

Violations in the Office of Marriage Part 4

The Violations of Homosexuality and the Homosexual Marriages

Part A

We continue in this to speak about the violations in the office of marriage.

D. God warned them against going into Homosexuality: “22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22 KJV) “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.” (Leviticus 20:13 KJV)

The history of homosexuality started in the Scripture from the city of Sodom, therefore the practice of homosexuality among men named Sodomy: “1 And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; 2 And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. 4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. 6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, 7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.” (Genesis 19:1-9 KJV) Lot chose to stay in the city of Sodom because it was pleasant to his eyes, “10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other.” (Genesis 13:10-11 KJV) But Lot was tormented later on with the sin of homosexuality that the people of that city were doing. “6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; 7 And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked: 8 (For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)” (2 Peter 2:6-8 KJV) God Himself destroyed those cities because of such a sin and had forbidden his people to live as the Sodomites, “17 There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.” (Deuteronomy 23:17 KJV)

The next appearance of the Sodomites in the Scripture was during the reign of Rehoboam the son of Solomon, in which during his reign Judah did evil in the sight of the Lord, “21 And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old

when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD did choose out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Naamah an Ammonitess. 22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.” (1 Kings 14:21-24 KJV) The appearance of the Sodomites here was accompanied by the spiritual deterioration of God's people, for they were doing the following evils:

1. ***For they also built them high places:*** High places are counterfeits of the temple of God and people were prohibited to worship God in them. The people of God had a centralized form of worship where they needed to go inside the temple of God in Jerusalem under the supervision of the priests and not to other places. The people went to the high places to do their own and not to be opened up to the scrutiny of the priests of the temple. **Many Christians attend worship in the church on the weekend, but for the rest of the days they do their own in the high places and the church leaders keep quiet about it for fear of losing their members.**

2. ***Images:*** These are idols and figures that they admire, adorn, and put their trust in them, instead of putting their trust in the Lord, or His Words and commands. **We as a church should be tactful and discerning to break down and demolish idols in the life of the people that they cling and depend on without putting God first.**

3. ***Groves:*** “21 Thou shalt not plant thee a grove of any trees near unto the altar of the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make thee.” (Deuteronomy 16:21 KJV) Groves are gardens planted around altars to beautify them to make the worship places more appealing to the senses. * Nowadays, food, festivals, appealing music, sophisticated sound systems, elaborate lighting, lasers, and sound effects are used by churches to attract and appeal to the sensuality of the people. Some of these churches are like discotheque. * God does not want people to come to Him because of their affinity to sensuality, but He is looking for true worshippers who will worship Him in spirit and in truth and be drawn to Him for His Word.

4. ***There were also sodomites (homosexuals) in the land:*** Homosexuals were also in the land. Homosexuality is not only sin as in adultery, stealing, or idol worship, but it is an abomination. “22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.” (Leviticus 18:22 KJV) * Homosexuality here was introduced when the people of God were involved in idol worship and practices as we described above that contradict the Word of God. * Even today, when the churches of God had allowed many practices of the pagan origin or something non-Biblical to be introduced and honored into God's church, like Halloween, All Saint's Day, Valentine, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Birthday's celebrations, Santa Claus, Christmas tree, Christmas and New Year celebrations, wedding anniversary, death anniversary, boyfriend, girlfriend, divorce and remarriage, Friend day, Pastor Month, and the rest to come days and idols for the church to embrace, then homosexuality had introduced and it would be easier to be introduced by people who are part of God's church but they are still worldly and still embracing many idols in their minds set up and their hearts. * When the people accept living with sin without hating it; gradually they will become insensitive to sin and will start to accept the idols of the world and its practices, then that will be the time for the abomination of homosexuality to be introduced into God's churches. It says the Scripture:

“And there were also sodomites in the land:” (1 Kings 14:24 KJV) It means homosexuality was something normal and acceptable to them; they had tolerated other sins and now by then they were tolerating the sin of homosexuality and were not bothered or disturbed by it. Abomination is anything that causes disgust, loathing, abhor or hate. **Even now many churches had accepted homosexual marriages because they had lost their sensitivity toward sin by many other idols and practices that are out of the Scriptures.**

