End Times and Gay Marriage

Christian supporters of same-sex marriage usually try to point out that Jesus didn’t address homosexuality, directly, but He did when He prophesied that people would be “marrying and giving in marriage”, during end times, as in the days of Noah.

**Matt 24:37-39**
As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day Noah entered the ark; and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away.

As the Bible says: everything was “wicked and evil” in Noah’s day (Genesis 6:5) so I don’t think Jesus was talking about normal marriage. I think “eating and drinking” represents “celebration” because same-sex marriage had finally been ‘accepted as normal’, just as it has been accepted in many countries, today. As shown below, the first legal, same-sex marriage was performed in Amsterdam in 2001 and it has grown in acceptance ever since, particularly in Western countries, which are primarily Christian. The problem is that people pick and choose what they want to accept from the Bible, and throw out what they don’t like, often times to boost attendance, but that’s not acceptable to God.

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Chart taken from this article:

**Gay marriage around the world**
BBC – April 23, 2013

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Gay marriage is a world-wide phenomenon, particularly in the West. France became the 14th nation to legalize it.

(USA 2015 - updated below)
A Biblical view of sex

After the tragic events in Orlando, I feel led to give an opinion. I know an opinion from some ‘unknown person’ is not worth a whole lot, but I always try to give a Biblical view.

First of all, the Bible is clearly against ‘homosexual sex’ (Romans 1:26-28) but God is not against ‘homosexuals’ because they are just people. Most gay people think they were ‘born that way’ (with an attraction to the same sex) so they think it must be okay because God wouldn’t condemn a person from birth. I don’t think He would either but everyone is born with some kind of weakness to some type of sin. An attraction to the same sex is not necessarily a sin until a person acts on that attraction and commits a sexual act.

Likewise, any unmarried person is faced with the temptation of having sex but they must find a way to refrain. (Hebrews 13:4) It’s not easy but the best way is to find a friend or companion who is like-minded and agrees that having sex before marriage is a bad idea. That’s called ‘being equally yoked’. If one person continues to coerce the other into doing something that is against their values, then they should refuse to be around that person. That may be hard to do, if two people have grown close, but true love wouldn’t try to coerce a person into betraying their Christian values. Jesus gave symbolic examples to illustrate that sometimes drastic actions must be taken to resist temptation but any measure to achieve heaven is fully worth it. (Matthew 5:27-30) A person must have priorities and obeying God should be first on that list because the reward is immeasurable. (1 Cor. 2:9)

Consider this: God not only sees our every action, but He knows our every inclination. (Genesis 8:21) That means that God not only knows what we do, but He knows everything we want to do, so when we refrain from a temptation, God sees that as an act of worship. (Colossians 3:17) Therefore, we are not depriving ourselves for nothing; we are depriving ourselves for ‘God’, and He will reward that, in due time.

Consider this: If God created our current sexual organs to transmit such pleasurable sensations to our brain, don’t you think He has something infinitely better planned for heaven, the likes of which we can’t even imagine? (1 Cor. 2:9) It’s called ‘delayed gratification’ and we strive for perfection because that shows our dedication to God.

Note: If a person makes a mistake, they shouldn’t give up completely; they should ask for forgiveness and try a new strategy. Perhaps read the Bible more because that can give strength. Remember: God knows if a person is being earnest (sincere) in their efforts or not. (Rev. 3:19-21)

A few words of encouragement

A homosexual person may feel particularly cheated (as opposed to a single straight person) because they must refrain from sex, indefinitely, due to being attracted to the same sex.

The only consolation I can offer is that I don’t think we have long to wait on this earth so dedicate yourselves to God as a holy sacrifice (Romans 12:1), during this time we have left. After all, there’s a lot of single people in the world who are in the same boat, including myself.

Scripture references for help [paraphrased]

God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He tempt anyone. Humans are tempted by their own evil desire, which drags them away and entices them. After desire is conceived, it gives birth to sin. If sin is allowed to remain and grow, it gives birth to death. (James 1: 13-15)

Jesus was tempted in every way, just as we are, but He never sinned. He also suffered when He was tempted, so He is able to sympathize with our weaknesses, and help us when we get tempted. (Hebrews 4: 15-16 and 2:18 - combined)

God will not let a human be tempted beyond what they can bear, and when they are tempted; He will also provide a way out so they can stand up under it. (1 Cor. 10:13)
Sex in America – How and when did we start to go wrong?

