

Outlawing Christianity

I. Introduction

- A. Laws that hinder service to God are nothing new.
- B. Throughout the first few centuries AD law were made to make it difficult to a devoted Christian as they required worship to either the local temple or to the emperor.
- C. As "Christianity" gained acceptance it became the dominant power and those with one particular view oppressed anyone with a different view.
- D. Those same oppressive forces have been and still are in existence today whether they be from those who claim to be believers or those who don't.
- E. Our goal this evening is to identify those forces and see what our response to them should be.

II. The Laws That Threaten

A. In Schools

1. Sex Education:

a) A sample of a K-3 curriculum:

- (1) "Begin with direct instruction to help the children become comfortable with sexual terminology. Provide dittoes of naked boys and girls with clearly labeled body parts, and instruct them to "color the feet green" and "color the scrotum orange."
- (2) "Provide hands-on, realistic models of the male and female genitalia for children to touch, take apart and examine. This may be some children's only chance to see adult genitalia up close before they become adults themselves, and it may help them feel much more comfortable with themselves and others."
- (3) "Use the book Love Makes A Family by Gigi Kaeser to show and describe gay and lesbian relationships and families."
- (4) "Address masturbation as a normal, private (but not secret) activity. Depending on the religious makeup of the community, you may wish to minimize discussion of the topic of masturbation at this point, but at least mention the concept."
- (5) The man who Barak Obama appointed as the safe schools czar while working for GLSEN hosted seminars that were basically sex fairs where they taught kids various "techniques" for homosexual activity and even gave them "equipment" to take home with written instructions on the various ways it could be used.
- (6) They say their goal is to simply give information so children can make informed decisions.
- (7) (So let's teach kids an amoral approach to sexual activity and hope they make wise decisions).

- b) When parents raise a cry against such instruction they are told that SOMEBODY has to address these issues.

- c) In addition, the federal administration is pushing for what they call a “school climate” approach.
 - (1) This is where acceptance of homosexuality infused in each and every subject.
 - (2) This makes it where you can’t simply “opt out” of the offending class.
 - 2. Evolution:
 - a) Despite the numerous distortions and outright lies that have been pointed out in science curriculums over the years they still will not allow even a mention that there could be another explanation besides their state approved one.
 - b) Even a brief statement before teaching the state approved doctrine has been repeatedly stricken down.
 - 3. Taking God out of Schools:
 - a) A group of students in Missouri purchased Bibles with their own money and brought them to hand out before school. About 1000 Bible were “confiscated” and the children were told to disperse or they would be arrested.
 - b) In upstate NY a kindergarden girl and her two friends were “caught” praying before they ate their snack. After a letter from a lawyer they said that the girl could pray, but not out loud.
 - c) In Houston, a group of three students were threatened with disciplinary action if they continued to bring their Bibles to school and carry them around openly where they could be seen.
 - d) On the other hand you have instructions on American Indian spiritualism in Minnesota and in Illinois you can’t display the Ten Commandments but you can teach children about Islam by having them become Muslim for a week including the actual reciting of Muslim prayers IN THE CLASSROOM.
- B. In Colleges:
- 1. Colleges more than any other place in our society have abandoned all pretenses of defending the free speech of Americans.
 - 2. Most colleges now have what are called speech codes and many have “free speech zones”.
 - a) The basic premise is that they will decide who are the “protected classes” and you are not allowed to say anything that might cause offense to any in those classes.
 - b) However, if you are not in one of those classes then bombs away.
 - c) So if you want to express that you find homosexuality morally repugnant you will be reprimanded and may be told that your behavior is morally repugnant.
 - d) One college has gone so far as to not only say that you cannot say things that the protected classes find offensive but if you attribute their offense to hypersensitivity then that too will be classified as hate speech.
 - 3. Of course educations they offer pick up where high school leave off and take forward the idea that Christianity has been and continues to be the enemy of all that is good and right.

C. In the Workplace:

1. More and more businesses are being threatened if they do not comply with “diversity” standards.
2. Because of these threats they have become shameless promoters of the homosexual agenda lest they become targets of legislation.
 - a) Allstate fired a man after they found he had written an article expressing disapproval of homosexuality.
 - b) Florida has removed a teacher who express disgust on his personal Facebook page at the same-sex marriage decision in NY.
3. Even those who have their own businesses are finding themselves and their businesses under attack.
 - a) The founder of eHarmony.com (an online dating site) found himself under attack because he didn’t offer matchmaking services for homosexuals.
 - b) A psychiatrist in California found himself under attack because he suggested that a homosexual patient might find another doctor a better fit as he was morally against the lifestyle.
 - c) Doctors who oppose the providing of abortion have found their jobs threatened.
 - d) A pharmacist who owned his own business was told that he was legally required to carry the plan-B abortion drug.
 - e) Bed and Breakfast owners and wedding chapels all over the country are being sued when they will not provide services to homosexual couples.
 - f) Hobby Lobby has just filed a suit against the federal government because they are being told that if they do not provide insurance that covers on demand abortions for their employees they will face fines of \$1.3 million...per day.
4. We need to understand that these legal attacks are not happenstance but are tactically aimed at Christians who have a moral standard.

D. Day to Day Life

1. More and more our right to quote the Bible in public is being challenged.
2. The public square is open to the most vile and immoral displays but don’t you dare try to bring the Bible in there.

E. In Churches

1. Churches are being sued for Bible quotes on their signs.
2. Churches are being sued for practicing Biblical discipline.

III. What Can we Do About It?

A. We can pray (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

B. We can know our rights (Acts 16:36-39).

1. We need to realize the foundations of our country.
 - a) This country was established by men who had a universal recognition of the existence of God and included that recognition throughout the founding documents.
 - b) This means that they could not possibly have meant that any recognition of God was a violation of the constitution.
 - c) In fact, at the time the constitution was ratified 8 of the 13 colonies had official state religions.

2. There is no need to quietly submit to a persecution that is against the laws of our country.
 3. If the laws are passed and our rights are taken away then we will have to deal with that but as long as we are American citizens and as long as that means we have rights, then we are allowed to say so.
- C. We can support those who pass laws that are helpful.
1. We don't have a responsibility to vote as Christians.
 2. God's word doesn't say much about political matters.
 3. But we do have some idea as to what God intended governments for (Rom. 13:1-7; 1 Tim. 2:1-2).
 4. Support those political things that support moral outcomes.
- D. We can be consistent in our practice of Christianity.
1. We can teach the whole counsel of God so that charges of inconsistency will find no foundation (Acts 20:26-27).
 2. We can consistently apply God's word so that no one can say they have been singled out (Gal. 2:11-13).
 3. We can display a Christlike attitude so that charges of "hatred" must be made in the face of kindness (Matt. 26:60-68).
 4. We can hold firm to our faith no matter what happens (Acts 5:27-33, 40-41).

IV. Conclusion

- A. We've been talking this week about the attacks made against our beliefs.
- B. Tonight we are talking about the aim being taken at our actions.
- C. We are going to have to remember that as Christians we must be the lights of the world.
- D. We can't "play by their rules", we must play by God's.