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The blasphemy of a Presbyterian minister challenged and answered by God's Word.

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The Lord Jesus Christ has placed on record that the close of this age will see the increase of the activities which characterised the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed," Luke 17:28-30.

Sodom apparently was flourishing: its routine activities continuing with none having any consideration for what the God of Heaven thought of their wickedness. But in truth its doom hastened on.

Sodomy is a depravity which goes beyond the boundaries of all other forms of sin and wickedness.

But, despite its perversity, those giving themselves over to this lifestyle are incessantly campaigning for it to be accepted by society as "normal"! They have succeeded in many countries in having those laws which once criminalised this wickedness removed and replaced by safeguards and protections which other members of society are denied in many instances.

It has reached the stage where you risk prosecution by describing sodomy in the terms God employs!

The religious world is one of the last "bastions" which sodomites wish to conquer. Various "Christian" denominations are convulsed by internal struggles with adherents of this evil seeking to be recognised as "Christian" and ordained to the ministry of the denomination. They also wish that "marriages" between sodomites be given the same status and sanction as heterosexual unions. They have their champions who are to the fore in making such demands. One has emerged in Belfast of late. He is Rev Chris Hudson of All Souls Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church in south Belfast.

The Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church is the remnant of the schismatics and Arians who left the Presbyterian Church in Ireland in the late 1830s after subscription to the orthodox and reformed Westminster Confession of Faith became compulsory for all Presbyterian ministers following a decision by the annual synod of that church. This year, Mr Hud-



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son was given a special “award” for his endeavours on behalf of sodomites. A report in the Belfast Telegraph of 2nd August 2010 reads as follows: “Presbyterian minister Reverend Chris Hudson, of All Souls Non-Subscribing Presbyterian Church in south Belfast, was named Belfast Pride ‘Hero of the Year’ for his support of the gay community. He said: “I’m humbled and taken aback by the award. There isn’t a singular Christian position. What I am trying to do is create a space of understanding at All Soul’s inclusive church.” “Everybody is welcome, regardless of race, creed, gender or sexual orientation. Belfast is a fine example of tolerance and understanding for the rest of the world.”

He is further reported by the BBC as saying: “I want to say to them, particularly those of a Christian faith, that it is ok to be gay and a Christian and do not let anyone tell you otherwise.” Ulster Television’s website reports on 31st July 2010: “For the first time representatives from a group connected to the Church of Ireland took part. “This is the first time we have had three ministers walking with our clerical collars on,” said Rev Chris Hudson from Changing Attitude Ireland. “We want to make our position very clear - that is that we believe that gay and lesbian people are entitled to express their sexuality and their Christianity.”

BOLD DEFIANCE OF GOD

Mr Hudson is being very bold indeed when he says: “. . . it is ok to be gay and a Christian and do not let anyone tell you otherwise.” He is encouraging his friends in the sodomite community to continue in their rejection of the Word of God for He is certainly one of those who says “otherwise”! It is my purpose in this article to set forth just what God’s Word has to say on sodomy and to make some application of those truths.

GOD MAKE HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD SODOMY VERY CLEAR

It has been repeated by many supporters of sodomy that the Bible does not condemn this wickedness. Nothing can be further from the truth. But then every defence of this practice has to be based upon a lie!

1. God calls sodomy sin.

He does that in the strongest of terms. Men may euphemistically call it a sickness or a psychological problem but God calls it a SIN!

“But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly,” Genesis 13:13. The word “exceedingly” indicates that which runs beyond normal measurement. It is used of the depth of the flood waters in the days of Noah, Genesis 7:19.

“And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous,” Genesis 18:20.

“For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the LORD; and the LORD hath sent us to destroy it,” Genesis 19:13.



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"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination," Leviticus 18:22. The word "abomination" is a very strong word indicating something that is strongly abhorred.

NEW TESTAMENT

When we consider what the New Testament has to say of this wickedness, we find the same strong denunciatory language used.

"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," Romans 1:26-27.

"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, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God," 1 Corinthians 6:9-10. Mr Hudson says that there is a welcome in his church for sodomites but God says that there is no place in the Kingdom of Heaven for such.

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." Ephesians 5:11-12. The "works of darkness" are the wicked practices of the heathen which would have included sodomy as 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 has shown. Such things are so shameful they ought not to be spoken of. The apostle's attitude is a far cry from that of Mr. Hudson, hero and champion of the sodomite cause in Belfast!

"Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine," 1 Timothy 1:9-10. Sodomites are here listed as "lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane." Is this not saying no to Mr. Hudson's claims that ". . . it is ok to be gay and a Christian and do not let anyone tell you otherwise"?

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire," Jude 1:7. What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah is meant to serve as a specimen, a pattern, an example of the fate that awaits those who engage in such wickedness.

"And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly," 2 Peter 2:6.



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How dare Mr. Hudson say otherwise!

2. Sodomy is a sin which results in the abandoning of the sinner by God.

“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,” Romans 1:26-27. Those who refuse the warnings of God regarding this sin are abandoned by Him to their fate. They cross a line and place themselves beyond hope.

Those who previously engaged in sodomite practices have been saved from it. That is clear from 1 Corinthians 6:11. “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” But those who defy God’s warnings and persist in their sins are left to suffer the consequences of their sin. This abandoning of sodomites may be seen in their evident lack of shame. Their parading their wickedness and stating that they are proud of their sin denotes shamelessness. They, like the original sodomites, sin “before the Lord” (Genesis 13:134) and mock Him to His face. They have no sense of guilt. “The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves,” Isaiah 3:9.

They use the word “gay” to describe themselves. The word originally meant “carefree and untroubled in mind and heart”. So it is with the sodomite, at least with regards his wickedness. He has no sense of guilt or shame. How different was the thief on the cross who repented. He, who but a short time before was railing upon the Lord with his companion in crime, the other thief, is suddenly smitten with guilt. He is made to see and feel by divine grace that he is a most guilty sinner. “And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us. But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom,” Luke 23:39-42. This is what grace will do in the sinner’s heart. It will convict him of his sin. The sodomite abandoned by God to his perversion will never sense his sin and repent.

3. It is such a sin as to bring a terrible retribution upon the one guilty of it.

“And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, even as the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt, as thou comest unto Zoar,” Genesis 13:10.

“And it came to pass, when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the cities in the which Lot dwelt,” Genesis 19:29. The word “destroyed” is here used to describe the fate of the sodomites of old. It does not mean annihilation. That is made clear by the Saviour in Matthew 10:15. “Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of



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Sodom and Gomorrha in the day of judgment, than for that city." Those sodomites destroyed back in the days of Abraham will yet stand before God in the final judgment. They have not ceased to be but abide in hell awaiting that judgment of the great white throne, Revelation 20: 11-15.

In the light of God's Word, what a fool Rev Chris Hudson is and what greater fools are those who heed him. He claims to be a friend of the sodomites but encourages them to ignore God, defy God and continue in their sin and on the road to everlasting damnation. There is coming a day when all those who embraced the advice of this false prophet will revise their view of this "Hero of the Year" and curse him and his counsel which served only to bring them down to everlasting ruin.

As already stated, there is hope for the sodomite who truly repents (1 Corinthians 6:11). "The vilest offender who truly believes That moment from Jesus a pardon receives."

That is the gospel in a nutshell. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness," 1 John 1:9.

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