

“For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to battle?” 1 Corinthians 14:8

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The Perversion of God's Order

“For God is not *the author* of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. Let all things be done decently and in order.” 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40

God is a God of order. The word confusion in this verse is referring to instability; a state of disorder; a disturbance. Verse 40 states God would have things to be in an “orderly arrangement” and of quality or fixed succession. It is important to acknowledge and accept this characteristic of God. He is an unchanging God and is the same today, as He has been forever.

“Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” Hebrews 13:8

“For I *am* the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.” Malachi 3:6

Much has changed from God's order in our society today. In this article we will examine a few of these “changes”. We are constantly being told by higher education, the media, and the other major “voices” of our world that progressive thinking, evolution, and modernity are positive aspects of a culture and are necessary for a society to thrive. This argument has been applied to marriage, gender roles, and relationships. This argu-

ment very much appeals to the insatiable lusts and depraved nature of humanity, however it is in stark contrast to the “way” God has ordained.

“As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he *is* a buckler to all those that trust in him.” Psalm 18:30

God's ways are perfect. When God sets, creates, initiates and ordains something - it is perfect. It is flawless and should not be changed, altered, or tampered with.

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof *are* the ways of death.” Proverbs 16:25

“Every way of a man *is* right in his own eyes: but the LORD pondereth the hearts. The way of man *is* froward and strange: but as for the pure, his work *is* right.” Proverbs 21:2, 8

In this article we will discuss how man's ways are opposed to God's perfect order and have been destructive, both physically and spiritually.

“So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” Genesis 1:27,28

“And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul. And the LORD God said, *It is not good* that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought *them* unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that *was* the name thereof. And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him. And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, *This is now* bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.” Genesis 2:7, 18-25

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Here it is clear. God made the first man Adam out of the dust of the ground. He then took a rib from Adam, and formed the first woman, Eve. God established the two genders here. What is also clear here is God's purpose. God specifically stated He created man to be "in his image", to have dominion over the earth and sea, and to be "fruitful, multiply, and replenish the earth". These were all reasons that God created man, however, He specifically created the woman for mankind because He said it was not good for man to be alone! Verse 24 of chapter two begins with "therefore". This is important because God is drawing a conclusion based off the actions and truths established in the verses before. God's conclusion was - a man should leave his father's house when he's of age and should cling to a woman/his wife as one flesh. Simply and precisely, this was God's established order.

"Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge." Hebrews 13:4

"Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish. So ought men to love their wives as their own bodies. He that loveth his wife loveth himself. For no man ever yet hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as the Lord the church: For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is a great mystery: but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence her husband." Ephesians 5:22-33

Throughout the Scriptures the institution of marriage is referred to and acknowledged. There are good and bad marriages recorded. However, the order and institution, as originally established by God, is "honorable". God even likens it to the relationship between Christ and the church. Even in this comparison - the church is the wife (female) and Christ is the husband (male). This order is maintained.

"Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote unto me: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. Nevertheless, to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband. Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband. The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency. But I speak this by permission, and not of commandment. For I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that. I say therefore to the unmarried and widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. But if they cannot contain, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. And unto the married I command, yet not I, but the Lord, Let not the wife depart from her husband:

But and if she depart, let her remain unmarried, or be reconciled to her husband: and let not the husband put away his wife. But to the rest speak I, not the Lord: If any brother hath a wife that believeth not, and she be pleased to dwell with him, let him not put her away. And the woman which hath an husband that believeth not, and if he be pleased to dwell with her, let her not leave him. For the unbelieving husband is sanctified by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified by the husband: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. But if the unbelieving depart, let him depart. A brother or a sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called us to peace. For what knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O man, whether thou shalt save thy wife?" 1 Corinthians 7:1-16

"The Pharisees also came unto him, tempting him, and saying unto him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery. His disciples say unto him, If the case of the man be so with his wife, it is not good to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given. For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it." Matthew 19:3-12

God continually describes and solidifies this order throughout the Scriptures. He discusses the roles and the expectations of both men and women. He discusses and states how the union of a man and woman ought to be viewed and treated. It should not be a covenant that is broken or discarded. It should not be disrespected or changed. It is clear in the Scriptures that He intended for marriage to be of an "orderly arrangement" and quality; it was not to be in a state of instability or disorder.

"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered." 1 Peter 3:1-7

Husbands and wives are to dwell with one another within and in accordance with God's rules, bounds, and parameters.

