

Morning Lesson

“AND I SAY TO YOU...”

Matt. 7:21

INTRO:

1. What Jesus said in our text is not very popular today, even among religious folks.
2. However, in the world at large it is ridiculed.
3. Bible believers have lost an important battle.
4. We're told to stay out of the public discussion.

Matt. 5:13-16

I. OPINION MAKERS IN OUR COUNTRY SAY...

- A. They have sold the idea that opposing homosexual relations is a civil rights issue equivalent to racial discrimination.
- B. Marriage has been redefined.

II. THE BIBLE SAYS...

- A. About marriage.

Heb. 13:4a; Prov. 18:22; Matt. 19:4-6

- B. About sexual relations outside of marriage.

Heb.13:4b; 1 Cor. 6:9

- C. About homosexuality. **1 Cor. 6:9-11; Rom. 1:18-32**

III. COMMITMENT IS A BIG ISSUE.

- A. Marriage is widely discounted as just a piece of paper.
- B. Aside from being a legal relationship, it signifies commitment.
- C. Lack of marriage loudly proclaims a lack of commitment.

CONC:

1. Marriage is more than a piece of paper.
2. God's word is more than simply a suggestion of how to live.
3. God is committed to his creation: so much so that he gave his son to die.
4. What is my commitment in return?
5. Illus: My mom and dad.
6. The church is the bride of Christ...commitment!