

PARABLES

Bringing Hidden Things to Light



Psalms 78:2-4

I will open my mouth in a parable, I will utter dark sayings of old... We will not conceal them.

Parables Bookshelf - Series 1.17.1

It is July of the year 2015 as I am formatting the book *Push Back* into newsletter format. I completed writing the book *Push Back* two years ago. Since that time the radical homosexual agenda has made far more progress in its efforts to spread this depraved behavior.

On Friday June 26, 2015, the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling making homosexual marriage legal in all 50 states. In doing so they overrode the will of the majority of Americans, for in state after state Defense of Marriage laws had been passed which defined marriage as being be-

tween a man and a woman.

With the government and media acting in collusion to spread a deviant lifestyle that Yahweh has condemned, many Christians are beginning to wither under the onslaught. Many are beginning to capitulate to evil, forfeiting the favor of God in order to receive the favor of sinful men and women.

This book is NOT a book of hatred toward those men and women who are participating in homosexual behavior. Christ came to set men and women free from the bondage of sin, and from

the deceptions of Satan. Rather, this book is offered as an expose of the lies being propagated by the homosexual lobbyists. Any group that has to lie and deceive to further its agenda is acting in a despicable manner. They deserve to have their lies exposed that both Christians and non-Christians can make an informed judgment of the matter based upon truth.

In these pages you will find truth confronting lies. This is my attempt to "Push Back" against the darkness by shining a light on a very evil and perverse agenda.

Joseph Herrin

Food for Thought

Having forbidden all unlawful marriage, all unseemly practices, and the union of women with women and men with men, [the Bible] adds: "Do not defile yourselves with any of these things, for in all these things the nations were defiled, which I will drive out before you" (Leviticus 18:24).

[Eusebius of Caesarea, A.D. 325]

Scripture Memory

I Corinthians 6:9-11

Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you...

Parables Newsletter

- Series 1.17.1
- *Push Back*
- Chapters 1-2

Push Back!

A Christian Response to the Radical Homosexual Agenda



Romans 12:21

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Joseph Herrin

I have contemplated for some time writing a series to address the subject of the militant homosexual advocacy of the American government and the media. Seldom has there been more effort expended, and more attention given, to a cause. Tragically, the cause that America's President is championing is accelerating the moral decay of the nation, and it is leading a generation of young people into a morass of sexual deviancy, gross sensuality, and animalistic debasement. Purity and innocence are being trampled in the name of unfettered hedonistic liberty.

Although U.S. President, Barack Hussein Obama, is leading the push for a homosexual America, he is not the true power behind the agenda that is being promulgated. Satan is the chief architect of the homosexual advocacy that is flooding America and the world. Satan is a great deceiver. He couches his

wicked agenda in the garb of pursuing equality, freedom, and protecting the rights of all people. Yet Satan is no friend of man. He comes only to kill, steal, and destroy (John 10:10). Satan is the enemy of all that is right, holy, and good. His plan is to debase mankind until the human race no longer bears any resemblance to its Creator.

I have been concerned that Christians are ill prepared to stand up under the onslaught of public opinion and propaganda that is flowing forth at this hour. Many cunning and deceptive tactics are being employed to make homosexuality, or the support of those who practice it, to be viewed as honorable, fair-minded, and loving. Many Christians have already fallen, and more will succumb, as the deception of the enemy of mankind is displayed with increasing force and the darkness of society increases.

Many Christians have failed to count the cost of being a disciple of Jesus Christ/Yahshua the Messiah. They are unprepared, or unwilling, to suffer persecution, to receive the scorn and enmity of government and a society that is falling further under the sway of Satan. In a vain attempt to maintain peace with the world, and to continue pursuing a comfortable and pleasurable life in an increasingly anti-Christian society, many Christians refuse to take a stand on truth. Christ stated that the world would hate His disciples. Persecution is unavoidable if one is to follow in the footsteps of Yahshua.

II Timothy 3:12

Indeed, *all* who desire to live godly in Christ Yahshua will be persecuted.

The message of suffering for obedience to Christ is scorned by the church in this hour. A false gospel of prosperity, of easy-believism, has replaced the message of the disciple's cross. There are great

Parables Bookshelf

numbers who profess faith in Jesus Christ who will not stand in this hour. They will be swept away by the pressure applied to them. They will be cowed by the threats of Satan's disciples. They will yield to peer pressure for they love the world and want to be accepted by it. The fear of being rejected by society, or being labeled a religious extremist, will be enough to cause many professing Christians to act in a manner that is a betrayal of Christ and which is unworthy of Him.

Matthew 13:20-21

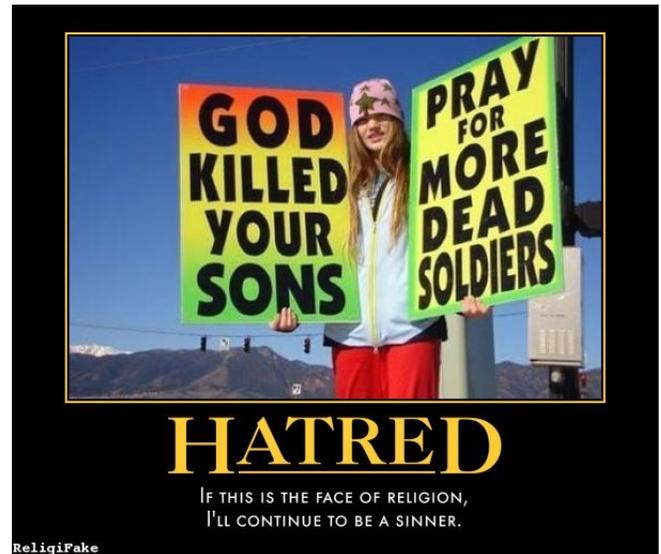
“And the one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word, and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away.”

