

Evening Worship / May 14, 2023

“Love Without Hypocrisy” Romans 12:9

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ἀνυπόκριτος anupokritos one word means without hypocrisy, another way of saying this is let your love be REAL, not play acting!

1. If love does not abhor evil, it is not real love –

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1. There was a time when all sexual sin was condemned in America for the evil / sin it is -

In 1610, Sir Thomas Gates, governor of the Virginia Colony, first issued the "Articles, Laws, and Orders, Divine, Politique, and Martial," a code placing Virginia under martial law--a law including the earliest-known English-American penalty for "sodomy." The ninth provision of the Virginia legal code of 1610 read:

“No man shall commit the horrible, detestable sins of sodomy upon pain of death; & he or she that can be lawfully convicted of Adultery shall be punished with death. No man shall ravish or force any woman, maid or Indian, or other, upon pain of death....

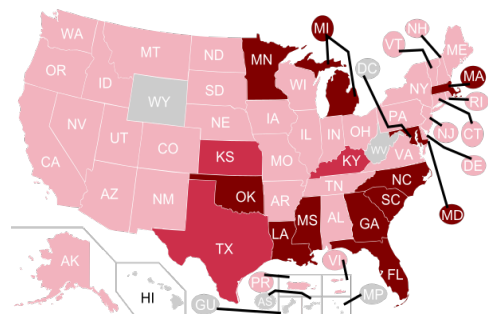
Fornication was also penalized, by a whipping for the first and second offense, and, for a third offense, by a whipping three times a week for a month, and a public apology in church.” Jonathan Katz

2. I grew up in the 1960s, the sexual revolution –

You might say sodomy outlawed gradually turned into homosexuality which was considered a disorder / psychological, not sinful! This change has happened as we have gone further from Christianity, outlawed the Bible & Prayer in the early 1960s

To the point now that those who consider homosexuality wrong are counted “homophobic”

In 2003, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that sodomy laws violated the constitutional right to privacy in *Lawrence v. Texas*, none of these laws matter anymore -



Current status of state statutes regarding sodomy and bestiality. All sodomy statutes have been invalidated (ruled unconstitutional) by state courts and/or *Lawrence v Texas*, but 14 have not been repealed by their state legislatures.

Gray - No statute banning sodomy

Pink- Statute bans bestiality

Red- Statute bans same-sex sodomy

Burgundy - Statute bans sodomy

II. Now, homosexuals, calling themselves "Gay" maintain their sin is not an act or a condition, but an identity –

"Gay is the New Black" – was the title several years ago in the magazine called the Advocate- November 16, 2008 NOT the same at all! First Homosexuals are not born homosexual Second they are not poor and oppressed, but usually RICH and oppressors!

1. *Many churches now, even supposed Bible-believing are afraid to speak out against these things, because they will be called "bigots" "haters" "unloving"*

2. *But it is UNLOVING not to "abhor" sin – Hypocrisy is wearing a mask! Playing a part! You are not, loving the sinner, if you do not HATE / ABHOR their sin! Sin is a destructive force. When you are okay with it or worse you celebrate or fight for it, you are celebrating the destruction of those you think you LOVE!*

Hollywood actress Charlize Theron this past Sunday, threatened anyone who opposes drag queens having full and unlimited access to children in her "Drag Isn't Dangerous" telethon.

She said, "I will f--- anybody up who is, like, trying to f--- with anything with drag queens. ... Drag queens = LOVE!!!!!!!" Anyone who opposes this is branded a hater ...

No, drag queens performing for and playing with children are not LOVE!

3. *We have not only churches that OKAY-GAY! But many more that will not deal with couples having sex out of wedlock, adultery, pornography when Jesus will judge lust in the heart –*

²⁷ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell. Matthew 5:27–30 (NKJV)

4. *God's laws remain in place, even against evil thoughts and adultery in the heart!*

¹⁴² **Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and Your law is truth. Psalm 119:142**

*III. True Love clings to what is GOOD –
Cling to what is good. Romans 12:9 B (NKJV)*

1. *Love is a keep the Law Thing – (Not a break the LAW thing ...)*

⁹ **For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."** ¹⁰ **Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law. Romans 13:9–10 (NKJV)**

2. *We have to cling to good things, or our sinful flesh will pull us to evil –*

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:8 (NKJV)

Psalm 119:11 (NKJV) ¹¹ Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

“He did not wear a text *on* his heart as a charm, but he hid it *in* his heart as a rule.”

