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- This is an **important** topic.
- It is a **timely** topic.
- It is becoming an ever more **crucial** topic.
- It is also an **unpleasant** topic.

The goals of the Sodomite Crowd are as ungodly as the sin itself, but we need to be clear on what we are facing. Every believer and every pastor must know what the Bible has to say about sodomy.

We who lead must be clear not just on what the Bible says about sodomy but also on what we as the followers of Jesus and of His apostles must before God be doing about it.

We should also be clear on the consequences that will likely follow. The Bible tells us what those consequences are likely to be. I hope we can get to that in our time this afternoon, but as we start let me say this much:

Now is the time to gird up the loins of our mind and be sober, for we live in perilous times that are getting ever more perilous.

I. We must fear God. 1 Peter 1:13–21

2 Corinthians 5:9–11 Paul had ‘the phobia of God,’ and so should we.

The presence of a king is dreadful to the subject, yea, though he carries it ever so condescendingly; if then there be so much glory and dread in the presence of a king, what fear and dread must there be, think you, in the presence of the eternal God!”¹

We ought not to have ‘homophobia’ but rather *theo-phobia*; *hamarto-phobia*; *bima-phobia*

The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. (Psalm 19:9).

Romans 1:32 *Who **knowing the judgment of God**, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

We should be afraid of not responding to the evil of this evil generation as God requires us to respond.

We should be afraid of the fear of man, which bringeth a snare.

We should be afraid of keeping silence, which signifies consent.

We should be afraid of our own weakness and love of comfort, afraid we will not quit ourselves like men and be strong, afraid we will fall into the snare of fearing man rather than saying with the Psalmist, *I will not fear what flesh can do unto me* (Psalm 56:4)

¹ John Bunyan, *The Fear of God*, Reiner Publications, Swengel, PA, 1971, p. 6.

We cannot be held accountable for what other men do, but we are accountable for what we do.

We are not responsible for other men's sins, but we are responsible for our response to their sins.

And Scripture makes clear that the day comes when *Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.* 1 Corinthians 3:13

And the Lord comes quickly. His reward is with Him, *to give every man according as his work shall be* (Revelation 22:12).

II. **We must understand the times.** 1 Chronicles 12:32; II Timothy 3:1-4

We live in perilous times, and the Sodomite Crowd are dangerous people.

- A. The Sodomite Crowd is dangerous because they bring the curse of God. Genesis 9:20-29
- B. The Sodomite Crowd is dangerous because they are aggressive. Genesis 19:1-13
- C. The Sodomite Crowd is dangerous because they indicate the judgment of God. Romans 1:18-32
- D. The Sodomite Crowd is dangerous because they defile a nation. Leviticus 18:6-30

The land of Canaan spewed out its loathsome inhabitants.

Unless God has changed, the land of North American shall spew out its loathsome inhabitants.

- E. The Sodomite Crowd is dangerous because they want to take over.
- F. The Sodomite Crowd is dangerous because they are tormented. John 8:34-36

The "Gay" lifestyle is anything but.

- G. The Sodomite Crowd is dangerous because they ultimately turn violent.

II. **We must sound the trumpet.** Isaiah 58:1

To be the salt, we have to sting.

- A. Old Testament Examples
- B. New Testament Examples 2 Timothy 4:2-3
- C. Colonial American Examples

"God, the Sovereign, was also a lawgiver. He had established laws for his people, 'perfectly wise, just and good,' which were 'founded upon the Nature and Relation of Things, and are of universal and perpetual Obligation.... Immovable as the Mountains and Immutable as God himself.'" - quoting an Appleton, Massachusetts Election Sermon in 1742 (Baldwin p. 20).

