

Kacer's Korner

"The Never-Ending War: Prop 8"

Anyone thinking the war over marriage in California has been resolved by the passage of the Marriage Protection Amendment (Proposition 8) is sadly mistaken. This vote was one battle in a long war to stop the total society-wide normalizing of same-sex attraction and homosexual behavior. Fundamentally spiritual in nature, this battle will continue until homosexuality is once more recognized for what it is – a destructive lifestyle that is repulsive, unnatural, and contrary to reason. How important is this war? The rage throughout the homosexual community towards those who supported Prop 8 shows just how deep this “setback” has been for them, and how much they think is at stake.

Let me be clear, I don't hate homosexuals, and I'm not “homophobic”. I believe those who pursue same-sex attraction lifestyles need our compassion and the saving grace of Jesus Christ, just like anyone else in bondage to sinful desires (1 Cor 6:9-11). Because I believe this, it's no accident that I, along with the rest of the Christian community, are targets of the homosexual activist's hatred since the election. When spiritual darkness is confronted, it will always fight back with irrational hatred, showing the marriage battle is not the end of the story. The ultimate use of redefining marriage and giving special rights to homosexual couples is the creation of a legal wedge to further alienate, denigrate and make irrelevant the Christian witness, as has been demonstrated in other parts of the nation and the world. California whether we like it or not is ground zero in this moral battlefield, with implications far beyond California's borders. Think about it – 29 other states have passed Constitutional amendments protecting marriage, but it was California's decision that resulted in protest marches, assaults, churches being vandalized and property destroyed, death threats, business boycotts, and demonstrations of irrational hatred not only in California but in many parts of the country. With that said, let's assess the situation.

First – the good news. The Lord was very merciful to us throughout this, the largest grassroots social issue campaign in US history. Not only did it cut across all ethnic and faith communities, the threat to religious liberties got the attention of countless pastors. Through the brilliant leadership of the protectmarriage.com coalition, over 100,000 precinct walkers, upwards of \$40 million, and tireless efforts by Christian leaders and organizations across the state were organized, energized and focused. Proposition 8 was a major setback to the homosexual agenda and a repudiation of the shameful California Supreme Court decision granting same-sex marriage “rights” earlier in the year. The most liberal state in the union, fed by an extremely biased and deceptive media, led by an antagonistic governor, and infused with massive financial resources, could not defeat Prop 8!

Next – the bad news. The Governor shamefully refuses to fulfill his oath to the State Constitution and the people of California by actively lobbying to overturn the people’s decision in the courts and refusing to condemn acts of violence and anarchy perpetrated by radical homosexuals to intimidate law-abiding citizens. His cowardice is shameful and should be denounced. Next, the media will use any instance, no matter how insignificant, to try and discredit the vast majority of Californians that support traditional marriage. This is a blatant attempt to overturn the will of the people and foster hatred of the faith community. Sad to say, many Christian churches have bought the lie, and have walked away from God’s only revealed, sufficient, inerrant truth for the body of Christ – the Bible. By denying its clear and explicit teaching about homosexuality in both the Old and New Testaments (Gen 18; 19; Lev 18; Romans 1; etc.), unnatural sexual appetites are encouraged and un-wittedly forced upon others as somehow being a gift from God. With so many church leaders compromised, this should serve as a wakeup call about the general spiritual health of the larger Christian community.

Finally, what can we do? First, pray that the legal challenges to Prop 8 are not successful and that the California Supreme Court will fulfill its duty to uphold the people’s will. Second, if your church wasn’t engaged in the Prop 8 battle, ask your pastor on what Biblical basis it was ignored. If this issue was not important enough, what would be? If, however, your church was against Prop 8 – I suggest you study the scriptures yourself - God’s truths are plain for anyone to read and understand (2 Tim 3:16-17). When we come into contact with those that hate righteousness (Isa 5:20; Psalm 52:3), or denigrate Christians or profane Christ’s name, gently stand up for the honor our Lord and God deserves. Finally, for those trapped in the homosexual lifestyle, show compassion, and remember this sin like every other one can be broken by the power of Christ (1 Cor 6:9-11).

Last, continue to fight the good fight, not with the weapons of the world (1 Cor 10:3-5), but with truth, gentleness, and a conviction that God will grant his mercy upon us all, that Biblical truths will be restored to the public arena, and that the body of Christ will be purified and strengthened through these battles.

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