This writing is offered for those who refuse to shrink back in the face of the mounting pressure of a dark world. It is for those who would push back against the evil that is being forced upon them. How does one push back? The Scripture at the top of this writing states that evil must be overcome with good. Preceding these words, the apostle Paul stated:

Romans 12:19-20

Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. "But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head."

The evil of this world will not be overcome with hatred. It will not be overcome with insults, or anger. The media has given great attention to the tactics being employed by the members of Westboro Baptist Church of Topeka, Kansas.



The pastor and members of this church have shown up to protest at the funerals of American soldiers killed in military service to their country. They have held up signs applauding the fact that a young person was slain, for they say it is a judgment of God against the wickedness of America.

A pro-homosexual writer on the Huffington Post website has an article titled *Why I Love the Westboro Baptist Church*. She goes on to explain that she loves this church, and all the media attention it has garnered, because it has caused people to be ashamed of being labeled homophobic.

The article mentions that the Westboro Baptist Church's website has the following statement listed:

We display large, colorful signs containing Bible words and sentiments, including: GOD HATES FAGS, FAGS HATE GOD, AIDS CURES FAGS, THANK GOD FOR AIDS, FAGS BURN IN HELL, GOD IS NOT MOCKED, FAGS ARE NATURE FREAKS, GOD GAVE FAGS UP, NO SPECIAL LAWS FOR FAGS, FAGS DOOM NATIONS, THANK GOD FOR DEAD SOLDIERS, FAG

Push Back

TROOPS, GOD BLEW UP THE TROOPS, GOD HATES AMERICA, AMERICA IS DOOMED, THE WORLD IS DOOMED, etc.

I sincerely doubt that there is a member of this church who is a partaker of the Spirit of Christ. The pride, hatred, insults, and strife they promote are not the fruit of the Holy Spirit. The members of this church are not speaking the truth in love. Their words are hate filled. The attitudes of the members reveal a motive of hatred, not love. Paul did not

The members of this church are not speaking the truth in love.

write that the church is to overcome evil with evil. He said, “overcome evil with good.” Lies must be met with truth. Falsehood and deception

must be overcome with understanding. Darkness must be dispelled with light.

In writing this series, my intent is to assist the people of God in understanding why homosexuality is deplorable to God and injurious to mankind. There are some very cunning arguments and tactics being employed by those pushing forward a homosexual agenda. Satan is cunning, and he is not stinting in supplying those who do his bidding with schemes and deceitful arguments which will further their aims.

Many Christians are unable to answer the attacks of the enemy, or withstand the wiles of the devil. I suspect that if most Christians were asked why homosexuality is wrong, they would reply, “Because the Bible says it is wrong.” This is akin to saying, “Homosexuality is immoral because Yahweh describes it as sin in the Bible.” There is merit to the argument that something is wrong simply because Yahweh says it is wrong. Understanding is not necessary to accept the fact that Yahweh’s judgments are always righteous and just. A Christian would be

greatly benefitted, however, if they understood why Yahweh has declared something to be sin.

Many people in the world describe homosexuality, adultery, and fornication as “victimless” activities. They argue that because these actions are done by two (or more) consenting adults, and no one is injured, there is no reason to censure such behavior. The same argument has been used for legalizing marijuana. Proponents refer to illegal use of marijuana as a victimless crime.

To a non-Christian, the Bible’s judgments describing righteous and unrighteous behavior may appear quite arbitrary. A Christian may even have difficulty discerning any rhyme or reason relating to many of the Bible’s instructions. People today are asking, “Why cannot a woman love another woman, or a man love another man? Why cannot they enjoy the pleasure of sex together? Why cannot they be married and enjoy a committed relationship with one another?” If a Christian cannot answer these questions, but are only able to say, “Because God declared these things to be evil,” they may themselves begin to question the propriety of the Bible’s testimony.

Indeed, there are numerous Christians who are falling away from the Biblical testimony and are embracing homosexuality. Some Christians find the temptation within themselves to engage in sexual experiences with someone of the same gender. They are likely aware that Yahweh has condemned such relationships in the Bible, but the temptation is greater than their fear of God. Perhaps their faith has been weakened by listening to the arguments of the world, and their commitment to obedience eroded by ministers who describe God as kind, and merciful, and forgiving, while neglecting to teach on Yahweh’s holiness and justice and the judgment to come.

Parables Bookshelf

There have been a number of well known Christians who have fallen into homosexual behavior. Among them are the singers Jennifer Knapp and Ray Boltz. Jennifer Knapp was the 1999 Dove Award winner for Best New Christian Artist. Despite enjoying much success as a Christian recording artist in 2002, she abruptly quit touring and took a 7 year hiatus. In 2010 she gave a number of interviews, revealing she had been in a lesbian relationship for the past 8 years. Jennifer Knapp says she still has her Christian faith, and even claims that by being honest about her sexuality her faith is actually enhanced.

Ray Boltz was a popular male Christian singer and songwriter. He is well known for his songs *Watch the Lamb*, *Thank You*, and *I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb*. He sold 4.5 million Christian albums. In 2008, twenty years into his Christian music career, Ray Boltz announced that he is a homosexual. He has continued to perform in Metropolitan Community Churches, which is a homosexual denomination.



EXODUS

Exodus International Logo

Last month many Christians were dismayed to learn that Alan Chambers, the President of Exodus International, the oldest and largest ministry working to free men and women from their bondage to a homosexual lifestyle, was shutting down. Exodus International was started in 1976. For 37 years their

mission had been to help men and women experience freedom from homosexual desires. Many were shocked when the president of this organization confessed that he has been struggling with same sex attraction for a number of years. He further declared that he was deceived to believe that people could be set free from same sex desires.

Chambers contacted Lisa Ling, who hosts the Our America program on the Oprah Winfrey Network, and asked if he could issue a public apology for years spent trying to set homosexuals free. Following is an excerpt taken from Alan Chamber's apology.

