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What Does God's Word Say About...

God's Laws vs. Man's Laws

In the Old Testament Persian political leaders conspired against Daniel by persuading King Darius to forbid prayer, to any god, for 30 days (Daniel 6:1-9). Daniel's response to this wicked law was to go home, to his upper room, with his windows opened toward Jerusalem, and knelt down three times that day praying and giving thanks to his God (Dan. 6:10). Even though the law clearly promised death for this (Dan. 6:7), that did not stop Daniel. He recognized that it was more important to obey God than to follow the ungodly schemes of men.

After Jesus rose from the grave, two apostles, Peter and John, were preaching Jesus in Jerusalem. Rulers and elders, and men of high-priestly decent, warned them not to speak any longer about Jesus. "But Peter and John answered and said to them, 'Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard' ", (Acts 4:19,20).

In June 2015 the United States Supreme Court issued a ruling focusing on whether homosexuals have the legal right to marry, and whether states whose legislatures have passed laws banning homosexual marriages must recognize marriages from states that allow it. They ruled that all states must now recognize a marriage license issued by any other state.

One day soon it may be that preaching against homosexuality may be criminalized in this nation. Our children in public schools will face growing indoctrination aimed at viewing this behavior as "normal." Christians will be called "homophobes" and "hate-mongers."

One thing that can be certain is that God's word has not changed when it defines marriage in God's eyes. In the beginning, God defined a marriage relationship as being between a "MAN" who leaves "HIS father and mother" and becomes joined "TO HIS WIFE" (Gen. 2:24).

The Law of Moses commanded, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman, it is an abomination," (Lev. 18:22). God hates this behavior and considered it punishable by death (Lev. 20:13). In the New Testament it is also condemned. "Homosexuals" and "sodomites" are included in a list of those who "will not inherit the kingdom of God," (1 Cor. 6:8-10).

A unique thing about the marriage covenant is that God actually joins two people together who have the right to marry (Mal. 2:14). For those who have the right to make such a covenant it is God who can "make them one," (Mal. 2:15) It is because of this fact that Jesus teaches "what God has joined together, let not man separate," (Matt. 19:6). God never joins two people in any unlawful union! Christians should not ignore the sinful actions of ungodly political leaders. Paul warned long ago that, "evil men and imposters will grow worse and worse," (2 Tim. 3:13). We, like Daniel, must not hide, or keep silent, but continue to worship and proclaim our God to a wicked and dying world.

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