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Viewpoints

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Traditional Marriage: Biblical and Logical - June 20, 2015

Will the Supreme Court see the real agenda behind gay marriage?

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I had no idea that because I speak of traditional marriage, I was a bigot. But that's how a website instructs its readers to label me when it purports: "The term 'traditional marriage' is a term employed by anti-gay religious groups and individuals to promote bigotry, prejudice, hostility and discrimination toward gay and lesbian citizens."

That website goes on to explain that because I teach [Genesis 2:19-24](#) (how God designed and instituted traditional marriage between Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden), I am a purveyor of "social injustice both in terms of denying gay and lesbian individuals equal treatment guaranteed by our Constitution and also denying them human dignity... which is morally wrong."

Wow, I had no idea that I am a purveyor of social injustice and human indignity, and that my morals are wrong. I always thought that God in his Word is the ultimate authority on the issues of morality, justice and human dignity, not humans corrupted by sin in mind and soul.

Here is but a small example of the ideological war that is occurring in our world, in the run-up to what may well be a history-setting decision rendered by the Supreme Court before this month is out. In my June 14, 2015 Sermon ("Standing Against the Satan's Scheme") I explained...

In the coming days the Supreme Court will make a decision regarding the Obergefell v. Hodges case. This is the case that challenges the constitutionality of gay marriage ban in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee. The man who's suing argues that the states are violating the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment by not permitting gay marriage.

The Supreme Court began hearing oral arguments in April. Court blogger Amy Howe describes some of the justices' initial reactions toward the question of legalizing gay marriage. "Chief Justice John Roberts suggested that adopting [the plaintiff's] position would "redefine" marriage, adding that 'every definition I looked up until about a dozen years ago' defined marriage as a union between a man and woman... [Then] Justice Anthony Kennedy [explained how] the traditional definition of marriage has been around for millennia, but it has only been a little over a decade since the Court in Texas [challenged that definition]. That may be a long time for

scholars, he pointed out, but it isn't very long compared to the big picture, and 'it's very difficult for the Court to say we know better.'”

I shared this in my sermon so that our congregation would understand that these Supreme Court Justices are sounding the alarm. They are sounding the alarm that this issue is not simply about allowing gay marriage to become legal, it's about changing the definition of marriage. You see, I was using God's word to point out that whenever man deviates from God's good will, he brings upon himself tragic consequences. The fact that the Supreme Court is poised to rule on the constitutionality of gay marriage served as relevant application.

One of Satan's schemes is to reframe an issue so as to obscure the real issues at stake. So Satan leads the uninformed to believe the case before the court simply seeks to end the “unequal treatment” of prohibiting marriage to gay couples. How subtle Satan is! He knows that we Americans take pride in “equality and freedom for all” so he appeals to our human pride and makes it seem as if you're un-American if you don't agree with gay marriage. But the Justices on the Supreme Court have not been fully beguiled by Satan's scheme, which is why at least two justices have sounded the alarm that this case is about changing the definition of marriage.

I optimistically wonder (and pray) that the Supreme Court is well-read enough and wise enough to see that the real agenda behind legalizing gay marriage is more than redefining marriage. Here's what I mean, as I copy and paste from my blog, [“How to Turn the Wantonness of Gay Marriage into a Witness for the Savior.”](#)

By giving gay marriage the same “equal treatment” that's given to traditional marriage, the incentives to encourage traditional marriage are nullified, yes, they're stripped away. The result is that traditional marriage is denigrated-- which, by the way, is the expressed purpose of some gay marriage activists.

Changing marriage beyond recognition has long been a stated goal of the organization Beyond Marriage, which is a collection of several hundred gay-rights lawyers, law professors, and activists. They argue that same-sex marriage is merely the first step on the path to redefining the family itself. Ultimately, they want legal protection for a host of other relationships, including, as they delicately put it, “Queer couples who decide to jointly create and raise a child with another queer person or couple, in two households” and “committed, loving households in which there is more than one conjugal partner.” This group is not a collection of cranks: It includes professors from Georgetown, Harvard, Emory, Columbia, and Yale. The Beyond Marriage project has at least as much elite support today as the entire same-sex marriage movement had in 1990. ([Bait and Switch of Gay Marriage](#))

Again, by asking why a gay couple should be not be granted the same right to marry that a man and woman have, is to ask the wrong question. Here's the right question to ask: isn't the promotion and encouragement of traditional marriage and the nuclear family still important today as it has been for over two millennia? The answer clearly is yes!

For those of us who still believe that God's Word is verbally inspired and inerrant, the answer is forever **“clearly yes!”** because God defines what marriage is and blesses it. Further, God also protects marriage by his 6th commandment: “You shall not commit

adultery.” Luther asked, *what does this mean?* and from his study of scripture, he taught us to answer: “We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.” Not husband and husband, or wife and wife, but husband and wife.

Do you need to encouragement to speak up, to explain to others that changing the definition of marriage is an aberration of God’s will, a sin which will lead to tragic consequences? Or do you need some encouragement to stand strong against the political correctness Satan uses to incite people to call you un-American? Such people are plainly ignorant of the fact that by keeping the definition of marriage as one man and one woman, we are protecting and defending our beloved country.

“It’s logical and reasonable; it’s historical; it’s validated by the social sciences to be good for our communities; and it’s even a matter of our national security—that marriage is a union between a man and woman.”

You can explore the powerful truth behind that sentence, as I lay out the facts in my detailed blog, [“How to Turn the Wantonness of Gay Marriage into a Witness for Christ.”](#)

In the meantime, please pray for our Supreme Court to rule in the way that will protect our beloved country, as they rule in line with the wisdom that comes from Christ!

Source Material (Links may become inactive over time.)

[Amy Howe’s blog 28 April 2015](#) @ SCOTUSblog.com

[The Same-Sex Marriage Bait and Switch](#) @ weeklystandard.com

[The Sin of Promoting ‘Traditional Marriage’](#) @ FaithInAmerica.org

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Blessings to you and your loved ones, Pastor Mike Nitz