It is strange to be someone who has both been hurt by the church's treatment of the LGBT community, and also to be someone who must apologize for being part of the very system of ignorance that perpetuated that hurt. Today it is as if I've just woken up to a greater sense of how painful it is to be a sinner in the hands of an angry church...

My desire is to completely align with Christ, his Good News for all and his offer of peace amidst the storms of life. My wife Leslie and my beliefs center around grace, the finished work of Christ on the cross and his offer of eternal relationship to any and all that believe. Our beliefs do not center on "sin" because "sin" isn't at the center of our faith. Our journey hasn't been about denying the power of Christ to do anything – obviously he is God and can do anything...

There were several years that I conveniently omitted my ongoing same-sex attractions. I was afraid to share them as readily and easily as I do today. They brought me tremendous shame and I hid them in the hopes they would go away. Looking back, it seems so odd that I thought I could do something to make them stop. Today, however, I accept these

Push Back

feelings as parts of my life that will likely always be there. The days of feeling shame over being human in that way are long over, and I feel free simply accepting myself as my wife and family does. As my friends do. As God does...

Please know that I am deeply sorry. I am sorry for the pain and hurt many of you have experienced. I am sorry that some of you spent years working through the shame and guilt you felt when your attractions didn't change. I am sorry we promoted sexual orientation change efforts and reparative theories about sexual orientation that stigmatized parents. I am sorry that there were times I didn't stand up to people publicly "on my side" who called you names like sodomite—or worse. I am sorry that I, knowing some of you so well, failed to share publicly that the gay and lesbian people I know were every bit as capable of being amazing parents as the straight people that I know. I am sorry that when I celebrated a person coming to Christ and surrendering their sexuality to Him that I callously celebrated the end of relationships that broke your heart. I am sorry that I have communicated that you and your families are less than me and mine.

More than anything, I am sorry that so many have interpreted this religious rejection by Christians as God's rejection. I am profoundly sorry that many have walked away from their faith and that some have chosen to end their lives. For the rest of my life I will proclaim nothing but the whole truth of the Gospel, one of grace, mercy and open invitation to all to enter into an inseverable relationship with almighty God.

[Source: <http://exodusinternational.org/2013/06/i-am-sorry/>]

A similarity found among men and women who continue to profess faith in Christ while “embracing” their homosexuality, is that they de-

crease their focus on sin, choosing to consider only the grace, mercy, and kindness of God. The church at large has been prepared by Satan to “embrace” homosexuality through a gradual diminishment of focus on the holiness and justice of Yahweh. Preaching on sin has become passe, as the church has turned their attention to “enjoyment” of their Christian experience. Those aspects of Yahweh's nature that are too difficult for the flesh to bear are rejected. A new god of tolerance and acceptance, who winks at sin, has been molded for the congregation to worship.

For every Christian who confesses to being a homosexual, or engaging in same sex acts, there are many more who are denying the testimony of Scriptures as they make accommodations for those who profess to be homosexuals. The Huffington Post had the following two articles listed next to one another on their website today.

Pat Robertson Makes Surprising Comments About Transgender Community



Pope Francis On Gays: Who Am I To Judge Them?



Parables Bookshelf

Satan is flooding the earth with a message that will lead to a wholesale embrace of homosexuality. Clicking on the link to the Pat Robertson story, one is met with the following statements.

The 83-year-old televangelist sat down on Sunday for the "Bring It Online" advice portion of his Christian Broadcasting Network show, "The 700 Club." A viewer named David wrote in asking how he should refer to two transgender females who work in his office and have legally changed their genders. Instead of criticizing the trans individuals, Robertson approached the situation in a seemingly level-headed manner.

"I think there are men who are in a woman's body," he said. "It's very rare. But it's true -- or women that are in men's bodies -- and that they want a sex change. That is a very permanent thing, believe me, when you have certain body parts amputated and when you have shot up with various kinds of hormones. It's a radical procedure. I don't think there's any sin associated with that. I don't condemn somebody for doing that."

He went on to say he would "question the validity" of someone who just says, "Well I'm really a woman" because you "don't count somebody as female unless they really are, or male unless they really are."

When his co-host said the viewer doesn't know the intentions or medical history of his co-workers, Robertson rebutted, "It's not for you to decide or to judge."

[Source:
http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/07/29/pat-robertson-transgender_n_3672244.html]

I want to draw your attention to the last words

above. Pat Robertson stated, "It's not for you to decide or judge." This forms a direct parallel to statements made by the Pope which are cited in another article found on the Wall Street Journal website.



Pope Francis

Pope Signals Openness to Gay Priests

Pontiff's Comments Suggest Greater Acceptance of Homosexuality Among Clerics

The pontiff was traveling aboard a turbulent overnight flight to Rome from his first overseas trip... when he broached the delicate issue of how the Catholic hierarchy should respond to clerics who are gay, though not sexually active. In doing so, he departed from the posture that has long shaped papal thinking on gay priests.

Pope Francis, left, and Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone step off a plane at Ciampino Airport outside Rome after returning from their trip to Brazil Monday.

"Who am I to judge a gay person of goodwill who seeks the Lord?" the pontiff told a news conference in response to a question. "You can't marginalize these people."

Push Back

Pope Francis opened the door Sunday to greater acceptance of gay priests inside the ranks of Roman Catholicism as he flew home to the Vatican from his maiden trip overseas.

Pope Francis reaffirmed church teaching by referring to homosexual acts as a sin. But he wielded his formidable bully pulpit to shift the tone of how the church regards homosexual orientation at its highest ranks...

Pope Francis "is showing a deep respect for the human condition as it is, instead of approaching things in a doctrinal way," said Alberto Melloni, a church historian.

