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Studies have shown that people in general are becoming more and more dishonest, while rationalizing to condone it. It is difficult to find honest and trustworthy managers and employees -- people who will work diligently and honestly. Theft by employees is a major problem. Shoplifting by the public is a major problem. Graft, embezzlement, and extortion in the business world and in the use of government funds is monstrous. Many people will exaggerate and lie on their job resumes. Many students will admit that they cheat on school assignments and in examinations and think it all right.

Traffic laws are more and more openly flaunted. Have you noticed how surprised, if not shocked, most clerks are if anyone returns any overpayment at the check-out counter? Are they not saying that most people would not do such a thing?

We are caught up in vain attempts to deal with the bitter fruits, while ignoring the evil tree that has produced them. We are spending much time and money on the symptoms, while doing nothing to cure the diseases. Atheism, rationalism, secular humanism, materialism, hedonism, libertarianism, and a host of other "**isms**" have been at work destroying any vestige of a foundation for ethical standards. Unbelief in regard to God and the authority of God opens the door to the utter decay of morality and the march into immorality. We need to get back to the foundation truths that God is, that the universe is His creation, that man is a creature made in God's image and subject to God's rule, that the Bible is the revelation of God and God's will to man. Man is subject to God and accountable to God. There is coming a day of reckoning and an eternity to face. The words that serve as the heading of this article were the words of Daniel as given in Daniel 2:28. They were spoken without fear or shame to a mighty ruler of a mighty empire. We need to have Daniel's reverence for God and Daniel's commitment to doing the will of God.

## What The Bible Says About Homosexuality

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*"Do you not know that 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).

In the Greek language, the word translated "**homosexuals**" is *malakos* and is translated "*effeminate*" in the KJV. The Greek word is found two other times in the New Testament (Matt. 11:8; Lk. 7:25) and is translated "*soft*."

Likewise, the word translated "**sodomites**" (*arsenokoites*) is rendered "*abusers of themselves with mankind*" (KJV). See Romans 1:26-27 and the description of "*vile passions*" there.

*"But we know that the law is good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for **sodomites**, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God which was committed to my trust"* (1 Tim. 1:8-11).

*"As Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire"* (Jude 7).

The wicked, profane leaders of our country who are legalizing such vulgar conduct can legislate evil and call it good (see Isaiah 5:20) but that doesn't change the mind of the God of heaven Who looks down with anger at the willful rebellion of people. Christians will have to stand up for what is right, stand against such lawlessness, and prepare for the persecution that will follow. No human government can alter the eternal moral standard of God!

In the Old Testament, see Genesis 19:5-7; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Judges 19:22-30; 1 Kings 14:24.