

A PRAYER FOR THE DEVIL!

Charles Spurgeon

You have heard a great many Arminian sermons, I dare say; but you never heard an Arminian prayer--for the saints in prayer appear as one in word, and deed and mind. An Arminian on his knees would pray desperately like a Calvinist. He cannot pray about *free-will*--there is no room for it. *Imagine him praying:*

"Lord, I thank you / am not like those poor p r e s u m p t u o u s Calvinists. Lord, / was born with a glorious free-will; / was born with power by which I can turn to you of myself; / have improved my grace. If everybody had done the same with their grace that / have--they might all have been saved. Lord, I know You do not make us willing, if we are not willing ourselves. You give grace to

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everybody; some do not improve it, but / do. There are many that will go to Hell as much bought with the blood of Christ as I was; they had as much of the Holy Spirit given to them; they had as good a chance, and were as much blessed as I am. It was not *Your grace* that made us to differ; I know it did a great deal--still / turned the point; / made use of what was given me, and others did not--that is the difference between me and them." That is **a prayer for the devil**, for nobody else would offer such a prayer as that!



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THE JUDGMENT THAT AWAITS HOMOSEXUALS

God used Sodom and Gomorrah and some other cities in that area as a warning of his holy hatred of the abomination of homosexuality. In Sodom and Gomorrah, God, through the instrumentality of angels, smote the homosexuals with blindness. Later they were killed when God rained fire and brimstone upon them from heaven. **2 Peter 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.** Let me impress upon you the fact that God says that what he did to the homosexuals in Sodom and Gomorrah was what he saw to be good. **Ezekiel 16:49-50 Behold,**

this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. 50 And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good.

We have already seen that they will not inherit the kingdom of God. **1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind.** This does not mean that a homosexual cannot be saved. But, it does mean that a practicing homosexual is not saved and will (See: I Believe God,, P. 2, Rt. Col.)

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(I Believe God, Con't from Page. 1) not go to heaven if he dies a practicing homosexual. I know that this sounds hard but it comes down to the fact that one who is given to a habitual life of sin, is not saved. *1 John 3:7-10 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.* In this passage the idea is not that a child of God lives a sinlessly perfect life. It is not that the child of God does not commit single acts of sin from time to time. John is telling us that the child of God leads a life that is characterized by righteousness. He is also telling us that the person who habitually practices sin is not a child of God.

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series for children over the last thirty years. We are hoping soon to get the whole series on Amazon in book form to make it available to you. Many are looking for good, sound, sovereign grace, material. We hope this will be a blessing to the churches and to parents who are looking for sound family devotion material.

May the Lord bless you!

HE PREACHED FROM THE BLOODY TREE!

Charles Spurgeon

"The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me; because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good news" Isaiah 61:1

"I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." Luke 4:43

We may profitably note how earnestly our Lord kept to His work. It was His business to preach, and He did preach--He was *always* preaching!

Even His *miracles* were sermons; they were *acted*

discourses, full of instruction.

All of His *actions* were sermons --He preached by every movement.

He preached *when He did not speak*--His *silence* was as eloquent as His words! **He preached from the bloody tree!** With hands and feet fastened there, He delivered the most wonderful discourse . . .

on divine *justice* and on *love*,
on divine *vengeance* and on *grace*,

on *death* and on *life*,
on *damnation* and on *salvation*--

which was ever preached in this poor world!

Oh, yes, He preached--He was always preaching; with all His *heart* and *soul* He preached. He wept in secret, that He might the more *compassionately* preach the gospel which wipes men's tears and sins away. As He walked the streets, He preached as He went along. This was His one calling; and this one calling, He pursued in the power of the eternal Spirit.

As our Lord ascended He said, **"Go into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."** His charge in brief was --preach, preach even as I have done before you!

According to Jude, homosexuals will suffer the vengeance of eternal fire. **Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.** It is true that the people of Sodom suffered death by fire and brimstone. What a horrible death they died. But, this fiery death ushered them into the eternal fires of hell from whence no one ever escapes.

Many homosexuals are beyond redemption because God has given many of them over to reprobate minds. **Romans 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.** A practicing atheist is no more lost and doomed than a practicing homosexual. A person who rejects God and goes about to satisfy his vile, abnormal affections would have to experience the new birth and its consequent graces of faith and repentance before he could ever be saved.