"This isn't a change in the church's teaching," said Rev. James Bretzke, a theology professor at Boston College. "What's important is the change in style and emphasis..."

[Source:
<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887324354704578635401320888608.html>]

Do you think it coincidental that the Pope and one of America's most well known evangelical broadcasters both are in the news on the same day making statements that will lead to a greater acceptance of homosexual behavior among Christians? Very cunning are the words of these men as they make it appear that judging is an evil thing to be avoided.

Pat Robertson

"It's not for you to decide or to judge."

Pope Francis

"Who am I to judge a gay person of goodwill who seeks the Lord?"

In the recent video I posted, I shared that judging is not restricted to declaring something to be evil. We are also judging when we say something is acceptable. Pat Robertson was making a judgment when he said that God created some men who are in women's bodies, and some women who are in men's bodies. The absence of any Scriptural justification for this astonishing comment is clearly noted.

There is also a fallacy in the statements of both of these men as it pertains to judging. A Christian is NOT initiating a judgment on their own, they are not "deciding" a matter in their own soul, when they express agreement with Yahweh's words recorded in the Bible. The Christian is not judging the issue. They are only judging that what Yahweh has declared is authoritative and correct. Yahweh is the One who is judging. As Christians, it is our responsibility to accurately share the thoughts, judgments, and reasoning of God with others. Paul stated that we are Christ's "ambassadors." An ambassador does not make policy decisions on his own initiative. He merely represents that policy of the one whom he is representing.

Notice also that the Pope uses the word "gay" rather than "homosexual," or the Biblical term "Sodomite," when speaking. With such subtleties, the abomination of homosexual behavior is diminished. At the same time Christians are encouraged to not "judge" those who are homosexuals, which is a giant step forward to the goal of accepting homosexual behavior as normal.

Perhaps by now, you are feeling somewhat oppressed by the massed weight of opinion, both within and without the church. There is a constant pressure being exerted for mankind, and Christians in particular, to accept homosexuality. At the very least, Satan would silence those who have stood in agreement with Yahweh's condemnation of homo-

Parables Bookshelf

sexual activity. This was accomplished to a large degree when the President of Chick-fil-a made some pro-heterosexual statements in an obscure Baptist periodical a few months back. The firestorm in the media was so intense, and the corporation came under such intense threat, frightening many franchisees, that all Christian executives and leaders of Christian businesses, will hesitate to speak out against homosexuality in the future.

It was reported that the President of Chick-fil-a tweeted a message recently when the Supreme Court ruling was announced overturning the Defense of Marriage Act. The tweet said,

Sad day for our nation; founding fathers would be ashamed of our gen. to abandon wisdom of the ages re: cornerstone of strong societies.

The tweet was removed two hours later. I suspect that some franchisees, and corporate counsel, urged him to remove the statement lest the company once more become a target of the government and media's militant homosexual advocacy. Satan has accomplished his purpose in silencing critics of the homosexual agenda, at least those who can be pressured financially. At the same time, Satan's chief disciples are speaking out boldly. The same day that the above tweet was posted, President Obama tweeted the following:

Today's DOMA ruling is a historic step forward for #MarriageEquality. #LoveIsLove

The hashtag LoveIsLove is a reference to a pro-homosexual campaign.

<http://www.loveislove.com/>

With such a one sided onslaught, many Christians

are succumbing to the pressure. Afraid of being singled out and judged as a "hater," or "homophobic," they are silenced, or worse. Satan's pressure is mounting. It will be unrelenting until the majority in the world and in the church have embraced homosexuality as normal.

Many Christians will cave in to the pressure, thinking it far easier to accept this view than to stand in agreement with Christ. When these pro-homosexual voices reach a critical mass, and the consequences of resisting cannot be avoided, there will be a flood of Christians who shift their position to open acceptance. Many will conclude that since so many Christians are declaring that it is okay to be homosexual, and that it is evil to judge, things will be much easier if they fall in line. Satan will be near at hand to prod the hesitant ones to cross over to this new way of thinking. The folly of doing so will not be realized by many until that hour when they stand before God to give an account of their lives.

Many Christians will cave in to the pressure...

I Corinthians 6:9-11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Yahshua Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

In this first post of this series, I have introduced the subject, and have sought to bring attention to the pressure being exerted through a diversity of

Push Back

sources to alter the church's opinion of homosexuality. In coming posts I will begin to answer the question, "Why does Yahweh condemn homosexuality?"

Push Back - Part Two

Joseph Herrin (07-31-2013)

I am going to begin today's blog post with a video recently released by the United Nations. This two minute video was created to coincide with a worldwide campaign to promote the acceptance and normalization of homosexual behavior. The video is titled *The Riddle* and is part of a campaign that is called *Free and Equal*.

<http://youtu.be/sYFNfW1-sM8>

Satan is a master of deception. His cunning is without equal. Even as he deceived Eve in the Garden, he continues to deceive men and women today. Whether he is persuading one person, or a billion, his methods do not change. He speaks a little truth, and attaches it to a very destructive lie. He pretends to be offering mankind something that will benefit, but it brings only death and judgment.

Satan is a master of deception.

Consider the message of this video. The truth that the video contains is that homosexual behavior is practiced worldwide, in every nation. The whole world lies in the power of the evil one, and sin is an universal condition of the descendants of Adam. "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God."

This video is not lying when it speaks of homosexuality being found throughout all nations of men. The deceit comes in when the question is asked:

"What has existed in every country throughout history, yet is still considered abnormal?"

This question expresses "The Riddle," to which the United Nations claims to provide the answer. Their answer: "Being gay." The U.N., of course, is following Satan's script, for long ago he posed a riddle for mankind when he spoke in the garden.

