## "Judicial Shame"<sup>1</sup>

The shock and revulsion throughout California and the evangelical community as a result of the California Supreme Court decision overturning Proposition 22 was palpable and quick. Why this strong of a reaction? Because the Court not only threw out an initiative approved by over 4 million voters to recognize marriage as "between a man and a woman", it also legitimized counterfeit same-sex marriage. Make no mistake about it, by normalizing and mainstreaming sexual perversion and deviancy, the entire understanding of marriage has been made into a mockery. Legal battles are already being formulated to justify polygamy, adult-child sex and incest. Can bestiality and necrophilia be far behind? Will these "preferences" also be found to be a protected Constitutional right? Does anyone truly believe the effects of this shameful decision will stop with the applying of a "marriage" label to what conscience recognizes is a repulsive and destructive lifestyle?

The justices that rejected what every culture and major religion throughout history has recognized as necessary and virtuous have brought shame upon themselves and California. By judicial fiat they've arrogantly usurped legislative authority reserved for our elected representatives and the people. As a result, they no longer deserve the honor and respect due to their office and should either resign in disgrace or be impeached.

The reaction of the Governor is no less shameful. By saying the nuances of Constitutional law must be interpreted for people since they can't understand it by themselves, he not only shows a morally bankrupt conscience that can't distinguish between good and evil, but he displays a condescending attitude towards all who respect moral virtue. This is consistent, however, with his approval of numerous pieces of egregious legislation that promote moral darkness in our public schools (e.g. SB 777) and silence any open, objective consideration of this unnatural sexual appetite.

Make no mistake about it, the California Supreme Court decision was preceded by countless legislative acts that have incrementally worked to "legitimize" a lifestyle that objective research shows leads to destructive health risks, shortened life spans, psychological injury, high rates of pedophilia, and the damaging of children brought within its sphere of influence.

Many in the legislature, the Governor, and now our Supreme Court justices have shown they are professional advocates of moral evil. They deserve to be publicly shunned for their role in sentencing countless numbers of people to a future life of disease, mental and emotional damage and ultimately hopeless death.

Homosexuals should receive our pity, compassion, and the gospel, but their sexual predilections should never receive our approval. Like any other sin, this bondage can be broken by the power of Christ (1 Cor 6:9-11), but the complicity of our government to openly and forcefully promote this sin creates a much more difficult environment to address the root cause.

I have to ask, where is the active Christian influence to reverse this tide? Where are the pastors that should have been the watchmen on the wall proclaiming God's clear truth to the body of Christ and to the dying world around us over the last decade? Have we gone from actively resisting the Devil (James 4:7) to fleeing from him? If we think this court decision will not affect our places of worship, think again. Darkness will never stand for any light of truth to remain.

This court decision is a clarion call for us to employ the weapons at our disposal. The first is prayer. Pray for all those in authority over us that they would see the destructiveness of their decisions and be moved to correct them. Pray that righteous leaders would be raised up to lead God's people in correcting this wrong no matter how long it takes. Second, financially support this November's ballot Proposition that would change the state Constitution to recognize marriage as only between a man and a woman (e.g. www.protectmarriage.com). Third, inform and influence our families, friends, neighbors and acquaintances of the destructiveness of the homosexual lifestyle and the consequences of this Supreme Court decision (see www.limandrilaw.com and www.wclplaw.org under "resources"). And finally, work with your pastors to develop long-term outreach programs for those trapped in the "gay" lifestyle. The gospel is a free offer of eternal life and a life from bondage to sin, may we be faithful in delivering this message and may the Lord grant His mercy on those that need to hear it.

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