

Marriage - How Then Shall We Live?

A Sermon in Response to the Supreme Court Decision on Marriage

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I am wearing this robe this morning, to show you what a real black robe looks like.

I'm not trying to imitate the look of some judge; I wear this robe this morning in the spirit of the pastors and prophets who brought forth this nation; the men in their pulpits that shaped the very concept and understanding of Liberty. The creation of this Nation was born in their hearts - they were Gods men!

2 Peter 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness,

God's decision on the Supreme Court of the United States

The court has been weighed in the balances and it has been found wanting.

Isaiah 10:1

“Woe to those who decree unrighteous decrees, Who write misfortune, Which they have prescribed.

Proverbs 29:2

When the godly are in authority, the people rejoice. But when the wicked are in power, they groan.

I stand here this morning saddened for my nation, but with an increased confidence in the word of God and greater joy in the Holy Spirit.

Why?

For many reasons, one of them is that Jesus said those who would see the end would be living in days like these,

Because of **the Gospel of God** That is available through Jesus Christ today!

This message does not just go out to you

in this congregation today, I am sending this message to my country, and to all who will listen.

I would never say that I am a prophet, but

I have often told you that if you are Biblical, you would always end up being right, and this past Friday morning, I was right.

How Could I Have Been So Right?

I just know what the Bible says.

Since 2007 - 2008 this Pulpit warned you that if we didn't stand for what the Bible says and obey His scripture this day would come, and now the day is here.

After all of the efforts, after all of the arguments, after 5000 years of human history, all the biology, all the sociology, after all of the science, and after all of the votes, we come back to where it all began, “God”.

The Theology of God – The Study of God

Marriage does not fall into any one of those historical or scientific categories – marriage stands alone. ***It precedes them all, having been created by God.*** Marriage is like nature; it doesn't fall under human law or civil law. It's like the air we breathe or the mountains that are – they are, and Marriage is.

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What has God said about (holy) Marriage?

Genesis 1:26-28

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." **27** So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. **28** Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply;

Genesis 2:24

Therefore a man shall leave his **father** (male) and **mother** (female) and be **joined** (in sexual union) to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

God Warned Us About The Lust of a Human Heart.

Genesis 18:16-21

Then the men (angels) rose from there and looked toward Sodom, and Abraham went with them to send them on the way. **17** And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing,... **20** And the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grave, **21** I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry against it...

Genesis 19:3-13, 24 & 25 NLT

But Lot insisted, so at last they went home with him. Lot prepared a feast for them, complete with fresh bread made without yeast, and they ate. **4** But before they retired for the night, all the men of Sodom, young and old, came from all over the city and surrounded the house. **5** They shouted to Lot, "Where are the men who came to spend the night with you? Bring them out to us so we can have sex with them!".....
...**8** Look, I have two virgin daughters. Let me bring them out to you, and you can do with them as you wish. But please, leave these men alone, for they are my guests and are under my protection." **9** "Stand back!" they shouted. "This fellow came to town as an outsider, and now he's acting like our judge! We'll treat you far worse than those other men!" And they lunged toward Lot to break down the door. **10** But the two angels reached out, pulled Lot into the house, and bolted the door. **11** Then they blinded all the men, young and old, who were at the door of the house, so they gave up trying to get inside.... Gen. 19:**12** Meanwhile, the angels questioned Lot. "Do you have any other relatives here in the city?" they asked. "Get them out of this place—your sons-in-law, sons, daughters, or anyone else. **13** For we are about to destroy this city completely. The outcry against this place is so great it has reached the LORD, and he has sent us to destroy it."... **24** Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. **25** So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Leviticus 18:20-23 NLT

"Do not defile yourself by having sexual intercourse with your neighbor's wife. **(Is that wrong?)** **21** "Do not permit any of your children to be offered as a sacrifice to Molech, **(Is that wrong?)** for you must not bring shame on the name of your God. I am the LORD. **22** "Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin. **(Is that wrong?)** **23** "A man must not defile himself by having sex with an animal. And a woman must not offer herself to a male animal to have intercourse with it. This is a perverse act. **(Is that wrong?)**

If for some "comfortable" reason you' re thinking this is some sort of a Biblical analogy, or allegory, listen to what Jesus Christ said about it, and about us this morning:

Jesus Warned These Days Would Come.

Luke 17:26-30

And as it was in the days of Noah, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: **27** They ate, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. **28** Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; **29** but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. **30** Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.

2 Peter 2:6

For He turned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, **making them an example** to those who afterward would live ungodly;

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

For 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, **10** nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. **11** And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

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What did the Court say about (Holy) Marriage?

(Summation) DISSENT - written by Chief Justice Roberts.

"The majority far overreached their authority in taking away the democratic process by removing the element of healthy debate among the people and acting as the supreme legislature of the United States to rule on an issue "rooted in social policy and considerations of fairness". The longstanding ideal that the Court is not a legislature (a law maker) but rather the Court's role is to interpret the law. Allowing 5 unelected judges to decide for 320 million Americans raises obvious concerns about the judicial role. The proponents can, "celebrate today's decision. They can celebrate the achievement of a desired goal. Celebrate the opportunity for a new expression of commitment to a partner. Celebrate the availability of new benefits. **But do not celebrate the Constitution. It had nothing to do with it.**

Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito - *"Today's decision will also have a fundamental effect on this Court and its ability to uphold the rule of law. If a bare majority of Justices can invent a new right and impose that right on the rest of the country, the only real limit on what future majorities will be able to do is their own sense of what those with political power and cultural influence are willing to tolerate."*

Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia - *"This decree says that my Ruler, and the Ruler of 320 million Americans coast-to-coast, is a majority of the nine lawyers on this Supreme Court. The opinion in these cases is the furthest extension in fact, This practice of **constitutional revision** by an unelected committee of nine, always accompanied (as it is today) by extravagant praise of liberty, robs the People of the most important liberty they asserted in the Declaration of Independence and won in the **Revolution of 1776: That is the freedom to govern themselves.**"*

5 souls Dressed in black, Overruled 2 other branches

of our Government, **Ignored the 93%** of Normal, said Friday, and **that God has had it all wrong since the beginning.** The court said **we will take marriage away from God and redefine it. We will make it bigger and better, fairer, and more open.** After Friday's decision, Barack Obama said, and I quote, "we now have a more perfect union."