Genesis 3:1

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, "***Indeed, has God said, 'You shall not eat from any tree of the garden'?***"

It is interesting that Satan would couch his deception in the form of a question. He has done so with this U.N. program, and he did so in the Garden of Eden. The similarities do not end there, however. As in the Garden, Satan is presenting his deception in an attractive manner. We are told that the fruit in the Garden of Eden was "pleasant to the eyes, and desirable to make one wise." Similarly, we find that the message and the speakers in this video are presented in an appealing manner. Most of the speakers are physically attractive. Some were chosen to evince sympathy, or to appeal to the minds of men and women, in a non-sensual manner.

The video begins with a young woman. She has an appearance of innocence. She has an unblemished complexion, and is standing silently. When she speaks, she does so in a soft voice, with an expression intended to elicit sympathy. The following speakers maintain this soft voice, for the video is

Parables Bookshelf

intended to express a view of homosexuals as a persecuted group of innocent victims who deserve the sympathy and support of all mankind.

If a person were to visit a Gay Pride parade in Chicago, New York, San Francisco, or other cities across the United States and the world, they would find a very different image of homosexuals. If they were to attend the Southern Decadence homosexual festival in New Orleans, they would see a far more debauched, raucous, and prideful image of homosexuals. If one were to observe the antics of pro-homosexual groups such as ACT-UP, peruse the pages of a “gay” magazine, or visit a gay nightclub, they would not find much evidence of humility, modesty, or anything resembling a wholesome image. The words “innocent,” “shy,” “respectful,” and “modest” may come to mind as one views this U.N. video, but these words are not typically used to describe the lives of homosexuals when they gather together in groups.

Not all homosexuals are loud, outspoken, arrogant, exhibitionists. Some lead quiet lives of reserve. Some remain in a long-term relationship with a partner, but such lives are the exception, rather than the rule. The homosexual community is renowned for its promiscuity, and its overt hedonism.

A much-cited study by Bell and Weinberg (1978), published by the Kinsey Institute, and often called the most ambitious study of homosexuality ever attempted, gathered its data before the AIDS crisis had begun. This study showed that 28 percent of homosexual males had had sexual encounters with one thousand or more partners. Furthermore, 79 percent said more than half of their sex partners were strangers. Only 1 percent of the sexually active men had had fewer than five lifetime partners. The authors concede: “Little credence can be given to the supposition that homosexual men’s ‘promiscuity’ has been overestimated”

(p.82). “Almost half of the white homosexual males...said that they had had at least 500 different sexual partners during the course of their homosexual careers,” (p. 85)...

William Aaron’s autobiographical book “Straight” draws similar conclusions:

In the gay life, fidelity is almost impossible. Since part of the compulsion of homosexuality seems to be a need on the part of the homophile to “absorb” masculinity from his sexual partners, he must be constantly on the lookout for [new partners]. Constantly the most successful homophile “marriages” are those where there is an agreement between the two to have affairs on the side while maintaining the semblance of permanence in their living arrangement. [p. 208]

He concludes:

Gay life is most typical and works best when sexual contacts are impersonal and even anonymous. As a group the homosexuals I have known seem far more preoccupied with sex than heterosexuals are, and far more likely to think of a good sex life as many partners under many exciting circumstances. [p.209]

[Source: <http://josephnicolosi.com/an-open-secret-the-truth-about/>]



Push Back

Christians may wonder why there is such a strong push to make homosexual marriage legal if there is so little fidelity among them. Certainly some of the interest is pecuniary, for with the legalization of homosexual marriage will come various “family” benefits, such as health insurance coverage, survivor benefits, and tax credits. Legalizing homosexual marriage will also make it easier for homosexuals to adopt children. Relatively few homosexuals are interested in marriage for the sake of fidelity to a partner. Dr. Nicolosi shares the following information.

In one recent study of gay male couples, 41.3% had open sexual agreements with some conditions or restrictions, and 10% had open sexual agreements with no restrictions on sex with outside partners.

Satan is no friend of man.

One-fifth of participants (21.9%) reported breaking their agreement in the preceding 12 months, and 13.2% of the sample reported having unprotected anal

intercourse in the preceding three months with an outside partner of unknown or discordant HIV-status (1).

*This study follows the classic research of McWhirter and Mattison, reported in *The Male Couple* (1984), which found that not a single male pair was able to maintain fidelity in their relationship for more than five years. Outside affairs, the researchers found, were not damaging to the relationship’s endurance, but were in fact essential to it. “The single most important factor that keeps couples together past the ten-year mark is the lack of possessiveness they feel,” says the authors (p. 256)...*

With the exception of the pioneering work of Warren (1974), for many years, little attention was

*given to long term gay relationships. When McWhirter and Mattison published *The Male Couple* in 1984, their study was undertaken to disprove the reputation that gay male relationships do not last. The authors themselves were a homosexual couple, one a psychiatrist, the other a psychologist. After much searching they were able to locate 156 male couples in relationships that had lasted from 1 to 37 years. Two-thirds of the respondents had entered the relationship with either the implicit or the explicit expectation of sexual fidelity.*

The results of their study show that of those 156 couples, only seven had been able to maintain sexual fidelity. Furthermore, of those seven couples, none had been together more than 5 years. In other words, the researchers were unable to find a single male couple that was able to maintain sexual fidelity for more than five years. They reported:

The expectation for outside sexual activity was the rule for male couples and the exception for heterosexuals. Heterosexual couples lived with some expectation that their relationships were to last “until death do us part,” whereas gay couples wondered if their relationships could survive. (p.3)

[Source: <http://josephnicolosi.com/an-open-secret-the-truth-about/>]

Satan’s goals in legalizing homosexual marriage have nothing to do with defending the “rights” of a minority group. Satan is no friend of man. His purpose is to destroy, or defile, everything Yahweh ordained to be holy. This defilement includes all of mankind, and the institutions that govern family life and communal living. Satan wants to transform society’s perception of marriage as an institution. Making homosexual marriage between two men, or two women legal, is just one more step to a larger goal of redefining marriage. The sanctity of the marriage covenant has been under attack for a long time as divorce has become increasingly common.