The Hebrew Word used for the ‘sodomites’, in ***1 Kings 14:24*** is ‘Qadesh’, and the meaning of it is male temple prostitute. Elihu in ***Job 36*** used this Word describing the wicked persons whom God bind and deal with their sins, ***“13 But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. 14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.” (Job 36:13-14 KJV)*** The hypocrites in heart are the persons who cause wrath and troubles to others, the Lord would bind them and control them. They will die at a younger age and they will be considered unclean. The Hebrew Word for the ‘unclean’, is ‘Qadesh’. So they were considered Sodomites and that because they were homosexual. They were called unclean for no other sin but for homosexuality.

5. And they did according to all the abominations of the nations, which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel: The people at the time of Rehoboam did all the abominations of the nations which that the Lord drove before them, including homosexuality. **When the people of God do things like unbelievers or even worse things, then homosexuality will knock at the doors as is happening today.**

The Lord commissioned Moses to remove all the idols and the wrong practices and vain worship from the land that the Lord had given to them to possess so that the inhabitants of the land will not be a snare unto His people in the future: ***“52 Then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molten images, and quite pluck down all their high places: 53 And ye shall dispossess the inhabitants of the land, and dwell therein: for I have given you the land to possess it. 54 And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families: and to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer ye shall give the less inheritance: every man's inheritance shall be in the place where his lot falleth; according to the tribes of your fathers ye shall inherit. 55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell. 56 Moreover it shall come to pass, that I shall do unto you, as I thought to do unto them.” (Numbers 33:52-56 KJV)*** **When we keep areas in our ministries and the life of our families, disciples, workers, and members occupied with idols, then the devil can have a way to penetrate and cause more damage as what is now taken place about the matter of homosexual marriage and the church is requested to tolerate and accept.** God clearly said to Moses that if he will fail to clean the land from idols and those who practice them and live following them, then they will be a source of trouble to Moses and the remaining of the Israelites. *** In the same way, when we compromise with the people of the world and accept and allow their practices and their ways of life to infect the church, then first, we are not giving them chance to repent, and second, they will be a source of spiritual troubles and deterioration for us and for the church ministry that God entrusted to us. * When we accept their compromises, then such compromises will be pricks in our eyes and thorns in our sides.** ***“55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you; then it shall come to pass, that those***

which ye let remain of them shall be pricks in your eyes, and thorns in your sides, and shall vex you in the land wherein ye dwell.” (Numbers 33:55 KJV)

Today the battle that the churches are facing is the homosexual marriage that the devil is injecting in God’s churches. To resist that successfully we should cleanse our churches from all idols that I spoke about and explained above, and the rest to come, so we can ensure that our members, our families, and workers are not infected with such idols, and in this way, we can be sure that homosexuality will not be introduced nor infect our members, our families, and our workers.

The value of cleansing God’s church from these idols and worldly practices like Halloween, All Saint’s Day, Valentine, Father’s Day, Mother’s Day, Birthday’s celebrations, Santa Claus, Christmas tree, Christmas and New Year celebrations, boyfriend, girlfriend, divorced and remarriage, Friend Day, Pastor Month, etc., is to increase the sensitivity toward sin and decrease our tolerance to it. When that achieved then we and our churches will be immune from homosexuality.

King Asa removed the Sodomites from the land that were introduced during the reign of Rehoboam, ***“9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. 10 And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. 11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. 12 And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 And also Maachah his mother, even her he removed from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove; and Asa destroyed her idol, and burnt it by the brook Kidron.” (1 Kings 15:9-13 KJV)*** **King Asa when started to seek God and drew near to Him he started to clean the Kingdom of God from idols and abominations. Notice that when he removed the Sodomites, he also removed idols and groves and removed people who are supporting such things, even to the point that he removed his mother from being queen.**