It is clear God has a will, a protocol, and a direct plan for marriage. This includes physical and emotional relationships. It includes physical intimacy and sexual relationships. God's standard and directives on these topics, behaviors, and "lifestyles" of humanity are not a mystery. They are not a secret. They are also not negotiable.

"Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table." Psalm 128:3

"Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth. Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD." Proverbs 5:18; 18:22

"Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in this life, and in thy labour which thou takest under the sun." Ecclesiastes 9:9

These verses and passages are just a few of the many in the Scriptures where God blesses and puts His stamp of "approval" and even encouragement on the institution of marriage. This Divine blessing and encouragement, however, is only between a husband and a wife. A male and a female.

"Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate." Psalm 127:3-5

We even see here where God blesses and encourages a male and female to reproduce, within the bounds and covenant of marriage, and that the "reward" of this relationship will lead to happiness.

"And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, the camels were coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she lighted off the camel. For she had said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant had said, It is my master: therefore she took a vail, and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death." Genesis 24:62-67

There are many instances and accounts of marital relationships in the Bible. All of them between men and women only. Some of them went outside of God's order and failed miserably, leading to heartache and misery. (See: Samson, Solomon, etc.) However, there are many others in the Bible who heeded God's direction and order and not only were they blessed within their marriage, but their children, kindred, and many other generations were blessed as well. (See: Ruth/Boaz, Joseph/Mary, etc.) In this passage Isaac and Rebekah are brought together as husband and wife through God's direct leadership and guidance. Isaac and Rebekah love one

another, with a godly, Christian love, but also the special love that only a man and woman can know and share between them. They enjoyed the fullness of what God intended when He formed Adam and Eve. We see a void filled in both Isaac and Rebekah's lives here. She was filled as she had left her father's house, and he was filled as he was grieving over his mother's death. Their marriage - the physical, emotional, and spiritual intimacy they shared - brought them comfort and God's blessings in their lives.

While we have established God's blessing and favor upon those who follow this order - the Scriptures are also clear on God's view towards those who would pollute and distort it. Be it "minor" changes like divorce or even adultery (a minor thing in the world's view today) to more extreme perversions of it, like homo-sexuality, God makes His stance and position clear.

God wholly condemns homo-sexuality, same-sex marriage, same-sex relationships, and sexual activity between individuals of the same gender.

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." Jude 7

In this passage, God refers to the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah. God refers to this society of people as a reminder of His judgment and destruction which He brought upon them.

"But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door." Genesis

13:13; 18:20; 19:1-11

The people of Sodom and Gomorrah were exceedingly wicked. They are described as going after "strange" flesh. This word strange is "different or altered". The account of the two angels coming into rescue Lot specifically showcases the depravity and desires of these people. They were so given over to their perverted, sexual desires and practices, that their lusts exceeded what is natural, men towards women, and was sexual in nature towards the angels, whom they perceived as men. They were so driven and controlled by their perverted, homosexual urges, they were prepared to break into Lot's house to rape these men and were only stopped because, by the angel's Heavenly powers, they were struck with blindness. Obviously, the end of Sodom and Gomorrah culminated in God destroying them with fire and brimstone. Jude 7 shows God's opinion and position on this deviant behavior.

"For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;" 1 Timothy 1:10

In this passage, Paul is instructing Timothy in the use and purpose of the Old Testament, specifically the Law of Moses. He points out the Law is "good" if it is used correctly. The Law's purpose was to point out man's sins - his short-comings and inability to obtain righteousness. It was to show his need for a Savior, Jesus Christ. In this verse, "defilers of themselves with mankind" is clearly identified as a sin. The definition of this phrase is "one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual". God, through Paul, labels this behavior as sinful and something the law "condemned".

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." Leviticus 18:22

This is the clearest and plainest passage on the subject. An easy, "thou shalt not". The phrase "thou shalt lie" is in reference to laying with one in a sexual sense. God says that a man having sexual intercourse with another man, as he would with a woman, is an abomination. An abomination is something that is a "disgusting thing" and an "act of wickedness".

If you read Judges chapter 19, you will find a Levite is traveling through a town of Benjamin, called Gibeah. As he prepares to lodge with a neighborly man who invites him into his home, along with his concubine and manservant, certain men of the city "beset" the house and demand the homeowner make the Levite man available to them. Much like Lot, the homeowner tried to appease these men by offering his virgin daughter and the Levite's concubine to the men, to ravage and use sexually as they pleased. The group of homosexual men eventually took the concubine and sexually assaulted her all night long.