Parables Bookshelf

With the legalization of homosexual unions the destruction of the societal conception of marriage will be nearly complete. The article previously cited includes the following statement.

Michelangelo Signorile describes the campaign “to fight for same-sex marriage and its benefits and then, once granted, redefine the institution completely--to demand the right to marry not as a way of adhering to society’s moral codes, but rather to debunk a myth and radically alter an archaic institution.” (1974, p 3).

[Source: *ibid*]

Returning to the U.N. campaign to promote and normalize homosexuality throughout the world, we see many evidences of thought shaping. Language employed is key. Homosexuals, whom the Bible refers to as “Sodomites,” or “abusers of themselves with mankind,” are referred to as “gay.” The adoption of the word “gay” to describe homosexual behavior was a shrewd triumph for Satan. The English word “gay” traditionally meant “having or showing a merry, lively mood.” A secondary meaning was “bright or showy, as in *gay* colors.” Lively music was described as “gay.” Synonyms for the word include “cheerful, gleeful, happy, glad, cheery, lighthearted, joyous, sunny, and lively.”

Despite the fact that a great deal of homosexual behavior occurs in darkened clubs, hidden away from the light of day and the light of public scrutiny, it has become associated with a word that means “light,” or “sunny.” Despite the happy and upbeat connotations of the term “gay,” homosexuals experience far greater incidence of depression and suicide than heterosexuals.

An unusual prevalence of suicide attempts and ideation among homosexual persons has surfaced repeatedly as an incidental finding in studies on

human sexuality. Forty percent of 5000 homosexual men and women who were surveyed by Jay and Young seriously considered or attempted suicide. Bell and Weinberg found that 1000 black and white homosexual men were, respectively, 12 and 3 times more likely than heterosexual men to report suicidal ideation or attempts...

In two different studies of homosexual and bisexual adolescents, one third of boys reported attempts, and repeated attempts were common...

The Report of the Secretary’s Task Force on Youth Suicide projected that gay adolescents were two to three times more likely than their peers to attempt suicide, accounting for as many as 30% of completed suicides each year.

[Source:

<http://yapmn.com/pubs/Risk%20factors%20for%20attempted%20suicide1991.pdf>]

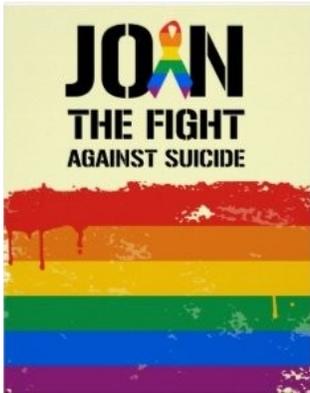
Far from being “gay,” there is great evidence to demonstrate that homosexuals experience much greater incidence of depression and thoughts of ending their lives, than non-homosexuals. This is not a surprising finding when one considers that Satan is behind the homosexual agenda and he comes only to kill, steal, and destroy.

*homosexuals experience
much greater incidence of
depression*

Marketing is king for Satan and his disciples, when it comes to selling a product, an idea, or a lifestyle. Satan has masterfully crafted a publicity campaign to make the homosexual lifestyle appear attractive. The word “gay” was carefully chosen to evoke a positive, lively image in the minds of men, women, and adolescents. The reality is that homosexual be-

Push Back

havior leads to extremely higher occurrences of depression. To refer to the homosexual lifestyle as “despondent,” “depressed,” or “sad” would have been more accurate if one were pursuing truth in labeling, but it would have made the lifestyle harder to sell.



Campaign to Fight Gay Suicide

The image above reveals another aspect of Satan’s marketing prowess. He has chosen the rainbow as the symbol of the homosexual community. The rainbow was created by God as a symbol of promise and of new life, after the flood of Noah’s day had cut off wicked men and women from the earth. Satan has transformed this symbol into an image that promotes the same type of wickedness that has so often elicited God’s wrath. Satan is intent on re-defining everything Yahweh declares holy as something unholy, and calling that which is evil good. A further example of this is the association of the word “Pride” with celebrations of the homosexual lifestyle.



Satan has taken pride, an attribute of sinful man that Yahweh deplores, and has transformed it into a virtue in the eyes of the world.

Proverbs 8:13

The fear of Yahweh is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way, and the perverted mouth, I hate.

Proverbs 11:2

When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.

Proverbs 16:18-19

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall. It is better to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

Proverbs 29:23

A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.

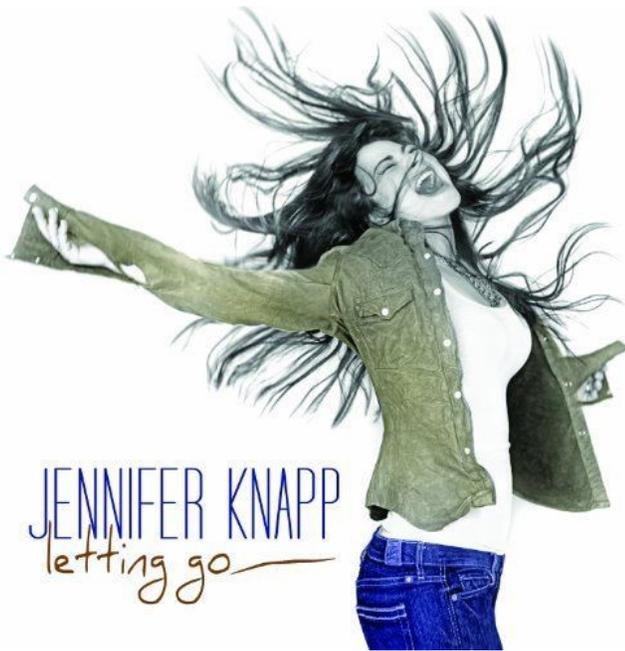
Mark 7:20-23

And [Yahshua] was saying, "That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, *pride* and foolishness. All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man."

