

“REINVENTING AN APPROACH”

I have in my possession a dissertation concerning the subject of “homosexuality.” It is composed by a person who calls himself a Gospel preacher. Let me be fair with him and note that the same material that I would present to show the sinfulness of “homosexuality,” he presents. He believes it is a sin to be a lesbian or a sodomite. All of a sudden those of us who have been preaching against this sin, most of our lives, is said to be callused, manifest hatred, show a lack of love toward those we oppose and is suggesting a different approach is needed in our dealing with the sin of homosexuality. To say the least is to say we have been wrong in our approach and need to be more gentle and kind.

This brother has created a “**straw man**” and charges preachers of the Gospel with not having the right approach in dealing with sin. I know my heart and want to make my objection to such a dissertation **with charges that are not true**. I know of no gospel preacher who have been presenting hate. I know of no preachers who have been presenting belligerents. Possibly he knows the heart of all of my preaching brethren, I do not. *“11 For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man, which is in him? Even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God.”* I Cor. 2:11. I do not know what is in the mind of a man; but, God does. So, he is not able to judge and make a charge concerning hate, anger, and callused, showing a lack of love toward those who oppose homosexuality. It seems he is able to do what I cannot do – or, does he just think he can do what he is doing?

When I present the material found in the **BIBLE**, as is presented in the Bible, am I following the teachings of Jesus, God and the Holy Spirit? – remember God is the author of the Bible. Should one **BIND** an approach that he feels is better, as he presents the Word of God, am I not questioning the presentation of God’s message to those who have become sinners? Do I have the right to charge those who present the Bible by reading what God said about homosexuality and charge they have hate? In a subtle way they are questioning what God has told us to do and have set themselves up as judge and jury to tell us we are wrong.

If some brethren can **bind** an approach, dealing with homosexual’s, it will not be long until we will have them **changing** and **reinventing** our dealing with the drunkards. Will they want to **reinvent** our approach to fornication and adultery? You see, this leads to a **reinventing** of everything the Bible teaches, all because **they** want to impose their will and be able to tell others how they should act or conduct themselves under certain circumstances. Paul said concerning those who wanted to bind circumcision on the Gentiles: *“to whom we gave place in the way of subjection, no, not for an hour,”* Gal. 2:5.

I can look at all the teaching in the New and Old Testament concerning homosexuality and preach as Paul preached and be pleasing and acceptable to God. *“So then am I become your enemy, by telling you the truth?”* Gal. 4:16. Paul says, *“Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them,”* Eph. 5:11. We are charged with “preaching the Word,” II Tim. 4:2. Why should one be involved in calling different ones names and belittling them for doing what God told them to do? Brethren there is something wrong and amiss in such action.

I am like Joshua and David in their elderly years, can reflect upon passing years and observe others who have done the same thing, in the past. It would seem there are those more interested in seeking a name than being known as a Gospel Preacher!

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