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The Resurgence of Sodom and the Response of God's people

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Within the last 25 years society has undergone a marked change of attitude toward what heretofore was regarded as a gross iniquity, an abominable practice, a crime worthy of imprisonment. I am referring to sodomy. The word of God describes the practice in the clearest of terms even though many clerics and church leaders are at pains to suggest that God has not spoken on the matter in a manner that leaves its heinousness beyond doubt.

"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 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," Romans 1:24-27, 32.

The matter is beyond dispute. Sodomy is a gross wickedness which will bring down the judgment of God upon all who in engage in it and any society which tolerates it. That being so, the nations of earth are ripe for judgment and none more so than our own United Kingdom. Nor can Northern Ireland claim any exemption from the spiritual malaise as it may have justifiably done with regards to spiritual trends within the United Kingdom in the past. Sadly, Northern Ireland has seen the greatest change of attitude toward sodomy in comparison to the rest of the United Kingdom.

There is hardly a denomination within our Province but has manifested a change of attitude, a weakening of its opposition, including our own Free Presbyterian Church.

The Free Presbyterian Church does not condone sodomy but rather it condemns it outrightly. However, it has within its ranks those who are open to the charge of ambivalence toward this wickedness. It is not that these Free Presbyterians see sodomy as anything other than a vile wickedness. No, rather it is a case of them being prepared to back off in their criticism of it and opposition to it in case they find themselves in conflict with the political party to which they belong, the DUP, which is a key partner in the power-sharing set-up with Sinn Fein/IRA at Stormont. They have continued to give support to the political structures in Stormont even after it became clear, after many attempts to conceal the truth, that the Stormont regime has pursued a policy of support for sodomy since the establishment of the Power-sharing executive in 2007.

Earlier this year, a DUP Junior Minister, Jonathan Bell, acknowledged that the Office of the



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First Minister and Deputy First Minister was engaged in administering funds to sodomite organisations and that an enlargement of such support was planned. [Click here](#) for details.

Free Presbyterians are engaged in that power-sharing administration and their support for it must blunt their opposition to sodomy. No person can run in opposite directions simultaneously and no Free Presbyterian can hope to maintain a sustainable and credible opposition to sodomy while also maintaining their support for and participation in the political structures which help to finance and promote sodomy.

The Scriptures says: "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men," Matthew 5:13.

Any slackening of opposition to sodomy can only result in a strengthening of that sin. That is what has happened in Ulster. An uncertain sound has been heard from the ranks of God's people and the Word of God tells us what the outcome of that will be. "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" 1 Corinthians 14:8.

The level of opposition and resistance has declined and sodomy has strengthened itself.

The recent case of a senior member of the Church of Ireland, Dean Thomas Gordon of Leighlin in the Republic of Ireland, entering into a "civil partnership" with his "boyfriend" of some 20 years indicates just how rampant sodomy is when it is flaunted so brazenly. The "Belfast Newsletter" of September 5th, 2011, said this on the issue. "Yesterday the Rev Gordon said that he had received approval from his bishop, the Rt Rev Michael Burrows, prior to entering the partnership in July with his boyfriend of 20 years." The case shows, as Church of Ireland sodomite supporters claim, that acceptance of this wickedness is growing with the Church of Ireland even as it is within other ecumenical and theologically liberal denominations. That growth of acceptance has been helped by the lowering of the voice of opposition within orthodox Protestant denominations.

Even more recently, a row broke out in Ballinamallard Methodist Church when an acknowledged sodomite volunteered to work with youth groups in the local Methodist and Church of Ireland congregations.

Frankie Dean, the volunteer, has attended the Methodist church in Ballinamallard for 15 years. He responded to an appeal to help a new youth minister working between the Methodist and local Church of Ireland churches offering to provide a musical workshop to the youth group. His Minister, Rev Kenneth Lindsay, deemed him unsuitable as a volunteer because he was openly gay, stating: "I feel that such people are inappropriate role models." Mr Lindsay was quoted in the "Fermanagh Herald" as saying that this was his decision and no one else's: "I would make it again tomorrow, no matter what it'd cost me. I feel that such people are inappropriate role models and I stand by that."

A spokesperson for "Changing Attitude Ireland", an organisation that seeks "for the full in-



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clusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people in the life of the Anglican Communion, "Dr. Richard O'Leary said: "If being known to be gay becomes accepted as a reason for being excluded from participation in lay voluntary activities in church, then choir stalls, organ benches and church organisations will be noticeably depleted."

This last statement ought to alarm and distress every true child of God though it ought to come as no surprise to the student of the Bible and of the times in which we live. Rev Lindsay is to be lauded for doing what he did but it is to be noted that the leadership of his church and that of the Church of Ireland were utterly silent on the matter. Rev Lindsay will find himself very much alone on this issue within the ecumenical camp.

The increase of sodomy and its infiltration of the professing Church of Christ is no new thing. Consider what we read in 1 Kings 14:22-24. "And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel."

The wickedness of sodomy is the harvest of apostasy from God and His truth. Such apostasy is rife in our land and we are reaping its harvest.

It ought also to be noted from God's Word that a return to God and the paths of obedience to God is marked by a vigorous opposing and overthrowing of sodomy. A short time after the period referred to in 1 Kings 14, good King Asa comes to the throne and it says of him: "And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made," 1 Kings 15:9-12. Obedience to God and a spirit of returning to the paths of God are marked by, among other things, a dealing with the wickedness of sodomy in accordance with God's Word.

The stemming of this flood can only come about as ministers of Christ lift up their voices against this abomination and fearlessly denounce every instance of its acceptance and every source of support for it, irrespective of where it arises.

This is a subject which should especially be dealt with by God's men in these last days, given what the Saviour said on the subject, and here we repeat the words quoted at the beginning of this article: "**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.

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