This is the twisted, upside down world Satan has fashioned. He calls evil good. He makes a virtue out of that which Yahweh detests. He deceives men and women, enticing them to commit unnatural, and debased acts, convincing them that he is seeking their welfare, promoting their liberty, and pro-

Parables Bookshelf

protecting their freedoms. Satan lies as he tells humanity that following their unrestrained sexual desires will make them “gay” when in fact it leads to misery. When Jennifer Knapp came out with a new album after she revealed openly and unrepentantly that she was in a lesbian relationship, it seemed fitting that she titled it “Letting Go.”



Satan tells mankind that it is wrong to repress their fleshly desires and passions. He urges them to be true to themselves, and to let all inhibitions go. Christ declares that the way to life is very different.

Galatians 5:24-25

Now those who belong to Christ Yahshua have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Satan says, “Let go of your inhibitions. Give in to your fleshly passions.” Yahshua says, “Walk by the Spirit and put the passions of the flesh to death. Do not let sin reign in your mortal body.”

The U.N., as an instrument of Satan, is not the

friend of humanity that it pretends to be. It promotes values that are destructive. It is well known that the homosexual community is ravaged by the disease known as AIDS. AIDS was first recognized in 1981 and since then has killed more than 30 million people. It is estimated that another 34 million people are currently infected with HIV/AIDS, and they could eventually die from it. AIDS is primarily transmitted through unprotected sex. Statistics show that in 2009, 64% of all new cases of AIDS in the United States were the result of men having intercourse with other men. The incidence of AIDS is lowest in the Middle East and North Africa at 0.1% or less. Not coincidentally, these are Islamic countries where homosexuality is punishable by death.

The hypocrisy of the U.N. is revealed in that it refuses to combat AIDS by the most sure means, which is to advocate for men and women to abstain from homosexual behavior, or promiscuous heterosexual intercourse. The Bible reveals a direct link between sexual behavior that Yahweh declares to be immoral, and the destruction of the body.

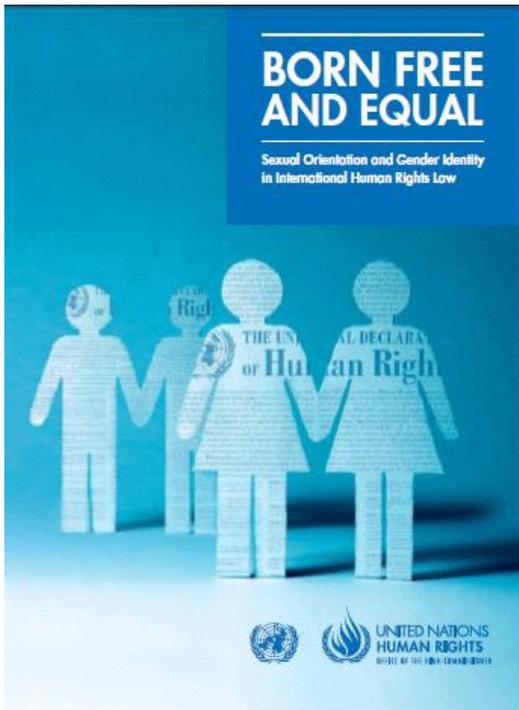
Romans 1:26-27

Their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own bodies the due penalty of their error.

I Corinthians 3:16-17

Do you not know that you are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.

Push Back



U.N. Campaign

Satan is a master of deception. He has arrayed an unhealthy and immoral lifestyle in the garments of respectability and wholesomeness. By means of cunning arguments, and clever deceptions, he has deceived the masses. The Scriptures describe Satan as “the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, **who deceives the whole world**” (Revelation 12:9).

Consider the subtlety employed in the question, “*What has existed in every country throughout history, yet is still considered abnormal?*” The inference contained in this question is that if something is common it must be normal. This is a logical fallacy, but Satan knows that most people will not perceive his deceit.

Rapists exist in all nations of the world, but

people would not describe the act of rape as “normal” behavior. The same could be said of murder, theft, pedophilia, and a host of other behaviors. The existence of a thing, even when it is common, does not make it “normal.” Due to the sinful condition of all mankind, we find that all types of deviant, and immoral behavior are common, but they should not be considered “normal.”

The U.N. has immense resources available to promote their anti-Christian worldview and homosexual agenda. The media, private organizations, and national governments, especially the United States, are also investing immense resources as they seek to indoctrinate the world population with a pro-homosexual view. The following statement can be found on the U.N. website.

‘Free & Equal,’ a year-long effort by the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) and partners launched today in Cape Town, South Africa, focuses on the need for both legal reforms and public education to counter homophobia and transphobia.

This paragraph reveals another cunning ploy by the adversary of mankind. Not only has he chosen the positive word “gay” as a reference to homosexual behavior, but he has coined the word “homophobia” to refer to those who declare same sex relationships to be immoral. The word homophobia is comprised of two parts. “Homo” means “the same.” “Phobia” means “fear.” In essence, the word homophobia describes someone who fears homosexuals.

Parables Bookshelf

The Bible describes Satan as cunning for good reason. By describing those opposed to homosexual behavior in this way, Satan makes it appear as if these ones have an irrational fear. It can be compared to hydrophobia (fear of water), or agoraphobia (fear of being in open places, or crowds). This eventually gives those who are opposed to homosexuality a way out. They can say they merely had a mental sickness, but they have been cured. This word also mischaracterizes the true thoughts of those opposed to homosexuality.

