

## *Violations in the Office of Marriage Part 5*

### *The Violations of Homosexuality and the Homosexual Marriages*

#### *Part B*

***D. God warned them against going into Homosexuality:*** We continue in this message to speak about the violations in the office of marriage and in pertain to homosexual marriages.

After King Asa died, his son Jehoshaphat reigned in his stead, and he removed the remnant of the Sodomites as we can read here part of his life achievements: ***“42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. 43 And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the LORD: nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. 45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 46 And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land.”*** (1 Kings 22:42-46 KJV) King Jehoshaphat was like his father, King Asa, in doing many things good including he took out of the land the remnant of the Sodomites. But he did also other things that are not good by having an alliance with the house of Ahab in marriage, when he allowed his son, Jehoram, to marry the daughter of Ahab, ***“1 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance, and joined affinity with Ahab.”*** (2 Chronicles 18:1 KJV) As well as King Jehoshaphat was not able to remove the high places from the land, so the people continued to do their own will and wishes, and without restraining, ***“nevertheless the high places were not taken away; for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places.”*** (1 Kings 22:43 KJV) So the people were following their own and were not fully under scrutiny and controlled by the priests of the temple from doing their own will and wishes.

Since King Jehoshaphat removed the Somodites but he did not remove the high places, and by making affinity and peace with the wicked king of Israel, Ahab, the problem of the Sodomites was not eradicated. In addition, as we go forward and read we can find that they continued to exist till King Josiah eradicated them and broke down their houses that were by the house of the Lord, ***“7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.”*** (2 Kings 23:7 KJV) He could eradicate them, for we cannot hear any more mention of them later on, for King Josiah eradicated all the idols and the high places in the land. Josiah made a vast and great campaign against all the idols and the high places that were in Judah and Israel. For he removed all the defilements that the people, including the Kings of Judah, Solomon, Ahaz and Manassah, and Jeroboam the son of Nebat king of Israel, had introduced during their rule over the land, as we can read here:

***“1 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 2 And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. 3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a***

***covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant. 4 And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Bethel.*** (King Josiah ordered his workers to remove all the idols from inside the temple of God and in the next verse we can see that he put down the priests who were promoting the worship of these idols. ***So even today, we need to remove these idols that we mentioned and listed. Also, we need to deal with the unlawful marriages of believers in the light of the Word of God because unlawful marriages are focus and meeting point of idol worship and demons to gather and destroy more of God's churches and their faithful families, members, and workers.***) ***5 And he put down the idolatrous priests,*** (King Josiah put down all the idolatrous priests who were appointed by the previous kings and were promoting idol worship in the high places. We need to deal appropriately with those ministers, pastors, and workers who are practicing and promoting such idols inside the body of Christ and make them sit down,) ***whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun,*** (this is the sun god of the heathen that is similar to the sun god that the Catholic church had Christianized as Christmas,) ***and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6 And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD,*** (King Josiah removed, ***“the grove”***, he removed every influence that is not of God that would attract the attention of the people to come to the temple. ***In the same way, we need to remove anything apart from the Word of God that would attract the attention of the people and appeal to their sensual mind to attend the worship in God's churches like food, loud music, light effects, dress, feasts, auctions, parties, etc. We need to remove all these things and put them out of our churches and ministries.***) ***without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the children of the people. 7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD,*** (King Josiah removed the homosexuals from inside the temple of God. Notice that before he removed them, he removed the rest of the idols. Notice also that at the time of Rehoboam, Asa and Jehoshaphat the Sodomites were in the land, but now they advanced and reached the temple of God. Wake up Church they are advancing! Therefore listen, today if you want to stand against the issue of homosexual marriage and the issue of transgender marriage, then before you can do that, you need to remove all the idols that we previously mentioned,) ***where the women wove hangings for the grove. 8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places*** (The high places are the places that the people go to do their own will. They go to these places to worship and offer sacrifices, where the false priests will go along the wishes of the people and do to them what they want and approve what they desire,) ***where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba, and brake down*** (Whatever King Josiah and his men broke down, they broke down that which was of idolatrous origin. ***Even today, looking intently in the life of the church, there are lots of things that need to be broken down and removed from the life of the church and the life of God's people,***) ***the high places of the gates that were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. 9 Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem,*** (Those idolatrous workers should not be allowed to minister to others,) ***but they did eat of the unleavened bread among their brethren. 10 And he defiled***

**Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech.** (He removed and banned the things that will contribute to the death of the young people. **In the same way today we need to ban all the digital and electronic resources that had connections with the media from the hands and the eyes of our children and youths to protect their minds and their lives from destruction.**) **11 And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanmelech the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs, and burned the chariots of the sun with fire.** (The Christmas that the Christian churches observe today on December was the celebration of pagans, with their bowing down toward the sun god. \* **In Christmas celebrations today there are also flying reindeer sleds with Santa Claus that are parallel to the chariots of the sun that King Josiah removed from the temple and burned by fire. \* Look now, reader, to the Word of God that gives freedom and see how many idols that you should remove from your life, from your family life, and from the churches of God and God's people.**) **12 And the altars that were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king beat down, and brake them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. 13 And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile.** (King Josiah did not care that all these idols were linked to his forefathers. He utterly removed them all, for he was truly faithful to God. **In the same way, we are called to remove from God's churches and the people of God all the institutions of idol worship even those that were introduced by the well-known church or Christian leaders of old.**) **14 And he brake in pieces the images, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men. 15 Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he brake down, and burned the high place, and stamped it small to powder, and burned the grove."** (King Josiah truly removed all the idols that King Solomon and the other kings of Judah and the kings of Israel had introduced in the temple of God and Israel and had removed Baal worship and the homosexuality from the land.) **16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount, and sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words. 17 Then he said, What title is that that I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Bethel. 18 And he said, Let him alone; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria.** (King Josiah kept and spared the right things and he kept and spared those who lived and based their lives on the truth.) **19 And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the Lord to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Bethel. 20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.** (King Josiah extended in his campaign of cleansing beyond his territory, reaching even to Israel's cities and he cleansed them from idols and from those who were promoting idol worship.) **21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant.** (King Josiah challenged all the people to do and to live following what is written in the book of the Law.) **22 Surely there**

**was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; 23 But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, wherein this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem.** (Those who responded gathered them around him and had with them the Passover Feast. **In the same way, those who respond to the teaching, and remain in the church after the cleansing process we continue to fellowship, pray, break bread and serve the Lord with them.**) **24 Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.** (King Josiah rejected from around him the workers of iniquity and the evildoers, and we need to do the same in our life and service to God, so we can perform all that God had written in His Word.) **25 And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him."** (2 Kings 23:1-25 KJV)

**My Dear and Beloved:** From the above description, we can understand that the battle against homosexuality and homosexual marriages would be settled when the Church of God or God's Churches are willing to remove all the idols and high places, the corruption that had introduced to its offices through the acceptance of the practices of the world, like Halloween, Harvest, All Saint's Day, Valentine, Father's Day, Mother's Day, Birthday's celebrations, Christmas and New year celebration, boyfriend, girlfriend, dating, courting, extravagant expenses, naked dress, make up, divorce and remarriage, wrong marriages, marriages with non-believers, non prepared marriages, Friend Day, Pastor Month, Easter egg, Easter Bunny, the practice of tattooing, the corrupted practices of dealing with finances and the wrong resources for money whether for the church or the individuals, etc. We need to eradicate these practices from ourselves, our families, and our congregations, even if they were introduced or adapted by well-known Christian leaders whether in the present or the past. The more we are despondent and fearful and lazy to wage such a war, the more we will be enslaved with that sin and devil's slavery.

To eradicate that sin of homosexuality from churches it needs boldness and courage, like the courage of King Josiah who removed what his grandfathers had introduced into God's temple from idols and corruption and abominations. Let us have the same boldness of King Josiah to renounce all non Scriptural practices, the corruption and the high places from the world around us, **"7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."** (2 Timothy 1:7 KJV) Let us, therefore, used by the Holy Spirit that we are filled with not only to speak in tongues but to cleanse and edify God's churches from sins, idols, groves, high places, corruption, homosexuality, and all the abominations, following the example of the prophet and his saying, **"But truly I am full of power by the spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin."** (Micah 3:8 KJV)

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 clear plan from your Word and the assignment that you had set before me to get involve with to clean your churches from homosexuality and the homosexual marriages.

*Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your fear of man, your worldliness, your immoralities and all your compromises. Confess and renounce all the sinful practices and the idols of the world and their feasts that had entered God's churches and you are practicing. Confess and renounce your tolerance to various sins and your tolerance to homosexuality. Confess your bad stewardship and your bad example to others. Confess your non willingness to serve God as He ordained in His Word. Confess and renounce your non willingness to suffer for God and receive persecution as you stand on His Word and serve Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins*

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*Lord I commit myself to go along your full plan to cleanse the churches of yours from all the immoral, traditional sinful practices, feasts offered to idols and from homosexuality and homosexual marriages. Lord give me wisdom and guide me and bless the works of my hands and bring the fruit that you desire to see.*

*Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who responded to your call to them and are willing to cleanse your churches from such abomination of homosexuality and the rest of the idolatrous feasts and immoral and worldly practices. Lord protect them and use them to snatch people from fire and bring them to you.*

*Lord help us as your church and sustain us in this campaign against homosexuality and the rest of the idolatrous feasts and immoral and worldly practices that invaded your churches. Lord protect us from persecution. We come against all the works of the devil and we rebuke in the name of Jesus. 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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