The woman died as a result of the atrocities and depravity committed against her that evening. This event caused an uproar and was spread throughout the entirety of the land of Israel.

" And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from that day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider of it, take advice, and speak your minds." Judges 19:30

There is much more to this story, but eventually, the other tribes of Israel compose an army and they kill over 25,000 men of Benjamin due to Benjamin's harboring of these men and their defense and acceptance of their crimes against the concubine. The city of Gibeah was also burned to the ground. God allowed this judgment and destruction to come upon the tribe of Benjamin and the city of Gibeah due to their tolerant and encouraging attitude towards the perverted, sexual behaviors found within them.

In 2 Kings 22 and 23 we read of the righteous reign of King Josiah. One of the righteous and holy acts which he did and God recorded His pleasure towards him for, was the destruction and driving out of the "sodomites" who abode in Jerusalem. A sodomite was a male person who was used for sexual acts and purposes by others, including other males, and specifically male "priests".

"And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel." 1 Kings 14:24

During Rehoboam's evil reign, he allowed sodomy and sodomites to thrive in the land. God condemned this act and the king's allowance of it as an abomination.

"And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead. And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land." 1 Kings 15:24; 22:46

King Asa and his son-successor, King Jehosaphat, both removed the sodomites and their depraved sexual lifestyles from the land. God approved of both men's actions and recorded his approval in His everlasting Word.

"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet." Romans 1:24-27

The context of this passage is God's wrath against all ungodliness and unrighteousness. In these verses men

and women who have “vile”, evil and wicked affections are condemned by God. He goes on to state that women who use their bodies in sexual relationships with other women, and men who do so with other men are “not natural”. God says in committing these acts they have left the natural use of their bodies. They have gone outside of the order of nature which He established. The word “unseemly” in this passage is used in the Greek language to refer to one’s genitals being uncovered, nakedness. In context, it is also used to describe these disgusting acts as indecent, inappropriate, and shameful. This passage could not illustrate more clearly how God feels about same-sex relationships.

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” 1 Corinthians 6:9,11

In this passage, God is using Paul to point out what “unrighteousness” is and how the blood of Jesus Christ can wash, sanctify, and justify a lost sinner. A few of the specific behaviors or sins that are pointed out as unrighteous are those who are effeminate and abusers of themselves with mankind. An “effeminate” person is a male who submits himself to unnatural lewdness or sexual activity. It also refers to a boy who is kept for homosexual relations with a man. An “abuser of himself with mankind” is a man who lies with another man as he would with a female, a sodomite or homosexual. Again, God’s position is remarkably clear on the subject. He specifically and plainly identifies these behaviors as unrighteous and abominable.

The “progression” and “evolution” of mankind to move away from the order God originally established is a direct perversion of His way. Sodomy, homosexuality, and same-sex relationships are in direct rebellion to the Heavenly, Divine order God set for mankind.

“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.” Genesis 6:5-13

“But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days

that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh.” Matthew 24:36-44

God has repeatedly judged, condemned and punished this behavior throughout man’s history. The societal tolerance and promotion of this behavior today is a sign of the “days of Noah”. We know that in those days there was “no limit” to the sexual desires and depravity of man as their thoughts were “evil continually” and they were “marrying and given in marriage”.

“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith. For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the

judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.” Romans 1:16-32

The world-wide tolerance and growth of this abominable practice can only mean that God’s return is close. It is nearly the epitome of man’s defiance and complete denial of their Creator. It is no doubt, one of the final “straws” that will bring about the God’s swift destruction upon this earth.

“Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up. Therefore be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.” Matthew 24:40-46

“Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Be not ye therefore partakers with them. For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:” Ephesians 5:1-8

As the Lord’s return is soon and we, as God’s people, members of local, New Testament churches, need to be on guard for these perversions creeping into our lives and homes. We must guard our children against Satan, the great deceiver, causing our children to think that these perversions are acceptable.

Let us be diligent to stand against these perversions of God’s order and not become “tolerant” and accepting these perversions as a “normal” lifestyle. We must guard what we see, hear, and watch so that our children will not be drawn away with these perversions of God’s order. The world is bombarding our children into accepting and even participating in these perversions of God’s order. We must keep the Word of God before us and keep it before our children in order to combat Satan’s attacks against God’s order and God’s way.

“There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.” Proverbs 16:25

“The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way. Psalm 37:23”