It should also be pointed out

that most homosexuals are headed for a short life and an early death--there are not many old homosexuals around. **Leviticus 20:13 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.**

SODOM AND GOMORRAH EXAMPLES FOR THOSE WHO COMMIT SUCH ABOMINATIONS

The homosexuals of Sodom and Gomorrah have stood as testament to God's hatred of the sin of homosexuality and his judgment upon those guilty of that sin down through the ages. **2 Peter 2:6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly. Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.**

God used Sodom as a warning to the Israelites. **Deuteronomy 29:23-24 And that the whole**

land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: 24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger? Lamentations 4:6 For the punishment of the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the punishment of the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands stayed on her. Amos 4:11 I have overthrown some of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a firebrand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

God used those cities as a warning to Babylon. *Isaiah 13:19 And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah.*

God used Sodom as a warning to Edom. *Jeremiah 49:17-18 Also Edom shall be a*

desolation: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it.

God used Sodom as a warning to the Chaldeans and Babylon. *Jeremiah 50:35-40 A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. 36 A sword is upon the liars; and they shall dote: a sword is upon her mighty men; and they shall be dismayed. 37 A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures; and they shall be robbed. 38 A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up: for it is the land of graven images, and they are mad upon their idols. 39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wild beasts of the islands shall dwell there, and the owls shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall*

through His churches, supplying for them to give to the work we are in as He pleases. The great burden of our hearts is for the Lord's people to be caught up in the Lord's work in worldwide missions - for their hearts and prayers to be knit with the missionaries around the world for the glory of our Lord and the advancement of His kingdom. As the Apostle Paul said, "Brethren, pray for us!" That is our desire - to be filled with the Lord's love, to have wisdom, boldness and patience in doing His will, to be found faithful unto our Lord. "Brethren, pray for us!"

The Lord willing, I will be sending out a monthly prayer letter. As well, I will show the amount of income, the expenditures, and the needs of the work. My pastor, Brother Bill Lee, will upon receiving the support, immediately send a sincere, "Thank you!" for the support with an acknowledgement of the amount. We will have many initial needs in setting up: remodeling, household furniture, vehicle, carport, gate (to keep the children's home secure), etc. I have been trying to save all of the support and gifts sent to Central Baptist Church that I can for

these initial needs. Presently we have about \$9,000.00 in our setup fund. Our monthly support is almost \$3,000.00 now. We thank all of you for your kindness.

Just as a reminder, our church has a special fund set up for the needs of the children's home, as well as a fund for vitamins for the children. We plan on taking six month's worth of vitamins with us when we travel.

Also I want to inform you about my wife's two blogs. The first of these is gracetothailand.com. In this blog I believe she makes you to know what it is like to be there with us. I think you would be greatly blessed by following along with her short blogs.

The second of these is directed toward children. It is, 241thai.wordpress.com. She began these for our grandchildren, writing from the perspective of the stuffed monkey, Linkee, which our grandchildren picked out to take with us. There are many of these already written telling of our adventures on deputation. Each of these are written on a child's level, and with important life lessons in each. Some SS classes are reading these brief stories each week to their children.

Also my wife has written a through the Bible Sunday School

PAUL BROWN REPORT

August 17, 2013

The Lord is good! It seems as if we began deputation yesterday. And, in another sense it seems as if we have been on deputation all our lives. We have now traveled over 15,000 miles in our car, and visited thirty-seven churches.

As I think over these last three months, I am reminded of our Lord's three years of itinerant preaching. "Foxes have holes. The birds of the air have nests. But the Son of Man hath not place to lay His head." We have had multitudes of places to lay our heads. The Lord's churches have been so hospitable and gracious to us. You are a constant cause of rejoicing to Susan and me. But also you are a cause of encouragement.

Visiting your churches has motivated me to pray in a new way for America. If Abraham could plead for the Lord's mercy for Sodom if there were but 50, 45, 40, 30, 20, or maybe **only 10** righteous in Sodom, and the Lord would do so, then should we not so plead before our God for our beloved land? (Genesis 18:21-

31). It is clear to me as well that the clear command for the churches to pray for those in authority is not in order that we might have continued lives of ease, but rather that we might without interference spread the Gospel of the One True God, and the only Mediator between God and men, the man, Christ Jesus, in all the earth. For, He will have all men (all nations, tribes, clans, tongues) to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. (1 Timothy 2:1-6).

There is no country that belongs to Buddha, or Mohammed, or any other. The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof; the world, and they (all of them) who dwell therein (Psalm 24:1). May the Lord fill all of His churches with holy fire and zeal to fulfill all that He has commanded us in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15). May He prosper His churches, not for our ease, but that each of us may be found faithful unto that which He has called us.

I have said over and over in visiting the churches that our great concern is not for the churches to financially support us. The Lord will take care of all of our needs. He has given us this promise (Matthew 6:33). And He will work

it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 As God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD; so shall no man abide there, neither shall any son of man dwell therein.

