

## Gay Marriage – Again

*“Ireland has voted in favour of allowing same-sex marriage in a historic referendum, making the largely Catholic country the world's first to make the change after a popular vote,”* so the headlines were the world over this past week.

And it did not take long for the call to go out among Australians to allow a referendum here on this issue. Thank God that our Prime Minister has dismissed the call! Besides, questions of marriage are the preserve of the Commonwealth Parliament. Referendums are held in this country only where there's a proposal to change the constitution. Nevertheless, the push will continue, and it really is only a matter of time before our parliamentarians do change the marriage act in favour of gay marriage. Thus we need to pray fervently for our leaders, asking God to frustrate all attempts for “marriage equality,” which, by the way, is a half-truth of the devil.

How is this so? Well consider the following: Are all people equal? That depends. Are all people equality gifted intellectually? No. otherwise all students would be registering the same results at school and university. Are all people equal in physical strength and athleticism? No. Otherwise, everyone would register the same results in weight-lifting and on the athletic track. Should all people have equality in educational opportunity? Yes. Should women and men have the civic right to vote and be eligible for election to parliament? Yes. Are men and women equal? No. Men cannot give birth to babies or breast-feed them. What do most wives do when they cannot get the lid off a jar, and why? Should all people be equal before the law of the state? Yes. Are all people equal before God's Law? Yes. It calls all of us sinners. Did God create men and women equal? No. He created Adam first, and designed women as the crown of His creation, and to be mothers of children.

Since the fall into sin, are all people equal in their relationships? No. The Bible uses the word “subordinate” for the relationship of children to parents, citizens to the government, servants to masters, and wives to husbands. Adam was created first and Eve was the first to be deceived. The Table of Duties frequently uses the word “subordinate.”

Are all people equal under God's grace? Yes. He seriously wants all to be saved. Jesus died for all sinners. The Gospel is intended for all people regardless of race or gender.

Are all people equally wicked? We cannot look into people's hearts, but some are depraved and outwardly wicked.

Thus “Marriage equality” is a euphemism for homosexuality and lesbianism.

Will all people be equal on judgment day? No. The believers will stand on Christ's right and the unbelievers and the wicked people without repentance will be on His left. These will include those who under the name of “marriage equality” have engaged without repentance in homosexuality and lesbianism.

The above clearly states the wickedness of the whole “marriage equality” movement, but one problem we face today is that taking a Biblical view of homosexuality and lesbianism means nothing to a lot of people. Yes, we must warn and admonish our fellow Australians of the wickedness of such living. <sup>9</sup>*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,* (1 Cor. 6:9).

But beside the fact that Scripture warns against homosexuality, secular reason also does too. Below are 12 points, and there could be a lot more, as to why “marriage equality” will not work.

1. Marriage is the fundamental building block of all human civilisation, and has been across cultural and religious lines for 5000+ years. By encouraging the norms of marriage, the state strengthens civil society. Society as a whole, not merely any given set of spouses, benefits from marriage. This is

because traditional marriage helps to channel procreative love into a **stable institution** that provides for the orderly bearing and rearing of the next generation.

2. Contrary to the liberal and libertarian viewpoint, marriage is not merely an institution for the convenience of adults. It is about the rights of children. Marriage is society's least restrictive means of ensuring the **well-being of children**. Every child has the right to a mum and a dad whenever possible. Numerous studies show that children do best with two biological parents. Here is just one study: [Two Biological Parents](#).
3. Marriage benefits everyone because separating the bearing and rearing of children from marriage burdens innocent bystanders: not just children, but the whole community. History shows that no society long survives after a change that hurts the sanctity of marriage between one man and one woman.
4. Law cannot be divorced from reality - from nature. The **two sexes are complementary**, not undifferentiated. This is a fact of nature, thus given by God. No government has the right to alter what is true by nature.
5. Studies show **domestic violence is three times higher** among homosexual partnerships, compared to heterosexual marriages. A large portion of murders, assaults, other crimes and various harms to children occur along with, or as a consequence of, domestic violence. Half of paedophilia attacks are homosexual, for example. Normalising homosexual marriage also encourages non-marital homosexual activity, and thus the social pathologies associated with it.
6. **Promiscuity** is rampant among homosexuals, including those who are 'legally' married. Various studies indicate that gays average somewhere between 10 and 110 different sex partners per year. The New York Times, among many other sources, reported the finding that exclusivity was not the norm among gay partners: "With straight people, it's called affairs or cheating," said Colleen Hoff, the study's principal investigator, "but with gay people it **does not have such negative connotations**. 'Openness' and 'flexibility' of gay relationships are euphemisms for sexual infidelity." One study showed that only 4.5% of homosexual males said they were faithful to their current partner, compared to 85% of heterosexual married women and 75.5% of heterosexual married men. Promiscuity is a destabilising influence on society.
7. The confusion resulting from further delinking childbearing from marriage would force the **state to intervene more often** in family life and expand welfare programs. If marriage has no form and serves no social purpose, how will society protect the needs of children - the prime victim of our non-marital sexual culture - without government growing more intrusive and more expensive? Without healthy marriages, the community often must step in to provide (more or less directly) for their well-being and upbringing. Thus, by encouraging the norms of marriage, the state strengthens civil society and reduces its own role.
8. Gay marriage is undeniably a step into other deviances. What will result are such things as plural marriages and **polygamy**. These things could not logically be turned back, and will initiate a further plunge of societal stability.
9. Only a small percentage of gays who are given the right to marry do so anyway (4% by one study). This proves that the gay marriage movement is **not about marriage, but about affirmation**.
10. Anal intercourse leads to numerous pathologies, obviously because the **parts do not fit!** Among items in a long list of problems listed by researcher and physician James Holsinger are these: enteric diseases (infections from a variety of viruses and bacteria including a very high incidence of amoebiasis, giardiasis, and hepatitis, etc.), trauma (fecal incontinence, anal fissure, rectosigmoid tears, chemical sinusitis, etc.), sexually transmitted diseases (AIDS, gonorrhoea, simplex infections, genital warts, scabies, etc.). Anal cancer is only one of other medical problems higher in gay men than heterosexual men, especially monogamous heterosexual men. Society at large pays for these diseases.
11. The ravages of the gay lifestyle are severe upon the gay community itself but also for society at large. The best available evidence shows that those practicing homosexual behaviour have a 20% to 30% **shorter life span**. A much higher rate of alcoholism, drug abuse, sexually transmitted disease,

domestic violence, child molestation and more occur in homosexual populations. (See <http://www.faithfacts.org/christ-and-the-culture/gay-rights#ravages>.)

12. Homosexual activity and marriage robs our future by: having fewer children, poorly socialising the children they raise, commit about half of all child molestations recorded in the news. (Source: Family Research Report, April 2014)

There can be no doubt that the devil will continue his push to destroy the sanctity of marriage between a man and a woman. As more and more countries legalise same sex marriage, we cannot expect to be spared from this push. When same sex marriage becomes law, be prepared for a godless society to become even more godless, if that's even possible. Thus may we all pray, "Come Lord Jesus. Come."