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The Coop Report...

The Wilderness Expands…

There is nothing "supreme" about our Supreme Court. America is truly in a state of spiritual, moral, and civil decay.

The most recent decision by the Supreme Court Justices, Kennedy, Steven, Souter, Ginsburg, O'Connor, and Breyer accelerates our slide into a moral pit not unlike that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Rome, and other once great and powerful, but now lost civilizations.

As I discussed in my most recent book, *"The Spiritual, Moral, and Civil Decay of America"* (Trafford Publishing, 2002), it seems as if a majority of our judges today exercise poor judgment in the performance of their duties. Beginning with the gross misinterpretation of the 1st Amendment which resulted in sanctioning the separation of church (God Almighty Himself) and state (America) and granting our citizens the right to *express* themselves through pornography, profanity, and other equally decadent means, we wholly endorsed our nation's fall from God's favor.

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If only these six Justices had spent as much time buried in God's work as well as His Word, the Holy Spirit would have spoken to their hearts…

If only these six Justices had spent as much time listening to their hearts, rather than their intellect alone...

I am grateful for the refusal of Rehnquist, Scalia, and Thomas to go along with this pivotal vote. I don't know the explicit reasons for their vote, but I would like to believe it is because they have a real and personal relationship with Christ who provided them with the armor and the courage needed to defend God's Word and desire for His people, rather than what some believe to be the Constitutional rights of Americans, based on the errant interpretation of our forefather's intent for America.

Why do I consider this vote to be so pivotal? It is because I believe it will literally open the floodgates of pro-homosexual legislation (gay "marriages", adoptions by gay "couples", gay "benefits" — mandatory healthcare benefits by employers, tax advantages, etc.). The very fabric of our nation — the traditional family unit, the one and only one sanctioned by God is being threatened.

Our country was founded and made great, not by our own hands, but by the power of God. He alone is the benefactor of the many blessings that our nation have enjoyed for over 200 years. He alone is our Caregiver who has provided us with our military might that has helped keep us free since our nations' birth. Such decisions threaten our very existence because they are in direct opposition to God's Word.

Just as in ancient times, when God's people (individuals within the nation of Israel) rebelled and worshipped other gods and disobeyed His laws, "they were disciplined so they might be restored to Him. Depending upon God's wisdom, His discipline was unleashed in different ways...from plagues, or famine, or floods, or droughts, to victories of the enemies of His people to get their attention and restore them to a righteous spirit. (Some of His disciplining has already begun.)

One of the early accounts of God's punishment for His people is the story of Noah and the flood, as recorded in Genesis 7. Others include the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11); the captivity the Israelites by the Midianites for 7 years because of their worshipping Baal; and Asherah (Judges 6); the captivity by the Philistines for 40 years (Judges 13); the Babylonian Captivity which lasted nearly 70 years (see Jeremiah, Ezekiel).

We too will be held accountable for the decisions of our government that weaken the spiritual and moral fiber of our society. Our Justices' most recent decision has just established a safe harbor for another sinful behavior to freely race across America.

Our Justices are wrong in their belief that consenting adults who engage in abnormal sexual relations are the only ones responsible and accountable for their actions. The impact this decision will have on America will affect *every* American. A country born of God's grace cannot continue in God's favor when it blatantly

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turns its back on God's Word.

So what does God say about homosexual activity? For starters, how can we accept as an "acceptable lifestyle" what God has declared to be an abomination? (See Leviticus 20: 13-16; Romans 1: 24-32; Genesis 19:4-5; I Corinthians 6: 9-20; and 1 Timothy 1: 8-11.) God's Word is timeless. It is as applicable today as it was 2000 years ago and it will be as applicable tomorrow as it is today.

If people are born with homosexual tendencies, doesn't that mean that God created them that way and if so, doesn't that mean that it must be OK to live that kind of lifestyle? God didn't provide in his creation of mankind the tendency to have homosexual inclinations. He no more created people as homosexuals than He created adulterers, murders, rapists, terrorists, liars, prostitutes, or thieves. The original sin in the Garden of Eden was the forerunner of every sort of evil and wickedness in the world today. This original sin has reverberated throughout the world for over 2000 years, etching its original and variant themes deceptively, repeatedly, and ever deeper into the landscape of our present-day American culture. Greed for power, material possessions, and all the many other things that satisfy man's earthly desires (the "flesh") have taken precedence over man's desire for an eternal relationship with God. Mankind lives in the present….many at the expense of an eternal life of misery.

As unfortunate as it is, our minds and our bodies on this earth have been twisted by the corporate sins of the world, as they were unleashed by the original sin. As such, God gave us His Son, Jesus Christ, to provide a way for us to be fortified against the forces of the flesh. Jesus Christ can help the homosexual overcome his or her unnatural tendencies.

Why does it seem as if this "sin" gets so much publicity, at the expense of others? Why is this such a big deal, anyway? As the Book of Genesis tells us, God created man in His own image "...and blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it…'" (Genesis 1:28) His design of the human body, in two distinct and complimentary sexes is perfected only when man chooses to live in a heterosexual relationship.

God's gift of two bodily sexes and their ability to procreate another creature in God's likeness is important in understanding His relationship with us. As we have children of our own and care for them, protect them, praise, console, and admonish them, we can learn much regarding the agape love that our Heavenly Father has for us. The relationships we have as children to our parents as well as those we have as parents to our children give us great insight into the relationship God longs to have with us.

Our bodies are temples of His creation and must be held in reverence and used to honor God, for it is in our bodies that the Holy Spirit lives. Using our bodies outside of their intended designs is an insult to God's most cherished creation.

"Don't be immoral in matters of sex. This is a sin against your own body in a way that no other sin is. You surely know that your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives. The Spirit is in you and is a gift from God." (1 Corinthians 6: 18-19)

Christ teaches us to *love the sinner, but hate the sin*. This is precisely the attitude we should have regarding any sin, including homosexuality. Just as we hate a disease that threatens our life, we should hate the sin and do all we can to prevent it from spreading. Just as we go about preventing a bacterial infection by eliminating the conditions under which it can grow, we need to eliminate the conditions under which any sin, including homosexuality, can live and prosper.

Some will argue that it is up to the individual to make his or her decision regarding their ultimate destiny. They say that their decisions are their responsibility and theirs alone...that they should have the right to freely make this choice. While it is true that ultimately they *will* have to answer to God individually, the balance of our society will suffer the punitive consequences from our government making this decision.

Since it was made, this decision has already become a powerful cornerstone of the gay rights' movement that will propel our society further into a state of moral and civil decay. As recorded many times in the Book of Judges, "In those days Israel (sic., God's people, America) had no king; everyone did as he saw fit." (Judges 21: 25)

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