Introduction: Satan’s Deception

Years ago, before the Supreme Court ruled in favor of gay marriage, I always noticed how advocates for gay rights would always compare their struggle to that of African-Americans. However, they were comparing apples to oranges because civil rights have nothing to do with gay rights. One is based on skin color and the other is based on sexual preference. One is forbidden in the Bible and the other is not. Yet, their strategy worked because they were not doing gay marriage was legalized in all 50 states in June 2015.

That’s the way Satan gets things done: He blurs the line between good and evil until enough people can’t tell the difference and the government enacts a law against Christianity and for immoral behavior. Then that behavior gets more and more common because the next generation thinks it’s okay. However, homosexual sex is still against the Bible whether a person is married or not. After all, God’s rules do not change, just because society changes.

Sexual immorality is an important factor to God because it mentioned more times in the New Testament than any other sin. It’s true because I actually tabulated the results in my Bible class, many years ago, by observing all the places where unclean acts were given, such as Matt 15:19, Mark 7:21, Gal 5:19, Eph 5:3, Col 3:5, and Rev 21:8 (to name a few). I was actually shocked to see how many times sexual immorality was named, far more than any other sin. Then, there’s other places where sexual immorality and sensual indulgence are mentioned as primary factors (Acts 15:29, Col 2:23), and strict instructions are given to abstain or face punishment. (1 Thess 4:3-8)

Perhaps the best example is when Paul said, “For of this you can be sure: It is no mere impulse or greedy person -such a man is an idolater- has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.” (Ephesians 5:5-6)

Many people have been deceived because they seem to think that a person can do anything they want and still get to heaven, as long as they ‘believe’ in Jesus. Yes, it’s true that a person is saved through faith alone but if a person truly has faith, wouldn’t they at least try to obey God? In other words, to believe in Jesus is to believe in God’s Word (John 1) and God’s Word says ‘obey’. John said, “This is love for God: to obey His commands.” (1st John 5:3) John considered obedience as the all important ‘evidence’ that a person really knows Jesus. He said, “The man who says, ‘I know him,’ but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1 John 2:4)

Of course, humans are prone to make mistakes, in times of weakness, and God is faithful to forgive, but God also knows who is making an honest effort and who is not. Jesus said, “There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.” (Luke 12:2) Those who think they can be saved and do anything they please (i.e. once saved always saved) generally get that from John 3:16 but did you know that Jesus was speaking to Nicodemus the Pharisee when He made that statement? And, Jesus was known to speak in parables to the Pharisees. (Luke 8:10) Thus, it may be a little rash to rely on one particular verse when there is so much more explained in the Bible. After all, even the evil spirits believed in Jesus (Luke 8:28, Acts 16:17, Acts 19:15) but they won’t likely be going to heaven. Of course, a person can’t earn their way to heaven because it’s free but refraining from sin is ‘obedience’, which is very different from deeds or works. The good thing is that, until Jesus returns, it’s not too late to repent, change, and make an honest effort to obey God.

A little history: Changing Attitudes

It may help to know some of the history behind America’s decline in moral behavior. There have always been exceptions, because adultery and protestation were mentioned in the Old Testament, but I’m referring more to society’s acceptance of such behavior, which began to take hold in the 1960’s. It only takes one person to come forward and blur the lines by declaring something right that God considers wrong. In the case of pre-martial sex, a book called Sex and the Single Girl by Helen Gurley Brown (1962) changed the minds of many young girls. It was not a fiction book about her own life but ironically, she wrote it when she was 40 years old and already married. The book became a top-20 movie, in 1964, and Ms. Brown became the editor of Cosmopolitan magazine for 32 years. She could have repented for her early mistakes but instead, she chose to exploit them for monetary profits against biblical teachings. Jesus said, “It is better to be married to one person sin are bound to come, but worse to that person through whom they come.” (Luke 17:1)

I’m not trying to put the blame solely on women because I could point to an earlier beginning, in the 1950’s. The first Playboy magazine, featuring Marilyn Monroe, was published in 1953, and by 1961, Hugh Hefner had made sex into a $20 million industry. As they say, “It takes two to Tango” and it wasn’t women who were buying all those magazines. Jesus said, “Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are good, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are bad, your body also is full of darkness.” (Luke 11:34) Jesus also said, “If your eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.” (Matt 18:9) I take that second one to be figurative because a person can still see pictures with one eye. Yet, it illustrates how people are tempted by things that they see and that leads a person to sin. A person would be better off if they could eliminate those temptations.

