

## Satan Attacks The Home Again

Most of you are aware of the recent Massachusetts Supreme court ruling on homosexual “marriages.” Essentially, the “High Court” said the state constitution did not ban such “unions” and that the state legislature must come up with a law allowing them. This is simply another attack on the home; backed by Satan, using men as his “ministers” (cf. 2 Cor. 11:13-15).

This is nothing new. Satan attacked the home almost as soon as it was established. He tempted Adam and Eve to sin (Gen. 3:1-6). When discovered, Adam turned on Eve, blaming her for his transgression (Gen. 3:12). As time passed, men began to commit a multitude of sins—sins that directly assaulted the sanctity of marriage and the privileges peculiar to it (Gen. 19). And, accordingly, God revealed His wrath against such wickedness (Jude 7).

Even after the events of Sodom and Gomorrah, man was deluded by Satan’s schemes. Adultery, homosexuality, lesbianism, and all manner of sexual immorality was found among men (Rom. 1:26-32). These were even found among the people of God. Solomon and his wives worshipped Ashtoreth, the goddess of sex and war (1 Kgs. 11:5-7). Honoring her included licentious acts. During Rehoboam’s reign, the Bible says, “And there were also perverted persons in the land” (1 Kgs. 14:24). Those “perverted” persons were those who practiced sodomy and prostitution.

The home as God made it was still under attack during the first century. Numerous warnings in the New Testament against sexual immorality and remaining faithful in marriage tell us it was a real problem back then (Matt. 5:28-32; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Thes. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).

Satan continues to attack the home, as evidenced by the Massachusetts Supreme Court ruling. A few months ago the United States Court nullified a Texas anti-Sodomy law (which paved the way for the Massachusetts court). Folks, it will not change. The devil is relentless in his efforts to destroy what God established.

We need to remember the Bible still says marriage is for one man and one woman for life, with one exception (Gen. 2:21-24; Matt. 19:9). Let us defend this truth against the attacks of Satan and his ministers.

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A preacher was telling his congregation a very moving story of three men on a boat which ran into a violent storm. A father and his son owned the boat and they had invited the son’s friend to go fishing with them. The father and his son were both faithful and dedicated Christians, but the friend had never shown any interest in anything spiritual, and had rebuffed all attempts to try to teach him the plan of salvation.

With waves getting more and more boisterous, the father searched frantically for

life preservers. By some strange and unexplainable quirk of fate, the father found only one life preserver on board the heaving and gyrating boat. About this time a huge wave swept over the frightened men, and the two boys were washed overboard. The father watched in horror as both boys starting drifting away from the boat. Should he put the life preserver on and try to save the boys? Should he throw it to one of the boys, and if so, which one? He pondered the dilemma for only a brief second, and then threw the preserver to the unsaved boy.

The congregation sat in stunned silence for a brief moment, because some of the folks knew the preacher had lost his son in a terrible accident. One of the members stood to his feet and asked, "Preacher, did this really happen to someone?" Before the preacher could answer, the young man who was leading singing, broke from where he was standing and running to the preacher,

threw his arms around him and began weeping openly. When he had gained his composure enough to speak, he said, "Yes! Sir! It most surely did happen! This preacher was captain of that boat, and I am the young man who was unsaved at that terrible time. He threw me the life preserver, because he knew I didn't have a prayer of a chance to go to Heaven, and he sacrificed his precious son, whom he knew was safe in the arms of Jesus. I had never known such love before. May God bless this good and wise man!"

Each of us, who has been blessed with forgiveness of sins, can surely relate to this moving story, and the most touching part of it is that God, our Heavenly Father sacrificed His only begotten Son upon the cross of calvary, that each one of us **might** be saved. The sad and almost inconceivable idea in connection with this, is that in spite of His sacrificial gift, some refuse to "lay hold on eternal life" (1 Tim. 6:12). The Hebrew writer asks the sobering question: "Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God" (Heb. 10:29). Very sobering thought!

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