

Are We There Yet?

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"Are we there yet?" This is the question of a parents dread when traveling. Be it on a family vacation or just some reason that a family must spend a couple of hundred miles or more locked in the confines of a highway coffin the children will inevitably ponder this question. Often two is this question followed by less than 5 minutes of silence with the solitude fractured by, "are we there, yet?!" This is the question that are facing regarding the state of our nation. We have, as a nation, stepped back and told the world look at us and observe our moral decline. Activities that were once considered a crime are now given to the public arena to say it is a lifestyle. Friend, what God has joined together let no man put asunder (Matt 19:9). Where do we have the right to call bad good and good bad. The prophet Isaiah through inspiration of the Spirit (2Peter 1:21) pronounced this hypocrisy as a "woe" against Israel. Those who would stand up and pronounce prosperity "by the grace of God," and openly mock His definition of right and wrong by killing innocent unborn children or by supporting this so-called "homosexual marriage," have called "evil good." In turn these same supporters will call me a hater because I do not agree with their ideology but rather with the principles set in the record (1John 5:10-11; Rev 1:2) by the author (Heb 5:9, 12:2) who created this world and everything that is contained therein (John 1:1-3, Heb 1.1-2) that were put in place before anyone today ever drew their first breath (Eph 1:4). If one choose to live this lifestyle, that is your decision, and I do not think any different of you for so choosing because it is your choice. The same as it is to everyone to decide to live righteously or evil in any other sense. In turn, you have no right to tell me that I have to agree with it or that I cannot tell people that God said it is a sin and one that will cause your soul to be condemned eternally, because God said so.

Here is the question, "Are we there yet?" Paul exhorted that in order to be chosen by the plan ordained before the foundation of the world, that we are to be holy and without blame. Unfortunately by the choices that many around us are making on a daily basis they are not holy or without blame.

There will be a reckoning to come to those who mold themselves to that pattern. When the Master teacher opened His final revelation to be penned by the hand of John the apostle He said, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death" (Rev 21:8). How much plainer can the language be? Can one even begin to ponder and eternity of dying? Think of the sadness, the all consuming grief, of losing a loved one. What if you are that loved one? To die once because of the influence that satan put upon this world (Rom 5:12) is bad enough, but to experience this eternally? What does this mean? This means eternal separation from God Almighty. The lake of fire, Hell, is the eternal dwelling place of evil and darkness (Jude 6).

This is a total contrast of what God is, for "God is light and in Him is no darkness at all" (1John 1:5). As the light (John 1:4) He is the source that eternally illuminates the bliss of heaven (Rev 21:23). The conclusion? Hell is eternal darkness, God is eternal light, therefore God is not in Hell. One who is cast into the eternal darkness of torment is eternally separated from the One who created them in His image. Who are we to toy with His plan, His desire, His law, His right and wrong? Homosexuality is an abomination (Lev 20:13). Under the Old Law these were to be put to death. Why? Because it is the polar opposite of why God put you on this earth. He put men here to be fruitful and multiply (Gen 1:22). There is no way that two men together, or two women together can multiply. For this to be possible there would have to be adultery in the relationship (Exo 20:14, Lev 20:10, Matt 5:32, 19:9). This is a violation of the marriage prescription, for a homosexual couple to procreate there would be a violation of the vows, therefore,

homosexual bonds cannot be made and that one be found in compliance with God's will. There is no homosexual marriage in God's decrees, period. That is not this author saying this, that is the author of eternal salvation saying this (Heb 5:9). Hands that shed innocent blood God "HATES" (Prov 6:16-18). Killing innocent babies before they ever see the light of day is "SHEDDING INNOCENT BLOOD." In the word of a John DeBerry "I do not have a problem with what a woman wants to do to her own body, I have a problem with what she does to that babies body."

Again the question arises "Are We There Yet?" Are we where? Have we come to the point that we are going the way of all nations before us? Have we not learned from the history of nations that no longer exist today? George Santayana is known for the saying, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it" (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Santayana). Is this where we have come? Have we come to the point that we cannot remember what happened in the past? Even the past that is recorded in the history books? Have we developed philosophically to the point that we think we are smarter, better, wiser than all of the nations that have gone before us? Those nations were filled men of intelligence. They were the center of thinking and those nations fell because of the same things we practice today. Alternative lifestyles and murder. Study the history of the Assyrian nation. Observe the atrocities practiced when they would attack a nation. Then return and give the location of the city of Nineveh. Why is this a difficulty? Because the nation fell. Where is Babylon-Gone. Where is Greece, where is Rome, as a world power. Barely in existence. Once great nations that fell. Why? Look at their moral decline. See just how far off of that path we have strayed in this great nation today. Solomon said "there is nothing new under the sun" (Ecc 1:9). But this is not the way that it has to be. It is such because we think we can

do what other nations failed doing and somehow get away with it. It has never worked. It will never work.

If this debauchery of life is going to change it is going have change with the one thing of which we have control. I can control ME, and that is all. You can control YOU, and that is all. It is time we put off the nonsense of carnality and put the righteous breast plate of a soldier of God (Eph 6:13-17). In this passage Paul said to wear the armor of God in order to be able to stand in the evil day. Once again, "Are We There Yet?" Has the evil day arrived? The evil day has been here since the first day of Christianity and soldiers of the cross have been battling the lion ever since (1Peter 5:8). Right now this lion is standing on the pinnacle roaring loud and proud. The adversary is right now grimacing with a supposed victory. One last time "Are We There Yet?" Are we to the point that we are going to stand up and say, "Enough?!" Or, will we let this blood thirsty monster continue to devour at will while we stand by idly watching. Solomon recorded in Proverbs 6:16-18 a list of things that God calls an abomination, that He hates. Are We There Yet?