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"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due." (Romans 1:26-27)

"The real purpose against traditional marriage is an attack on the church. If gay marriage is identified as a civil right, then churches can be branded as a hate group." –Dave





Today, March 26, 2013, the United States Supreme Court is hearing

opening arguments in the California marriage case. There are already people positioning themselves just in case the highest court in the land rules in favor of homosexual marriage. What should conservatives and Christians responses be should this happen? Do we roll over like Ralph Reed already has and determine no matter the ruling, it will be the law of the land? As reported at Gregg Jackson's blog, Reed recently claimed:

"Look, if the Supreme Court does with marriage what it did on abortion, which is to impose the laws of New York and Massachusetts and impose them on the rest of the country by judicial fiat, it will make this issue more divisive and contentious, not less so..."

Gregg rightly points out courts do not make laws because they possess "no law-making powers." But let's pretend they did or let us leave marriage laws at the state level like Jeb Bush advocates.

We just had four states pass gay marriage; does that make it constitutionally and/or morally legal?

No, and no.

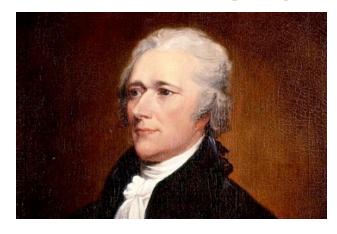
In his latest Townhall.com <u>column</u>, our friend Steve Deace rightly states:

"...no matter what politicians say they can't change the definition of marriage anymore than they can change the definition of gravity. The natural law was here before they got here, and it will be there after they're ashes to ashes and dust to dust."

Any law that violates God's law is a law we must oppose. Conservatives often act as liberals when it comes to conveniently picking when to ask the Supreme Court to act and when to ask it to not act. What we should be reminding the high court is to act within its constitutional mandate and in light of our founding document, the Declaration of Independence.

That is what our Founders expected. Turn the page for more on that.

FROM THE FOUNDERS



What would our Founding Fathers think of our current executive and legislative branches abdicating their constitutionally-numerated powers to the originally-designed least powerful judicial branch? They would think that both aforementioned branches had missed the point of the separation of powers.

"And the inference is greatly fortified by the consideration of the important constitutional check which the power of instituting impeachments in one part of the legislative body, and of determining upon them in the other, would give to that body upon the members of the judicial department. This is alone a complete security. There never can be danger that the judges, by a series of deliberate usurpations on the authority of the legislature, would hazard the united resentment of the body intrusted with it, while this body was possessed of the means of punishing their presumption, by degrading them from their stations. While this ought to remove all apprehensions on the subject, it affords, at the same time, a cogent argument for constituting the Senate a court for the trial of impeachments." Alexander Hamilton, writing in Federalist #81

I admit to being somewhat torn as to how the Supreme Court should act on this case. At one level I think they should vacate the 9th Court of Appeals ruling because it is a state issue and federal courts have no business looking at state constitutional rulings.

On the other hand, I would like to see the Supreme Court rule in favor of Proposition 8 and in the majority opinion make it abundantly clear that marriage is an institution ordained by God and created for society's benefit.

Notwithstanding its ruling, what is of foremost importance for us is to remember that our organic law, which <u>includes</u> the Declaration of Independence and US Constitution, is foundational and must be considered by the nine justices. We know all too well that this is not the case for at least four of the justices. Nevertheless, our founding documents must be adhered to in order to maintain our Constitution's original intent.

FROM THE PULPIT

"The other biblical reason marriage cannot be between two men or two women is that, on the one hand, the Bible defines homosexual behavior as 'dishonorable' and 'shameless' and "contrary to nature" (Romans 1:26-27), but on the other hand the Bible says that marriage is to be "held in honor" (Hebrews 13:4). Marriage does not produce shame. And marriage is not contrary to nature. There is therefore no such thing as homosexual marriage in the eyes of God. And there should not be in the eyes of his people—no matter what the state says." John Piper, from the sermon, "Desiring the Will of God Concerning Homosexuality and Marriage," August 8, 2004.

Dr. Piper is absolutely right. No matter what the state says, there is "no such thing as homosexual marriage in the eyes of God." If we as a nation founded on biblical principles abandon those principles, can we really survive?

The ideal of America and federalism is based on self-government ruled by law of which is grounded in God the Creator.

It is long past time that the pulpits across America begin raising high the Banner of Jesus Christ. We need strong men of God, both in and out of the pulpits, to stand on the biblical truth of marriage being one man and one woman and no matter what nine black robed men and women may say, no legislative act, no judiciary or executive fiat, or no majority of people ever change the aletheia truth of God's institution of marriage.

Had the church done this back in 1973 when the godless Supreme Court declared itself God and that a baby in the womb was not a viable human being, then we would not have seen the most horrific holocaust in human history.

And yet we already see too many pastors not only unwilling to speak from the pulpits against homosexual marriage, but they also dare not venture out into society to declare such biblical truth.

Our time as a society is short; action must be taken now. Turn the page to find out what.

TO THE STREETS

WE the People must stop our country from inflicting the final blow on itself. If we do not act forcefully and swiftly, then understand that the Supreme Court will either rule in favor of homosexual marriage, or it will punt the issue back down to the states. We must move them and the rest of our governmental representatives back to biblical right ground. Here are some suggestions:

- 1. Ask your pastor what is his plan of action should the Supreme Court rule in favor of homosexual marriage? If he does not have one, ask him if he is open to suggestions. If yes, share this newsletter with him.
- 2. Send a letter to the US Supreme Court voicing your opposition to homosexual marriage. The address is:

Supreme Court of the United States 1 First Street, NE Washington, DC 20543

- 3. Call your two US Senators and US Representative and inquire as to their plans of action should the Supreme Court rule in favor of homosexual marriage.
- 4. Ask your friends, relatives, associates, and neighbors to join you in the fight for the soul of our nation. Suggest they take steps 1 through 3 above.
- 5. Standby for an email from me later this week of a new entity of Aletheia Group L.L.C. that is designed to provide pastors with information on what they can and should say and do on current issues.

Mordecai <u>answered</u> his niece Esther that she did not know for sure if she had "come to the kingdom for such a time as this."

As Christians, we live in two kingdoms but can serve only one. We have come to this kingdom for a time such as this.

What will be our answer?

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