C. H. Spurgeon

Verse 11.—“*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*” In proportion as the word of the King is present in the heart, “*there is power*” against sin (Eccles. 8:4). Let us use this means of absolute power more, and more life and more holiness will be ours.

—*Frances Havergal – Author of Hymns: 159, 293, 326, 504, 560, 561, 585, 586, 587, 588, 590, 639 & 699 of these we know 561 Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak, 585, 586 Take My Life and Let It Be, 587-588 Who is on the Lord’s Side & 699 Like a River Glorious*

Verse 11.—“*Thy word have I hid in mine heart.*” There is great difference between Christians and worldlings. The worldling hath his treasure in jewels without him; the Christian hath them within. Neither indeed is there any receptacle wherein to receive and keep the word of consolation but the heart only. If thou have it in thy mouth only, it shall be taken from thee; if thou have it in thy book only, thou shall miss it when thou hast most to do with it; but if thou lay it up in thy heart, as Mary did the words of the angel, no enemy shall ever be able to take it from thee, and thou shalt find it a comfortable treasure in the time of thy need.—*William Cowper.* Author of Hymns 128, 145, 253, 377, 534, 621 of these we know 128 God Moves in a Mysterious Way & 253 There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

Verse 11.—“*That I might not sin against thee.*” Among many excellent virtues of the word of God, this is one; that if we keep it in our heart, it keeps us from sin, which is against God and against ourselves. We may mark it by experience, that the word is first stolen either out of the mind of man, and the remembrance of it is away; or at least out of the affection of man; so that the reverence of it is gone, before that a man can be drawn to the committing of a sin. So long as Eve kept by faith the word of the Lord, she resisted Satan; but from the time she doubted of that, which God made most certain by his word, at once she was snared.—*William Cowper.*

Maybe it helps for writing Hymns too?

Verse 11.—“*Thy word have I hid in mine heart.*”—Remembered, approved, delighted in it.—*William Nicholson*

¹² For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12 (NKJV)

Powerful to help and heal / Powerful to judge, condemn!

3. Let us “cling” to what is GOOD –

A. There are certain things we do not want to cling to us –

²¹ The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. Deuteronomy 28:21 (NKJV)

³ I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me. Psalm 101:3 (NKJV)

B. God tells us what we should cling to –

³¹ I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame! ³² I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart. Psalm 119:31–32 (NKJV)

C. God warns us about not clinging to Him –

13 Thus the LORD said to me: “Go and get yourself a linen sash, and put it around your waist, but do not put it in water.” ² So I got a sash according to the word of the LORD, and put it around my waist.

³ And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, ⁴ “Take the sash that you acquired, which is around your waist, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole in the rock.” ⁵ So I went and hid it by the Euphrates, as the LORD commanded me.

⁶ Now it came to pass after many days that the LORD said to me, “Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the sash which I commanded you to hide there.” ⁷ Then I went to the Euphrates and dug, and I took the sash from the place where I had hidden it; and there was the sash, ruined. It was profitable for nothing.

⁸ Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹ “Thus says the LORD: ‘In this manner I will ruin the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. ¹⁰ This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who follow the dictates of their hearts, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing. ¹¹ For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so I would have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me,’ says the LORD, ‘that they may become My people, for renown, for praise, and for glory; but they would not hear.’ Jeremiah 13:1–11 (NKJV)

More and more our country, and even many who call themselves “Christians” are clinging to sin, to sexual sin and not to God ...

Our identity should be we are created in God’s image, in knowledge, in righteousness and in holiness, but more and more men and women are creating their own identity based on the sinful sexual perversity!

We as “Christians” need to be consistently abhorring what is evil and clinging to what is good!

We have a glorious identity in Christ, we need to cling to it, we also need to show it –

¹⁴ **“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.**

¹⁶ **Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:14–16 (NKJV)**

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