God used Sodom as a warning to the Moabites. ***Zephaniah 2:9 Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them.***

Jesus used Sodom and Gomorrah as a memorial to God's judgment upon those who would not receive those whom he sent forth to preach the gospel. ***Matthew 10:14-15 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city.***

Jesus used these cities and

their sudden destruction as a warning to those who may be still living in unbelief when he will come again. ***Luke 17:29-30 But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. 30 Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.***

Isaiah and Paul declared that Israel would have been as Sodom and Gomorrah if God had not graciously preserved a remnant of that people. ***Romans 9:29 And as Esaias said before, Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed, we had been as Sodoma, and been made like unto Gomorrha.***

EXPRESSIONS INSPIRED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT THAT CHARACTERIZE HOMOSEXUALITY

What does God think of homosexuality? One way to determine the answer to this question is to examine expressions found in Scripture where those holy men of God spoke as they were born along by the Holy Spirit. The terms they used to describe homosexual behaviour are God's terms.

According to the inspired apostle Paul homosexual relations

are unseemly or inappropriate. **Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.**

Again, according to Paul's inspired epistle, homosexual activity is the exercise of vile affections. **Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.**

In the book of Judges we are told that homosexual sin is an extremely vile act. **Judges 19:22-24 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him. 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come**

into mine house, do not this folly. 24 Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not so vile a thing.

Homosexual conduct is declared to be against nature or unnatural. **Romans 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature.** I recall as a child occasionally hearing that someone was charged with crimes that were against nature. This was apparently charges against homosexuals or against those who were involved in incest.

It is apparent from the conduct of the men at Sodom that homosexual conduct is the result of burning, sinful lust. James said that when lust is conceived it brings forth sin. And lust, unnatural, vile, burning lust is what drives homosexuals. **Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error**

inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 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.

BLASPHEMOUS CHURCH BILLBOARD

The church billboard pictured on the previous page was photographed in front of "St. John's Anglican Church" in Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. The church was promoting homosexual marriage with their sign. It read, "Jesus had two dads and he turned out just fine." I was asked, "How could anyone who claims to believe the Bible promote such an idea?" I told the person who asked the question that this church didn't believe the Bible otherwise they would've had different church leadership than they have. The rector (senior pastor) is a woman, "The

Venerable Lynne Marchant, Archdeacon of Brock Region". Her assistant is also a woman, "The Reverend Deanne Patchett, Assistant Curate, Bishop's Chaplain". From what I could read on the website, these two women do the greater part of the preaching in this church. If they have no respect for God's instructions concerning the role of women in the church one should not be surprised that they have no respect for God's qualifications for a pastor. There are two men who are honorary assistants who are retired from other churches. But the regular ministers of this church are women. It is also noteworthy that the sign made no mention of the fact that Mary was the mother of Jesus. In Scripture Joseph is mentioned as the father of Jesus as any Jewish man who raised a son who was fathered by someone else. As all Bible believers know God was the actual father of Jesus. Jesus often referred to God as his father but, as far as I know, he never referred to Joseph as his father and he never spoke of his two "dads".

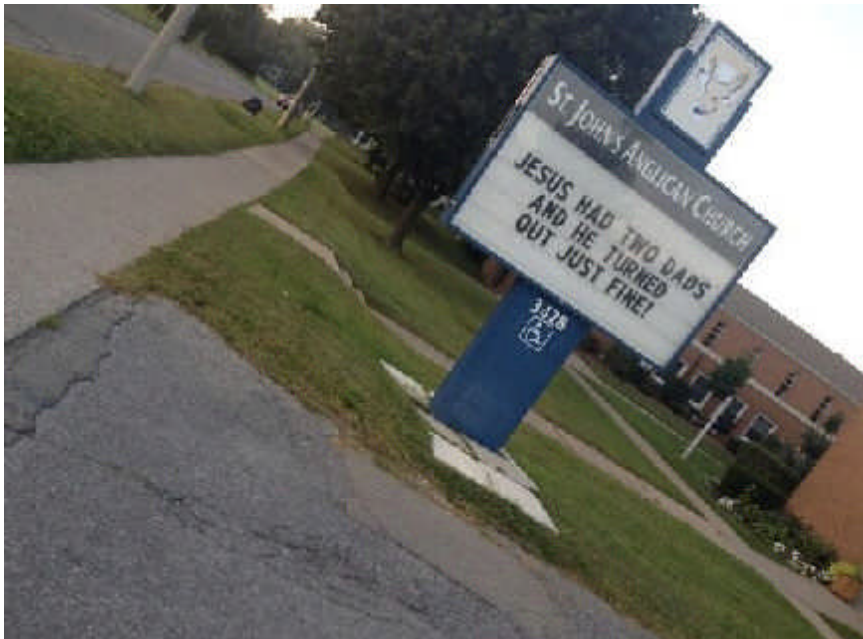
Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

paying for her tolerance of and catering to the demands of these aberrant, perverted people who have turned to their vile affections, it will pay dearly. I believe this nation is already under a plague of Aids because of this perverted behaviour and the coddling of those guilty of it. But, if Jesus does not return soon and if the leadership of the cities, counties, and states keep slouching toward Sodom, judgment may surely be swift when it does come and it will be fatal.