I am not afraid of homosexuality. I am not homophobic. I am unable to embrace homosexual behavior as normal because Yahweh says it is not normal. He has defined it as sinful, deviant behavior. I am doing no more than agreeing with God. Nor do I hate, or have enmity, toward those who are practicing homosexuality. I desire their welfare. I wish to see them set free from bondage to sin. I desire that they might know what it is to walk in purity and holiness, with a clean conscience before God.

The *Free and Equal* campaign focuses on legal reforms and public education. The legal reforms will eventually lead to the enactment of laws where any criticism of homosexuality will be declared a hate crime. This week, Senator Ted Cruz of Texas stated the following in an interview on the Christian Broadcasting Network.

“If you look at other nations that have gone down the road towards gay marriage, that’s the next step of where it gets enforced,” Cruz agreed. “It gets enforced against Christian pastors who decline to perform gay marriages,

who speak out and preach biblical truths on marriage, that has been defined elsewhere as hate speech, as inconsistent with the enlightened view of government.”

“I think there is no doubt that the advocates who are driving this effort in the United States want to see us end up in that same place.”

[Source:

<http://www.rawstory.com/rs/2013/07/23/cruz-gay-marriage-leads-to-christianity-being-defined-as-hate-speech/>]

When the U.N. calls for further “public education” on the subject of homosexuality, they are actually referring to indoctrination and thought control. Already, if a person in government employment, or a large number of politically correct corporations, speaks out against homosexual behavior, they are subject to be required to attend sensitivity training classes, or could be terminated. It matters not if the person’s religious beliefs declare same sex relationships to be immoral. On the U.N. website is found the following statement.

*Ms. Pillay (UN High Commissioner for Human Rights) underlined that “the balance between tradition and culture, on the one hand, and universal human rights, on the other, must be struck in favour of rights,” adding that “no personal opinion, **no religious belief, no matter how deeply held or widely shared**, can ever justify depriving another human being of his or her basic rights.”*

This is a masterfully deceptive statement. In

Push Back

speaking about “the balance” between religious belief and whatever the UN declares to be a human right, they declare that the UN will always be favored. This is not balance. It is imbalance. Who decides what is a human right? Yahweh would say that it is a human right for a baby to be safe in its mother’s womb. The U.N. says it is the mother’s right to terminate the life of the baby growing within her. Yahweh states that homosexuality is evil behavior. The U.N. says it is a protected lifestyle, while encouraging people everywhere to embrace it. The following statement by the U.N.’s Secretary General, is found on their website:

“To those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender, let me say: You are not alone. Your struggle for an end to violence and discrimination is a shared struggle. Any attack on you is an attack on the universal values of the United Nations that I have sworn to defend and uphold.”

[Secretary General Ban Ki-moon]

From whence do these “universal values” derive? They are not rights established by the Creator. The right to practice homosexuality as a protected lifestyle is inspired by Satan, and adopted by his disciples. That the United Nations is at variance with Yahweh, and in open rebellion against Him, is revealed in the words spoken at the kick-off of the *Free and Equal* campaign. South African Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu was invited to speak at the launch of this campaign. He stated:



Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu

“I would refuse to go to a homophobic heaven,” declared the high-profile black African leader... “No, I would say sorry — I mean, I would much rather go to the other place,” he said. Tutu added for emphasis, “I would not worship a God who is homophobic and that is how deeply I feel about this.”

[Source:

<http://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/faith-and-morals/item/16117-south-africa-s-desmond-tutu-says-he-wouldn-t-worship-homophobic-god>]

This apostate Archbishop is vividly manifesting the PRIDE of the homosexual movement. He has set his throne above that of God. He would overrule the Creator, calling the Holy One unjust and unrighteous in His judgments.

Brothers and sisters, neither Satan, nor his human disciples, will relent on this matter. They will continue to press forward with their homosexual agenda until it is accepted by every nation on earth. Any criticism of homosexuality will be declared a criminal offense. To agree

Parables Bookshelf

with Yahweh that homosexuality is an abomination will be characterized as a hate crime. An hour is near at hand when the words of Yahshua will be realized.

Luke 21:16-19

“But you will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death, and you will be hated by all on account of My name. Yet not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your lives.”

As disciples of Christ we must recognize that we are not wrestling against flesh and blood. Mankind's true adversaries are spiritual forces of wickedness in high places. Many have been taken captive through deceit to do Satan's will. Yahweh will judge. While we have light we must speak the truth, seeking to deliver some from the bondage of sin and Satan.

Heart4God/Parables



Bringing hidden things to light...

Parables Bookshelf

P.O. Box 804

Montezuma, GA 31063

Websites:

Parables

www.heart4god.ws

Parables Blog

www.parablesblog.blogspot.com

Heart4God/Parables
P.O. Box 804
Montezuma, GA 31063

«AddressBlock»

Parables Bookshelf — Series 1.17.1

PARABLES PRECEPT— The Significance of Numbers



In the Bible, one of the meanings conveyed by the number 100 is that of fullness and abundance. We observe this in the following words of Christ.

Matthew 13:8

"And other (seed) fell on the good soil, and yielded a crop, some a **hundredfold**, some sixty, and some thirty."

Note that a 100 fold increase is used to denote the greatest fruitful-

ness. We see this number related to fruitfulness in other passages of Scripture.

Genesis 21:5

Now Abraham was one **hundred years old** when his son Isaac was born to him.

Isaac was the promised seed of Abraham through whom the nation of Israel would come. Not much further in the same narrative we read that Isaac planted seed and reaped 100 fold.

Genesis 26:12

Now Isaac sowed in that land, and reaped in the same year a hundred-

fold. And Yahweh blessed him...

We see then the number 100 being linked to fullness, abundance, and blessing as it is in the final verse I will share below.

Isaiah 65:20

"No longer will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days, Or an old man who does not live out his days; For the youth will die at the age of one hundred and the one who does not reach the age of one hundred shall be thought accursed.

Do you see the link? Obtaining to 100 is equated to blessing. Falling short of it is to be accursed.