

## **Offenses Must Come**

This might be a topic where many people are offended. But the bible says "offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!" Matt 18:7 I guess the real question is, "are you being offended by; the word of God or by the actions of the world"? It is not my purpose to intentional offend people, but truth is truth and it will never change.

The bible says there will come a great falling away in the end times. It also says, "because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thess 2:11-12

These are the times when we must defend truth no matter the cost might be to ourselves. Repeating a lie does not make it become truth. Churches are watering down the gospel to make it more palatable and acceptable; more agreeable with what the people seek. They allow sin to be accepted and thus corrupt the thoughts of those who might be seeking the truth. God help them. Open their eyes before it is too late. The word says, "but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea." Matt 18:6

There are entire congregations who not only accept, but endorse the homosexual life style. Instead of offering deliverance, they promote acceptance. Instead of demanding truth, they advance the lie. My bible says, "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, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Cor 6:9

And what does it say in Romans? "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." Rom 1:26-27

I read this just this morning. "Aaron Musser of St. Luke's Lutheran Church of Logan Square in Chicago recently dressed in full drag for the sunday service, wearing a long white dress emblazoned with a golden cross on its chest, a long blonde wig, and full makeup in order to lead the children's message. The pastor began the message by calling the children up to the front to sit with him and asked if they'd ever seen a drag queen before."

Such actions as these inflame the nostrils of God. Judgment and restitution are waiting at the door. His wrath will no longer be held back by His forbearance throughout the millennium. One just needs to look around at the way the earth is revolting in earthquakes, volcanoes and extreme weather in increasing proportions. Wars and rumors of war are spreading rapidly. Iniquity and lawlessness abound. Human manipulation is increasing. The days of Noah are upon us.

"So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Gen 1:27 There are only male and female and one cannot become the other. This confusion and deception is the work of satan. The person going through such torment needs deliverance instead of acceptance. It's bad enough that adults are being deceived.

Now, there are children as young as four are being allowed to make these life altering decisions. I was what they used to call a "tomboy" growing up until I finally met a real boy I liked. My God, what are we doing to our children and the next generation? Parents are not only acquiescing to such things but in many circumstances encouraging it.

I don't know how many of you read, as I did, about the man receiving a pig's heart. Most of us knew that once human organ transplants began, mixing with animals or machines would not be far behind. I know medicine has done much to save and prolong life but how far are we willing to go to keep from dying? How far will we allow God's creation to be manipulated to extend life? What will be the aftermath and judgment of such things? Will life without God really be life?

Now is our time. We "upon whom the ends of the ages have come." 1 Cor 10:11 We must speak the truth in love but the truth must be spoken. We must not allow people to live in a matrix of their own making. We must not let them entertain the lies of satan without a strong witness of the truth. Know the truth. Stand in truth. Speak the truth.

What will be the cost? Perhaps great in this life. We are living for the life to come though? The other day I heard "faith is spelled R-I-S-K". Will you be among "those who are wise shall shine Like the brightness of the firmament"? Dan 12:3 Will you join me and speak the truth in faith? Will you take the risk?

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Father, this is not time for the lamb to emerge. It is time for the lion to control. Give us a spirit of boldness as we speak Your word in love. Your judgments will determine where their spirits will spend eternity. Give us wisdom to guide them to the truth. Your word is truth and will remain so ever lasting.