Let me close by affirming again that I believe God is right in his hatred of homosexuality and homosexuals as a group.

Homosexuals are abominable, arrogant workers of iniquity for sure and God certainly hates them as a group. **Psalm 5:5 . . . thou hatest all workers of iniquity.**

I am not saying that there may not be some of them that are chosen to salvation but the purpose of that election is that they might be holy, not abominable, so they will leave off their sin and turn to righteousness. **Ephesians 1:4 According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not**



which was meet.

Homosexuality is uncleanness. **Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.** Being unclean does not simply refer to the fact that they sinned in their paganism. Homosexual relations are themselves unclean. It is no wonder that our own country is in an epidemic of Aids. While some innocent people have been infected through blood transfusions, Aids is predominately a disease of homosexuals. It is passed through their unclean sex acts.

These unclean relationships are dishonoring to the bodies of those involved. **Romans 1:24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves.** I shudder at the thought of what most of these people do.

There is also something about homosexuality that makes those who become homosexuals effeminate and self-abusive. **1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be**

not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind. The last two—effeminate and abusers of themselves with mankind—are both descriptions of homosexuals. Rarely does one see a homosexual who is not effeminate. They usually act more like a woman than a man. In reverse, most lesbians—female homosexuals—often have male qualities in their lives and conduct.

God calls them dogs when they sell their bodies in homosexual harlotry. **Deuteronomy 23:18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.**

Homosexuals are defiled beings. In their homosexual acts they defile themselves with persons of the same gender. **1 Timothy 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.** God considered homosexuals so defiled that under the Law of

Moses they were to be put to death. **Leviticus 20:13** *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.*

By now it should be apparent that the sin of the sodomite is very grievous. **Genesis 18:20** *And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous.* God rained hail down from heaven upon the cities of Sodom, Gomorrah and others in the area because of their grievous iniquity. Even the children and suckling babies in those cities were destroyed. How exceedingly grievous is this sin in the sight of a thrice Holy God.

Sodomites are wicked to the extreme. **Genesis 13:13** *But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly.* **Genesis 19:7** *And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly.* Biblical writers must have almost run out of adjectives and terms to describe the incredible awfulness of the sin of sodomy.

Their sin is abominable. **Leviticus 18:22** *Thou shalt not*

lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

They commit folly. **Judges 19:23** *And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, nay, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into mine house, do not this folly.* It is not acceptable to call a man a fool unless God has classified him as such. God has called the atheist a fool. **Psalms 14:1** *The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.* God has also classified the acts of homosexuals as folly and that makes them fools.

When one engages in sodomy he is going after strange flesh. **Jude 7** *Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.* Commenting on this verse John Gill said. "or "other flesh"; meaning not other women besides their own wives, but men; and designs that detestable and unnatural sin, which, from these people, is called sodomy to this day;

and which is an exceeding great sin, contrary to the light of nature and law of God, dishonourable to human nature, and scandalous to a nation and people, and commonly prevails where idolatry and infidelity do, as among the Papists and Mahometans; and arose from idleness and fulness of bread in Sodom, and was committed in the sight of God, with great impudence."

Matthew Henry made this comment on this verse. "They were guilty of abominable wickedness, not to be named or thought of but with the utmost abhorrence and detestation."

Homosexuals are ungodly. **2 Peter 2:6** *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.* Some practicing homosexual may read this and take issue with what I have just said. But, it is clear from this verse that homosexuals are ungodly and live an ungodly life. I think of those words found in **Jude 14-19** *Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and*

of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. 16 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage. 17 But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 19 These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

CONCLUSION

In the light of Scripture, there is no way we can condone or minimize the sin of sodomy. There is no way one can actually insult the sin of sodomy. Use all the adjectives that describe wicked conduct and you will not make it worse than it really is. All sin is against God and all sin is wicked, but there is something about homosexuality that makes it especially hateful and abominable in the sight of God. As Matthew Henry said, It is "not to be named or thought of but with the utmost abhorrence and detestation."

If our nation is not already