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### An infamous day in Ulster's history



Over 100 gathered at Belfast City Hall to protest against the "sodomite wedding"

At Belfast City Hall, on Monday 19th December, a marker was set up which indicated the United Kingdom's slide into immorality. A "civil partnership" was formed between two women which has all the standing of a "marriage" in the eyes of the law of the land. In the eyes of God it was an abomination. In the light of Holy Scripture, the event serves as one of the signs of God giving up a nation to the harvest of its iniquity. Romans 1:18-32 makes solemn reading.

*"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God*

*hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."*

The Free Presbyterian Church, along with some others who shared our revulsion, pub-



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licly protested outside the City Hall while the “ceremony” was taking place. Many of the 100 who protested were Free Presbyterian ministers. Rev. Dr. Ian Brown, Conventor, Government & Morals Committee of the Free Presbyterian Church and minister of Londonderry congregation, led the protest and preached.

### **The following statement was issued by the Government & Morals Committee on the day of the protest.**

“The introduction of the Civil Partnership Act allows homosexual activists to gleefully tick another box on their checklist of demands. It does not seem to concern them that God views their legislative success not as a quest for equality, but an exercise in perversity.

#### **CONTRARY TO SCRIPTURE**

The only template the Bible authorises for a marriage union is that between one man and one woman – a plan God instituted at the beginning of creation (Genesis 2: 18; 21-24) and later endorsed through the teachings of Christ (Mark 10: 6-9). Sodomy is a direct travesty of, and challenge to, God’s order. The message of the Bible remains unmistakable on this issue: homosexuality is unnatural and depraved (Romans 1: 25-28); an abomination to God (Leviticus 18: 22; 20: 13); a sin that closes the door of heaven to the one who commits it (1 Corinthians 6: 9&10); has the seeds of destruction within itself, and is certain to attract divine judgment (Genesis 19, Romans 1: 27&32, Jude 7).

#### **CORRUPTING TO SOCIETY**

Homosexuality proved destructive to society in Sodom (Genesis 19). It is no less destructive to our society today. It would be naive to view this new Civil Partnership Act in isolation. It is only one item on a large agenda. As well as Burning Bush - An infamous day in Ulster’s history

campaigning for “the family” to be redefined to accommodate homosexual partnerships, the overall sodomite agenda includes:

Full custody, adoption and foster care rights for homosexuals.

The lowering of the age of consent for homosexual acts. It is rather unnerving to note that, even when this demand was acceded to and the age of consent lowered to 16 in November 2000, many sodomites were not satisfied and publicly stated that the age should be further reduced!

The repeal of Section 28 — legislation that prevents local authorities from promoting homosexuality. Though initial attempts to overthrow this Bill have been defeated in the Lords, both the homosexuals and the government view it as “unfinished business.”

The implementation of the homosexual curriculum at all levels of education. In the push to legitimise homosexuality, proponents are working to reach our children through the classroom. Tragically they are achieving some success, with a growing number of the younger generation exploring this perverted lifestyle to their ruin and ultimate death. Not content with ensnaring our teenagers in the hopeless morass of sodomy, homosexual activists are targeting our children at the most elementary levels. Books are currently available which promote the concept of homosexual marriages and families. ‘Daddy’s Roommate’ is one example – a book designed to be read by children aged 3-8. Other books in the same series include “Heather Has Two Mommies”, “Gloria Goes to Gay Pride”, “Families,” and one that targets the slightly older child (6-12), “How Would You Feel If Your Dad Was Gay?”

Back in 1996 two homosexuals contributed to an article in the Belfast Telegraph (27 May 1996) in which they demanded that children in primary school should be given teaching on



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“gay relationships,” arguing that “some homosexuals became aware of their sexuality as young as five.” This “blitzkrieg” of indoctrination has one obvious goal - to infect our children; to persuade them to accept and even consider practising this wicked lifestyle. In ticking the boxes on their checklist of desires, homosexuals are, in effect, saying to us: “Not only do we want to live in sin - but, since we cannot naturally procreate, we want you to provide your children as fodder for our foulness”!

We owe it to our children to protect their future. There is evidently nothing “gay” about choosing to follow a course that is blighted by exceptionally high rates of disease, mental health problems and suicide. Not to mention the anguish this causes to parents themselves. To uphold the sanctity and uniqueness of marriage and oppose the Civil Partnership Act is one way by which we may safeguard our children. Meanwhile, we must never stop declaring the love of God for all sinners, homosexuals included. By the grace of God they may be reclaimed from their iniquity.



Dr. Ian Brown was able to continue the protest via interviews on national television.

### — Why we oppose sodomy —

**It is a relationship that is condemned of God. “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination,” Leviticus 18:22. “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,” 1 Cor 6:9.**

**The nation that sanctions it must come under God’s condemnation. The history of the city of Sodom is proof enough of that.**

**For this reason, the Free Presbyterian Church seeks to raise its voice against those engaged in such wickedness and also the government which sanctions it. In history, sodomy has always been the precursor of national judgment and decline. Bible history in particular indicates that.**

**It is not an activity that people can legitimately claim the freedom to practice. We do not permit the practice of stealing or murder or drug-abuse. When that which is sinful in God’s eyes and contrary to His law is permitted, then those who permit it become partakers of the guilt of those who engage in such wickedness. “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people,” Proverbs 14:34.**