

A Malicious Agenda

by Wayne Goff

Angelic visitors to Sodom and Gomorrah found out how immoral and malicious the cities were toward the morally innocent and godly. Today, the homosexual agenda is maliciously trying to destroy every vestige of religious privilege we have in this country.

Sodom

"Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally" (Gen. 19:4-5). God had sent the angelic messengers to Sodom to see what the citizens would do. The wicked men of Sodom, both young and old, tried to force themselves sexually upon the new visitors in Lot's house. Nothing would appease their sexual appetite, not even the offer of Lot's two daughters instead (v. 8). As the men of the city tried to break down Lot's door, the angels struck blind the men of the city, and so escaped. The cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by fire and brimstone because God could not find even ten righteous people in those cities (Gen. 18:33).

A valuable lesson about **wickedness** is that it cannot dwell peacefully with **righteousness**, and will attempt to destroy it when in a position to do so. The apostle Paul explained this mind set in Romans 1 when he wrote: *"who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them"* (v. 32). I suppose it is the contrary nature of good versus evil that causes such to be the case.

The Christian's Duty

Christians are taught, however, to *"have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light"* (Eph. 5:11-13). It is not the duty of Christians to **hate** the sinner, but to **hate sin** and to expose its inherent evil to those who might listen.

Houston's Mayor

Now it has come to the attention that the lesbian mayor of Houston, Texas, has **ordered** the preachers in that city to send her any material they might have about her or the subject of homosexuality. She has threatened to have them subpoenaed if they do not do so. She apparently intends to silence the religious people who oppose her lifestyle, even if it means violating their rights in doing so.

I hope and pray that this is **not** allowed, because if it is, then it is the beginning of the end of our religious freedoms in this country! We have been blessed for so many years with true religious freedom in America. Now we may be asked to stand up for truth in the face of persecution. It has often been the case in the world that God-fearing men have suffered much at the hands of unbelievers. *"But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter"* (1 Pet. 4:15-16). It has been said that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church. Perhaps a little persecution will awaken the sleeping religious giant in this country. We will see.