When you think about it, sexual immorality is an addiction and what a person sees can cause a relapse; so it’s not far away. I know, in today’s society, that’s easier said than done. Sex is a person’s heart and sees who is maintaining ‘self-control’, which is a fruit of the Spirit. (Galatians 5:23)

In the same passage, Paul warns those who live according to the sinful nature that they will not inherit the kingdom of God. (Gal 5:19-21) I’m not trying to judge; I’m just repeating what Paul said. A person cannot ‘believe’ in Jesus but if they make no effort at all to abstain or moderate their sinful behavior, do they really believe? John said, “No one who abides in sin has either seen him or known Him. ... He who does what is sinful is of the Devil, because the Devil has been sinning from the beginning. No one who is born of God will continue to sin ...” (1st John 3:6-9) I’m just trying to alert those who are engaged in behavior that society has deem ok but God’s Word says it’s not okay. After all, people will ultimately be judged by God’s Word, not society’s acceptance.
Homosexual Sex in America

In the case of homosexual sex, it took longer to be accepted because the Bible is more direct in its disapproval. Since it was illegal, members of secret societies had to be covert. The first such society was started in Chicago, in 1924, by a German immigrant named Henry Gerber. As part of the US Army, he was stationed in Berlin from 1920 to 1923 where he witnessed a thriving subculture of gays and tried to start the same thing in America. Although it only lasted a few months, due to arrests, Illinois strangely became the first state to legalize homosexual sex in 1962. Other states didn’t follow until the 1970’s. It just goes to show that Satan’s influence can linger and cause damage over time.

The next secret society was started by Harry Hay in Los Angeles, in 1950, called the Mattachine Society, which spread to other states by opening additional chapters. A member of the Washinton DC chapter, Frank Kameny, was fired from his job at the US Army Map Service, in 1957, which led to more activism and picket lines, starting in 1964. Yet, the ‘birth’ of the gay rights movement is largely credited to a raid on the Stonewall Inn, owned and operated by the mafia, in 1969, in New York’s Greenwich Village, where gays fought back and started a riot that lasted almost 4 hours and continued for the next few days. The incident gave the movement publicity and they labeled themselves as the “last oppressed minority.” Obama made the Stonewall Inn and surrounding area into the first LGBT national monument in 2016, which shows how far America has turned from God, in just 50 years.

It’s also interesting how the Supreme Court legalized homosexual sex, in all 50 states, in 2003. Like I said, many states legalized it, in the 1970’s, but many other states refused until the case of Lawrence v. Texas reached the Supreme Court. The interesting part is that the original arrest came as part of a false report, issued by a jealous lover. To get the police to respond, he reported an incidence of “a black male going crazy with a gun.” When the police entered the unlocked apartment, they found two men having sex, which was illegal so they were arrested. They plead ‘no contest’ and were given a small fine but their lawyer asked to have the fine increased so they could appeal and the judge agreed. It was appealed all the way to the Supreme Court, on the grounds of 14th amend. equal rights and privacy acts, which they won. It’s just interesting that it all started as a lie, due to anger and jealousy, because Satan is the father of lies and all he needs is a foothold. (Eph 4:25-27)


Introduction: Paul’s preaching

As for Christians and gay-marriage, it all depends on whether they can justify homosexual sex in the Bible because ‘sex’ is a natural part of the marriage consummation. I don’t think anyone can argue that God thought homosexual sex was bad in the Old Testament, so proponents are trying to say that something changed, but God doesn’t.

