transgression, so do me a favor, email me, and let's heal this up...yes?

in Jesus' love, neil

Re: - posted by Anamosa41 (), on: 2013/1/15 7:53

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Re: - posted by hoohoou (), on: 2013/1/15 8:02

"Friend, what if the God of the Bible views "us" as the bad guys too. His word seems to imply that religious hypocrites receive the greater damnation."

Good point. My statement was about those who truly were God's adopted sons and daughters. I like what you've said. I had written in a very similar vein concerning homosexuality on my blog, which is now down. It's a shame for the church to attack homosexuals, who are people in need of a savior, and allow other forms of sin to go on without the same level of condemnation.

However, I don't see where legislation will make any difference. The only thing legislation will do is drive sin underground. If we could simply legislate morality then there would have been no need of a savior. We could all just try real hard.

I think the bigger issue is the hypocrisy you're talking about. Abortion is bad, but we support any and all wars. Homosexuality is bad, but not as bad as cheating on your wife. It's also become an issue of "us vs. them" instead of the "us -->for

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/1/15 9:04

Like usual, John, you do keep asking the hard questions! But that is OK....

So why are people not delivered from their sin/temptation? As I read your question and pondered on it, thinking about John 15 as well, I am wondering if it is possible that people are focusing more on deliverance from a sin rather than abiding in the vine - Jesus Christ? This principle applies to all sin. When we work to liberate ourselves from a besetting sin, focusing on the sin all the time, is it possible one takes his eyes off the Redeemer and focusing it on himself, his willpower and thus experience failure?

Somehow I seem to believe this must be the case based on Jesus message to his disciples about abiding in the vine, John 15.

My thoughts at the moment...

ginnyrose

Re: Gay marriage could signal return to 'centuries of persecution', - say 1,000 Catholic - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2013/1/15 9:04

I think these people's fears are right on.

Unfortunately, it no longer is merely a fear but it already is happening in some places - you no longer can voice any opposition against homosexuality without experiencing serious reprisals like job loss, firings. For some reason one can voice opinions about music, morals - heterosexual and not experience serious consequences. Wonder why?

Our Sword - posted by MeriBeth (), on: 2013/1/15 15:50

"If I profess, with the loudest voice and the clearest exposition, every portion of the truth of God except precisely that little point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Christianity. Where the battle rages the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battle-field besides is mere flight and disgrace to him if he flinches at that one point."

Eph 6

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.
11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.
13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;
15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;
16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.
17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Stand on
Romans 1

Re: - posted by DEADn (), on: 2013/1/15 16:09

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I think this answer is way too easy in context of the 'testimonies' I have heard. Will God deliver all homosexuals who cry out for deliverance? I think the answer is no and yet I don't know why.

I have an ex friend who is homosexual. Ex because we split because of his personality issue. Control freak. Anyway, he was a worship leader at the church as a teenager and young adult. All of his music at home was praise and worship music. Integrity, Hosanna and whatever else is out there. Over 200 cd's at one time. He spent his time at home singing these songs and preaching to the angels. Meaning preaching to the air - angels are invisible remember? All the time struggling with homosexual feelings and finally he gave in to them. Last time I spoke to him he told me how brokenhearted he was that his boyfriend broke up with him. BTW, his favorite preacher, at one time, was Rod Parsely. I see people such as him and wonder why does God hold Hand back?

How often do you hear of homosexuals who have been delivered vs. homosexuals who have not been delivered? Of those who have not been delivered to you resign yourself to saying that they need to do something to be delivered from this? Maybe they are not trying hard enough?

I bring this up because the homosexual march is on and Gay marriage is gaining steam. Homosexuality is very amplified in the bible as wrong. Both OT and NT yet the cultural clash between society and the Bible is coming to a head. Society is emotionally siding with homosexuality while warring against the Bible being ignorant of it. Yet, caught in the cross fire are people who say they want deliverance and somehow cannot find it. Somehow God has not delivered them. WHY?

I caution myself when I hear emotional pleas from those who haven't gotten deliverance because I know truth isn't bound by my emotional. Truth is bound in faith because it doesn't trust in what circumstances are around a person. Yet I ask myself where is God in this picture? Are these people telling us they want deliverance but they really don't and think they do but their heart really don't? It isn't an easy answer but I know what the fundamentalist view is. It is WRONG and sin to engage in yet where is the deliverance??

Ginnyrose - yes, this is a tough question but if Christians can't stand to answer it and confront it somehow then it becomes yet another reason why there is no power in the Church because society has infiltrated and God has left. I lean on the scripture of being able to answer every man when I can.

Re: , on: 2013/1/15 19:04

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I agree 100% hoohoou, sorry for being unclear.

“Gods only plan is through the preaching of His Gospel... Folks it's not through politics and everyone who is running around telling me that we are going to organize and legislate holiness – you don't know your bibles! God raises up anointed fearless prophets and preachers of His word to bring a nation or generation to its knees, or to harden their hearts before judgement comes.” – David Wilkerson

Re: , on: 2013/1/15 19:08

"I used to think that the church would suffer for the sins of america but I've turned that around and now I say that america will suffer for the sins of the church". -Leonard Ravenhill

Re: - posted by Anamosa41 (), on: 2013/1/15 20:31

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You used the word 'truly' and it gives me thought about something. How does truly come? Does it come by actions and not merely by words? Just like when a person comes to Christ. If the person leaves the 'altar' and goes away unchanged they did not truly become a Christian? If a person does the same thing but leaves the altar changed inside and they begin to bear fruit then they are 'truly' a Christian? If the latter happens what if, down the road, they end up becoming skeptical and end up being agnostic or atheistic. Where does 'truly' come in in this situation? I use this example because it is happening with many people.

Yet when some claim certain things the heart can be deceitful and really not want to be set free although the mouth says it wants to be. I realize this yet how much of this deception is taking place?

I realize this is a bit deep but if I, personally, want to grow this is where I need to go. I can't be satisfied just answers and maybe that is vain of me but that is where I am. I appreciate your input in this matter because what I pulled out here does have the wheels turning.