By taking on the marriage issue, these 5 of The Supreme Court Justices censored the God of the Bible. Declaring Him to be an unfair bigot.

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What are others saying about (Holy) Marriage?

Human sexuality doesn't matter.

- #1 - "What I do in private is my business." – Agreed, leave us out of it.
- #2 – "I want to love whom ever I want." – No you cannot.
- #3 – "It's my right to do with my body what I choose." – Wrong again.

THE GAY-WHITE-HOUSE

<http://time.com/3938935/white-house-rainbow-gay-marriage-decision/>

How can less than 3% of the population control the country?

Because of fearful silence and misguided tolerance of others.

"The nature of marriage has never changed and never will. Marriage was the union of a man and woman before the Fourteenth Amendment was crafted, at the Founding of our country, and in every time and place until the courts of 2004. Even then, no court overturned natural law, and today, no court can, not even this Supreme Court of the United States.

What God imprinted on the human heart, no judge can change. - Congressman Joseph Pitts (Pa.)

Presidential Candidate Mike Huckabee:

"I will not acquiesce to an imperial court any more than our Founders acquiesced to an imperial British monarch. We must resist and reject judicial tyranny, not retreat." "Let me be clear: When the Supreme Court abuses the limits of its power and attempts to create a right that doesn't exist in the Constitution, it is the duty of the President to reject this threat to our religious liberty as the 'law of the land.' As president, I will never bow down to the gods of judicial supremacy."

Presidential Candidate Ted Cruz:

"I've introduced a constitutional amendment that would protect the authority of state legislatures to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman. We should pass that Amendment. I've also introduced legislation stripping the federal courts of jurisdiction over legal assaults on marriage. The Constitution explicitly gives Congress the power to strip jurisdiction as a check on a lawless judiciary; we should use that."

What will you say about (Holy) Marriage?

This is actually a profound moment in American history.

It is obviously the defining moment for "WHAT IS CALLED, THE CHURCH", but more than anything it proves again the relevance of God's Word, the Bible, in our day.

I Want to Warn You About The "New Conversation":

Invitations to **Weddings** / Funerals / Public Schools **Education** / Company **Policy** / All forms of **Media**

What will you say when: Your son or daughter comes home from public school telling you, "I found out that I am a Homosexual?"

What will you say when: Your family member invites you to their gathering?

What will you say when: Your child asks you if a man kissing a man is right?

What will you say when: Your mom or dad or son or daughter says they are gay?

What will you say when: Your friends want to defend this wicked law?

Ephesians 6:10-14

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore,

**When someone and/or their argument is false,
They will use fear and intimidation tactics.
(Name calling and threats – Satan is a master of this.)**

You are Intolerant / A Bigot / Unloving / Judgmental

Matthew 5:9-12

Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called sons of God. 10 Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The decisions people make in the lifestyle they choose:

Fact – your life will reap the results of the life you live. There are outcomes and wages that will be paid out not far from now.

What will you say to your children and grandchildren, when God withholds the rainwater from our land, allows our enemies to invade us, violence breaks out in our streets, when our leaders are corrupt, laws are ignored, and when our military fails?

Here's the **Reality** for the Christian today:

100% Biblical

Here's the **Application** for the Christian today:

Here's the **Encouragement** for the Christian today:

Here's the **Expectation** for the Christian today:

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times **some will depart** from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

I will end, with how I began,

"Sounding" like a prophet - but I use the word **"sounding"** in its meaning, **to trumpet, to warn, to call to mind, to make known this fact...**

That last Friday's decision was God's final warning to the church to get ready, to get holy, to get engaged, and to get beautiful.
Evil is coming – and so is Jesus.

The Holy Spirit went to work last Friday on a wedding gown, that wedding gown according to the Bible is the righteousness of God's church. The church and her gown are at the cleaners as I speak.

End with encouragement.

We are to obey our master, our Lord, our God.

And when human laws contradict God's laws there is no hesitation for the Christian.

OBEY GOD RATHER THAN MAN

I have a Shocking announcement to make:
“The Internet is not a Bible”!

“ Is It the Law or Not – Yes and No?”

We cannot think for a moment that civil law trumps natural law.
The decisions of men alter the decrees of God.

Acts 5:29

But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: **“We ought to obey God rather than men.**

There is no such thing as “marriage” redefined.
There is no such thing as “LGBTQ marriage”.
There is no such thing as “animal marriage”.

Here’s What’s Actually Happening Now!

The Holy Spirit is Dusting off the Bride and Her Wedding Gown.

Ephesians 5:25-27

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, **26** that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, **27** that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

Matthew 7:13-14,21 NLT

“You can enter God’s Kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. **14** But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult, and only a few ever find it, **21** “Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will enter.

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