Jesus didn’t address homosexual sex to the crowds He was speaking to because it wasn’t a problem in that area. I mean, why would Jesus put evil thoughts into people’s heads when it wasn’t necessary? Yet, Paul traveled to large cities such as Athens and Rome, where homosexuality was a problem, which is where he addressed it. (see below)

Basically, it boils down to whether a person believes Paul’s whole story or not and whether he really heard Jesus. I mean, did he really get blinded and have to be led to Damascus, only to be healed, three days later, by a Christian? (Acts 9:1-22) There were plenty of witnesses to the ‘sounds and blindness’, and Paul went on to do great things, so I tend to believe that he was really called by Jesus, as demonstrated by the following verse, written by Luke.

Acts 19:11-12

"God did extraordinary miracles through Paul, so that even handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched him were taken to the sick, and their illnesses were cured and the evil spirits left them.”

In respect to homosexuality, Paul stuck to the Old Testament, as he should have, because God didn’t change. Therefore, if a person chooses to ignore Paul’s direct statements, as shown below, then they are essentially saying that ‘they know better than Paul’, but I don’t think so. Personally, I respect Paul a lot so I think he was right.

Note: I started the following in 2013 but it has been updated many times, including 2016.

Homosexuality in the Old Testament

The oldest reference I find to homosexuality, in the Bible, is Job 36:14, which mentions "male prostitutes of the shrine", which would pre-date Abraham by a few generations. By Abraham's time, it had become such a problem, in Sodom and Gomorrah, that God eliminated both cities.

**Gen 19:4-5**

All the men from every part of the city of Sodom--both young and old--surrounded the house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them."

**Gen 19:24-27-28**

Then the LORD rained down burning sulfur on Sodom and Gomorrah--from the LORD cut the heavens. ... Early the next morning Abraham got up and returned to the place where he had stood before the LORD. He looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, toward all the land of the plain and he saw dense smoke rising from the land, like smoke from a furnace.

Homosexuality was diminished but not eliminated. In the time of the Judges, it had spread to the Benjaminites, from Ephraim, because they engaged in a similar activity to Sodom and Gomorrah. *The man in this story was a Levite, not an angel.*

**Judges 19:22**

Some of the wicked men of the city surrounded the house. Pounding on the door, they shouted to the old man who owned the house, "Bring out the man who came to your house so we can have sex with him."

*It's a long story but the Tribe of Benjamin was almost wiped out because they refused to hand over the wicked men. (Judges 19:21) War ensued and homosexuality was dealt another set-back.*

After that, Israel became a kingdom and there's no mention of homosexuality during the first three kings. However, during the reign of Rehoboam, Solomon's son, the "male shrine prostitutes" had returned to Judah.

**1 Kings 14:22, 24**

Judah did evil in the eyes of the LORD. ... There were even male shrine prostitutes in the land; the people engaged in all the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites.

Just a few generations later, they were driven out by Kings Asa and Jehoshaphat, the 3rd & 4th kings of 'Judah' (after the split- after Rehoboam).

**1 Kings 15:11-12**

Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as his father David had done. He expelled the male shrine prostitutes from the land and got rid of all the idols his fathers had made.

**1 Kings 22:46-47**

[Jehoshaphat] rid the land of the rest of the male shrine prostitutes who remained there even after the reign of his father Asa.

About 200 years later, the "male shrine prostitutes" had gotten sneaky and moved their operations inside the Temple. When King Josiah ordered that the Temple be cleaned and repaired, they were discovered and expelled.

**2 Kings 23:7**

[Josiah] also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes, which were in the temple of the LORD and where women did weaving for Asherah.

*Josiah even traveled north to Samaria and destroyed all the idols, including the two calves that Jeroboam had built at Bethel and Dan. Josiah also killed every priest of Baal that Jehu had not killed. Thus, God exercised His own brand of "cleansing" just before the four-century 'silence' (between the testaments).
Homosexuality in the New Testament

The Pharisees had plenty of faults but there's no indication that "male shrine prostitutes" were present. If they were, I'm sure Jesus would have spoken against them. Yet, if homosexuality was not present in the immediate region or the people travelling from surrounding areas, then why would Jesus put sinful ideas in their head? He wouldn't. Yet, some people use the fact that Jesus did not address homosexuality directly to question Paul's preaching. The difference is that Paul was writing to large cities such as Rome and Corinth (next to Athens), where homosexuality was present.

In Paul's opening summary to the Romans, he says that homosexuality was the direct result of man's worship of idols. That would agree with Old Testament writings because male shrine prostitutes were often mentioned in times of idol worship. In the following example, Paul uses at least five adjectives (in bold) to describe homosexuality and none of them are good.