"God and Christ govern always by fixed rules, by a divine constitution, and therefore so must human rulers. The fundamental constitutions of states may differ; men's rights under them may be greater or less, but certain great rights are given by Nature and Nature's God to the people. These are a part of every constitution and no ruler is permitted y God to violate them. Rulers cannot change the

constitution; that can be done only by the people. But **the constitution and the laws must be consonant with divine law** [emphasis mine]. Therefore rulers must study carefully the law of God, both natural and revealed. ...Even when God dealt with the Jews who were under His immediate government, He had their rulers write down the constitution in a book and read it constantly.”²

Jared Eliot, Connecticut Election Sermon, 1738: “If, however, laws should be made by this government which are inconsistent with the laws of God or which sap the foundations of the commonwealth, men must exercise their right of discretion and must obey God rather than men, as the Apostles did.”³

Jonathan Mayhew of the West Church, Boston, 1750: “[D]isobedience is not only lawful but glorious [to those that] enjoin things that are inconsistent with the demands of God!”⁴

“No Law of Civil Magistrate can bind in opposition to the Divine....”⁵

“They brought up their families in sturdy virtue and a living faith in God without which nations perish.”⁶

The National Monument to the Forefathers stands on the summit of Monument Hill. The heroic figure of **Faith** pointing to heaven, her foot on Plymouth Rock, surmounts a massive granite pedestal. Below are seated **Liberty** with Peace flourishing under her protection and Tyranny overthrown by her power **Law** is attended by Justice and Mercy. **Education** has Wisdom on one side and Youth led by Experience on the other. **Morality**, between a Prophet and an Evangelist, holds the Commandments in her left hand and the scroll of Revelation in her right. [bold mine]

A Hebrew sentence on the north side of the Bradford Monument translates: “Jehovah is our help.”⁷

Another inscription reads, “Qua patres difficillime / adepti sunt nolite / turpiter relinquere” meaning “What our fathers with so much difficulty secured, do not basely relinquish.”

IV. We must despise the consequences. Hebrews 12:2

A. Preach the Word

“Finally, it must be emphasized that religions, and those who adhere to religious doctrines, may continue to advocate with utmost, sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned. The First Amendment ensures that religious organizations and persons are given proper protection as they seek to teach the principles that are so fulfilling and so central to their lives and faiths, and to their own deep aspirations to continue the family structure they have long revered.” - United States Supreme Court decision rendered in *Obergefell v. Hodges*, 2015.

B. Protect the sheep

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C. Prepare for trouble

² Alice M. Baldwin, *The New England Pulpit and the American Revolution*, pp. 45-46.

³ Baldwin, p. 55.

⁴ Baldwin, p. 57.

⁵ J. Bulkley, Connecticut Election Sermon, 1713 (Baldwin, p. 49).

⁶ Pilgrim mother's statue (inscription on back), Water Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

⁷ William Bradford monument (erected 1835), Burial Hill, Plymouth, Massachusetts.

Justice Antonin Scalia, in his dissenting opinion:

...But what really astounds is the hubris reflected in today's judicial Putsch.

...Had the majority allowed the definition of marriage to be left to the political process — as the Constitution requires — the People could have considered the religious liberty implications of deviating from the traditional definition as part of their deliberative process. Instead, the majority's decision short-circuits that process, **with potentially ruinous consequences for religious liberty** [emphasis mine].

...Today's decision usurps the constitutional right of the people to decide whether to keep or alter the traditional understanding of marriage. The decision will also have other important consequences.

It will be used to vilify Americans who are unwilling to assent to the new orthodoxy. In the course of its opinion, the majority compares traditional marriage laws to laws that denied equal treatment for African-Americans and women. ...The implications of this analogy will be exploited by those who are determined to stamp out every vestige of dissent.

Be on record as opposed to sodomy and lesbianism. Be on record as advocating Biblical marriage as the only relationship worthy of the name. Make your position public in your community. Be vocal.

V. We must have compassion on them that are out of the way. Jude 20-23; Hebrews 5:1-2

Isaiah 5:20 God declares a woe upon them.

1 Corinthians 6:9–11, 18 tell us what it is.

Whenever we read these dreadful verses with their terrible assertion, let us never forget that...*And such were some of us!*

They need help. Let us pull them out of the fire.

Let us hate the garment spotted by the flesh, but let us also have compassion.

Compassion makes a difference.