## Opposing the Perverse!

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No sooner have the politically left-leaning crowd shoved homosexuality and it's so-called "marriage" down our throats, then they add to it the transgender sexual perversion. It is good for us to understand what God says about these things, and to realize that man cannot change God's laws. "...The unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God. Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Cor. 6:9-10).

## Homosexuals & Sodomites

Notice particularly the two terms "homosexuals" (malakos) and "sodomites" (arsenokoitēs). The Greek term for homosexuals is translated in the **KJV** as "effeminate." Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon describes this word as being used "metaphorically, and in a bad sense: effeminate, of a catamite, a male who submits his body to unnatural lewdness, 1 Cor. 6:9)." The Greek term for sodomites is translated in the **KJV** as "abusers of themselves with mankind." The plain meaning of the word is given in Mounce's Greek Dictionary: "a male engaging in same-gender sexual activity, a sodomite, pedarast, 1 Cor. 6:9; 1 Tim. 1:10."

It is a horrible commentary on society when Christians have to study these two words carefully to understand the meaning. But these perverted practices are being flaunted across America under the guise of "civil rights" and the lie of "being born that way." Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ said through His apostles that we should not be deceived! Those who practice these things will **not** inherit the kingdom of God! There is nothing man can do about it, either as individuals, interest groups, or a nation! The danger for Christians is that they might begin **believing** the things being promoted so strenuously by the media! But Jesus Christ affirmed that heaven and earth may pass away, but His Word shall not pass away! (Matt. 24:35).

## Transgender

So what about the transgender crowd, the new darling of the left-wingers? The thought is foreign to Godfearing Christians, but the English dictionary explains that these people are those "whose self-identity does not conform unambiguously to conventional notions of male or female gender." In simple terms, it refers to those who believe that while they may have been born male or female, they do not accept this assigned sex, identity, and expression. Thus, a male might try to dress, act and think like a female, and vice versa. Moreover, this term today is broadly used to include those who also claim to be **bigender** (both genders, depending on the situation), **pangender** (all genders), or **agender** (no gender)! It should be obvious to the casual reader that some people are spending far too much time considering that which is sinful and perverted. And I am equally sure that such a comment will be viewed by the immoral crowd who promotes it as unkind and insensitive. But we must pose the question to our country: "When and where will all this stop?!" Do you know of another country so perverse and arrogant as to allow the uncontrolled practice of all these things? God will surely judge this nation if it does not repent.

In the Old Testament, God proclaimed "A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the Lord your God" (Deut. 22:5). And while I do not know of a similar passage in the New Testament, I am quite sure that God considers such behavior today as equally abominable. The intermixing of gender identity is so foreign to the New Testament that we see nothing favoring it. Young people, do not get carried away with modern perversions. By the way, the one word that appears most often in the Bible that begins with the prefix *trans*- is **TRANSGRESSION**!

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