

### Topical Series on Revival – Part V

‘Asa experienced a revival when homosexuality was banned.’

**I Kings 15:9 – 14; Key verse 12 –**

“**And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.**”

**Intro:** We are living in a generation in which the evidence of moral decay exists all around us including places it seldom existed. It is one thing to understand that the world at large lacks the moral and spiritual insight to know why idolatry, and all the things that develop around idolatry. Exists. God is the creator of all that exist and everything He created was created to \_\_\_\_\_ in a specific manor; everything has an originally stated \_\_\_\_\_. When God looked over all that He had create He stated – “**And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.**” – **Genesis 1:31.** This ‘good’ covers, from God’s perspective as being, pleasant, agreeable, moral and ethically right, therefore man was created so that initially God was able to \_\_\_\_\_ with man and man with God –

1. **Genesis 2:15 – 25**, God spoke to them and gave \_\_\_\_\_.
2. **Genesis 3:8 – 13**, God comes to the garden to fellowship, and there is no reason to assume this wasn’t a frequent event (**Genesis 3:9**), but as the record reveals, there was something \_\_\_\_\_ on this particular visit – **Genesis 3:11**, the sin of disobedience.
3. Sin then became a part of everyone’s life – **Romans 3:23**, sin and disobedience would become prevalent from that day forward, manifesting itself in generation after generation disobeying God and turning away from His Word.

The Word of God means very little if anything to the unsaved, but to those who profess to be saved, God’s Word is the final and absolute authority in all matters of life and faith. It is a spiritual tragedy when those who profess to be saved by faith stand with the world, when the world of the lost takes a position that is an \_\_\_\_\_ to God and His righteousness. And here we stand to day with same sex marriages, openly accepted by the world along with drag queens, openly gay relationships, live in relationships which are all actions and life-styles in opposition to God’s original creative acts. All such acts and positions of disobedience towards God’s standards of holiness and righteousness, is a rejection and a repudiation of God’s intent and purposes for His creation – (**Leviticus 20:7; I Peter 1:15 & 16.**) With this in mind -

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- A. Having said this, God is not suggesting that we \_\_\_\_\_ sinners regardless of how their sin may manifest itself in their lives.
1. Any hatred we may have or hold is be toward the \_\_\_\_ and we are to care enough about their soul to pray for them, seek opportunities to share the Gospel with them, because the Gospel is the only hope and turning point for any and all who are separated from God.
  2. We should remember, that the only unforgivable sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ and when one dies having done so, eternity in hell awaits such who do so.
  3. **Matthew 12:31 & 32**, When Jesus was accused of being a devil, He said a house divided against itself can't stand and then to show the unity of the Godhead -
    - a. Jesus came to make a way for all the lost to come to a saving faith in Christ.
    - b. Christ death and shed blood is able to cleanse all sin regardless of how that sin has manifested itself – **verse 31a & 32a**.
    - c. ‘Blasphemy’ meaning slander or injurious speech which in this case is to the Holy Spirit and His ministry which is ultimately to see that \_\_\_\_\_ is glorified as the only means by which the lost can be saved and the Redeemed live a life pleasing to God. (**John 16:12 – 15**)
    - d. To slander the Holy Spirit is to seek to \_\_\_\_\_ the person of the Holy Spirit and His mission of magnifying Christ, the only hope of a lost and darkened world of sin, and the spiritual growth of the Redeemed.
- B. Wherever idolatry flourishes that society will \_\_\_\_\_ morally and all manner of sin will Surface, and when it becomes accepted by the overall population, they are doomed to destruction from within.
1. Homosexuality is an \_\_\_\_\_ to God’s purpose for which He created man and a woman – (**Genesis 1:28; Malachi 2:15** – ‘treacherously = faithless, unfaithful)
  2. **Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:25 – 32**, and verse 22 is where we are today when it says, “but have pleasure in them that do them.” (Pleasure meaning to be pleased)
  3. There can be no question about the fact that homosexuality as a lifestyle is openly \_\_\_\_\_ as it is being pushed in TV shows, movies, sports and in what one might loosely call a church or denomination when God clearly says it is a sin, even an abomination. (**I Corinthians 6:9 – 10; I Timothy 1:9 – 10; Galatians 5:19 – 21**)
- C. So what is our responsibility in this matter?
1. To not encourage this by condoning the act of homosexuality and if given the opportunity, share the Gospel of hope and change – God loves them, but not what they do, which is true of all the lost! We are not their judges, God is!
  2. Pray for them, that their eyes will be opened to the truth that Christ died to deliver them as He did for you and I. Someone prayed for you to see the truth.
  3. They need, as do all the lost, to know that we genuinely care about their eternal destiny.