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AM - BEN WRIGHT - "FOR PREACHING AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY"

PM - SINGING AND FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

GOSPEL MEETING AT PARRISH JAN 31-FEB 2

MEN'S DAY AT WINFIELD JAN 25 AT 9 AM

QUILTING GROUP WILL MEET TUESDAY NIGHT AT 6

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Jan 20: Blake Wright

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SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Class 9:30

Worship 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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FOR PREACHING AGAINST HOMOSEXUALITY

(1 Corinthians 6:9-11)

I. God has _____ homosexuality in every age.

- A. Genesis 19 records the destruction of _____.
1. Earlier in Genesis, the men of Sodom had been mentioned as being _____ (Genesis 13:13).
 2. Because of this bent towards _____ acts, and for other sins, the city was destroyed.
- B. The _____ Law strictly forbade homosexuality.
1. Leviticus 18:22, 29; 1 Kings 14:24.
 2. Homosexuality was punishable by _____ (Leviticus 20:13).
- C. The New Testament says homosexuality is a _____.
1. _____ 1:26-27.
 2. 1 _____ 6:9-10.
 3. 1 _____ 1:9-11.
- D. Under every _____ of time, God has condemned homosexuality as a sin that separates one from Him.

II. Arguments _____ the acceptance of homosexuality.

- A. There are those that teach one is _____ homosexual.
1. There have been no scientific studies done that were ultimately deemed _____ that show one is born as a homosexual.
 2. The truth is, the homosexual lifestyle is _____ by those that engage in homosexual acts.
- B. Some argue that if true _____ exists between individuals, even of the same sex, who can say that it is wrong.
- C. Some of the reasons given by those in denominationalism for this are astounding.
1. One spokesman for the Presbyterian Church said a reason was that many members had _____ of the conflict.
 2. One _____ in the Lutheran Church cited two reasons:
 - a. _____.
 - b. The ability to follow one's _____.

III. A _____ about attitudes.

- A. When you read 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 and 1 Timothy 1:9-11, there are a lot of sins listed there _____ practicing homosexuality.
- B. Though they may not be practicing homosexuality, they are just as _____ as anyone who is practicing homosexuality.
- C. We need to be careful to not treat those engaged in homosexual sins any _____ than those practicing any other sins.

AFRAID OF THE DARK

Ben Wright

Do you have achluophobia? Apparently, this is the scientific name for a fear of darkness. There are many people who are afraid of the dark as you probably know. I don't mind not having any lights on, but I must admit, there is not a more worrisome feeling to me than to be in the church building at night with no lights on. It kind of gives me the creeps for some reason.

Spiritually speaking, I believe there are many people who suffer from photophobia. This is the scientific name for the fear of light. You might think that no is afraid of light. There are those who fear light in physical terms, but there are a great number who do in spiritual terms.

Jesus spoke about them when He said, "And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil" (John 3:19). God's word is a lamp and a light (Psalm 119:105). As you well know, many are walking in the darkness of sin because they refuse to walk in the light of God's word.

It is scary to some because it would mean a change of life. None of us really like change. However, if we want to walk in the light of God's word, we must be changed, or transformed, by it (Romans 12:1-2). If we want to have access to the blood of Christ to continually have our sins washed away, we must be those that walk in the light (1 John 1:7).

We should all be scared of the darkness of this world because of where it leads. Notice the words of Jesus: " But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth" (Matthew 8:12). Walking in darkness, sin, here on earth will lead us to everlasting darkness when this life is over. No one I know would want that for all eternity. However, many are headed straight for that darkness. It can be avoided, but only by walking in the light.

The light is bright and powerful. It is Jesus! "I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness" (John 12:46). Let those of us who are Christians make sure that we are reflecting that light as we should (Matthew 5:16). We may be the one who helps lead someone out of their fear of light into our fear of spiritual darkness.