King Asa the grandson of Rehoboam was encouraged by the message of Azariah the son of Obed that when he heard his prophecy he rose up and cleansed the land from the abominable things: ***“1 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: 2 And he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin; The LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 Now for a long season Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. 4 But when they in their trouble did turn unto the LORD God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 5 And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries. 6 And nation was destroyed of nation, and city of city: for God did vex them with all adversity. 7 Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded. 8 And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominable idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from mount Ephraim, and renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD. 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11 And they offered***

unto the LORD the same time, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12 And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul; 13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 And they swear unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. 15 And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about. 16 And also concerning Maachah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an idol in a grove: and Asa cut down her idol, and stamped it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. 17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.” (2 Chronicles 15:1-17 KJV)

Notice in what is written **“13 That whosoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman.” (2 Chronicles 15:13 KJV)** King Asa did not allow to exit in the kingdom under his care those who are not willing to throw their idols and seek the Lord. **We in the same way should clean our families and congregations from personals who keep idols, traditional and worldly practices in their lives.** Such a measure will protect us from further threats of the invasion of new idols and wicked practices into our midst.

Notice also what is written, **“17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.” (2 Chronicles 15:17 KJV)** These high places King Asa was not able to remove because they were not under his territory, but they were under the tribes that had separated from Judah, **“nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.” (2 Chronicles 15:17 KJV)** King Asa did his part to remove the idols in Judah and Jerusalem and the places under his jurisdiction. What I want to say here is the following: **Do your part well as much as you can and let your heart be perfect before the Lord. The Lord will not cause you to be accountable to the areas of the ministry that are out of your power and jurisdiction.**

My Dear and Beloved: Let us take heed from the message and prepare our hearts to be perfect before the Lord. Let us learn from what we studied and apply in our lives and in the lives of our families and children, and in the life of our church and ministries so the threat of homosexuality will go away from us.

Come to God in repentance, start to seek God and be willing to come out from all the worldliness, the immoralities and the idols of this world that you are keeping in your life. Be willing to apply all the corrections and the discipline that we received today from His Word to protect your family, ministry and the church that God had placed you in. Be willing not to compromise but to stand firm and to start in the cleansing process dealing with those very near to you and be willing to throw away all the idols and the sinful practices of this world and the immoralities that had caused much violations in the office of marriage. **Let us pray ...**

My Prayer: *Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that opened my eyes to see the truth and how the sin of the homosexuality and the homosexual marriages had introduced into your church.*

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your worldliness, your love for material things and adopting the feasts of the idols of this world. Renounce all the following practices and celebrations, Halloween, All Saint's Day, Valentine, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Birthday's celebrations, Santa Claus, Christmas tree, Christmas and New Year celebrations, boyfriend, girlfriend, dating, courting, divorced and remarriage, Friend Day, Pastor Month, and the others. Confess and renounce all your immoralities and the rest of the violations that you did in your life against the Word of God and the office of marriage. Confess and renounce your lack of the fear of God in your life and all your compromises and your tolerance to various sins and your tolerance to homosexuality. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers and in bondage with the Media. Confess your bad stewardship and your bad example to others. Confess your non willingness to serve God as He ordained in His Word and your non willingness to suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to correct the violations that I did in the past and to amend my ways to live my life according to your will and your plan for me and to set good example to others to follow. Lord I am willing to remove all the worldly and the immoral practices and the idols of this world from my life and from the life of my family and ministry and from the life of the church that you had placed me in. Lord I am willing to stand firm against the sin of homosexual marriage and reject that from the life of your church. Lord protect me from all persecution as I decided to stand for you. Lord sustain me with your grace and provide for me so I will continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and had remove all those sinful practices and to stand firm against homosexual marriages. Lord I pray that you will open the eyes of others to see the truth and to be set free from all those sinful practices and start to serve you according to your Word we received in this message.

Lord help us as your church, to continue to teach the truth to set the people free from the sinful practices of immoralities, feasts offered to idols and homosexuality that had introduced into your churches. Lord help us to reach other churches and teach them your Word. Lord lead us to churches, pastors, leaders and workers who are willing to be taught. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and serve you. Lord enable us to evangelize and to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord help us to plant new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all in Jesus name, Amen.

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