Rom 1:22-24; 26-27
Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another.

(26) Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with one another, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

If that wasn't clear, Paul gets more specific when writing to the Corinthians:

1 Cor 6: 9-10
Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

Born that way?

It's obvious from the Bible that God never considered homosexuality "okay" so there's no legitimate reason to think that He would ever change His mind. However, many say that He has and that homosexuality must be "okay" because they were "born" that way. However, scientists from Germany have now discovered that psychopaths are born with something in their brain that gives them a predisposition to murder (left). Since psychopaths were "born that way", is it okay for them to kill? In the same way, are kleptomaniacs innocent because they were born with a disposition to steal? No, they have to resist like everyone else. We were all born with a predisposition to sin, in some way, but we resist because it's the right thing to do and "Heaven" is the reward for obeying God. If a person sins, they should repent, not say it wasn't a sin.

The article (left) also points out that people can overcome the inherent urge to violence with the right influences at an early age (< 25). The same could be said for curbing homosexuality but if society teaches that it's "okay", then people will stop resisting. I think that has contributed to the increase in homosexuality during the last couple of decades. I remember when Ellen was shunned, at first, and later accepted like a hero. There has been a sharp turn-around in a short period of time. Homosexuals like to compare themselves to the civil rights activists of the 1960s but skin color and sexual preference have no relation. Nevertheless, acceptance is growing exponentially and "same sex marriage" is the ultimate sign of approval. That's why Jesus referred to "marrying and giving in marriage" when speaking of "end times".
Gay-marriage News:

This story was ironic because a British news service, Reuters, called Iran and Russia “ unholy” because they were objecting to “gay rights”. How backwards is that?

Since we are living in ‘end times’, it’s not surprising that male shrine prostitutes have emerged in the Catholic Church. It seems like a fitting ‘end’ to me.

Pope Francis is correct in ‘not judging’ but if a priest refuses to stop a direct sin, especially when confronted, they shouldn’t be allowed to continue to ‘teach’ others.

Note: The Catholic Church is actually church #3 in the Seven Churches. (Rev. 2-3)

Iran, Russia, Vatican threaten to derail U.N. women’s rights appeal

Reuters – March 13, 2013

Quotes: An “ unholy alliance” of Iran, Russia, the Vatican and others is threatening to derail a U.N. declaration urging an end to violence against women and girls by objecting to language on sexual, reproductive and gay rights, some U.N. diplomats said Wednesday.

Pope Benedict’s resignation linked to gay conclave: report


Quote: Male prostitutes — who had pictures of the priests dressed in drag and others performing gay sex acts — were behind the extortion, The Daily Beast reported.

Pope Francis: I won’t judge gay priests

Al Jazeera America – July 25, 2013

Quote: Pope Francis appeared to soften the Catholic Church’s stance on gay Sunday, saying that he wouldn’t judge priests for their sexual orientation, a marked departure from his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI.

A quick history in the USA

In 1996, Congress passed and President Clinton signed DOMA, which defined marriage as between “one man and one woman as husband and wife.” (The first gay marriage wasn’t until 2001, in Amsterdam.)

Section 3 of DOMA denied federal rights to gay ‘unions’.

On June 26, 2013, the Supreme Court struck down ‘section 3’, which effectively gave gay couples ‘legal standing’, but stopped short of legalizing same-sex marriage. This set off a flurry of lawsuits, at the state level, One-by-one, they were making it back to the Supreme Court, and the states were winning.

On June 26, 2015, exactly two years after the above ruling, the Supreme Court legalized gay-marriage in every state.

Analysis Supreme Court’s DOMA ruling still shaping gay marriage 1 year later

LA Times – June 26, 2014

Quotes: On Wednesday, gay marriage advocates received a major victory ... The move is likely to be appealed, eventually to the Supreme Court, state officials said. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia have legalized same-sex marriage, but lawsuits are pending in every other state.

Same-Sex Marriage is a Right; Supreme Court Rules


In my opinion, it was a sad day for America but it was bound to happen because Jesus prophesied about it, in the Bible. However, Jesus meant it as a bad thing because it was the same way in Noah’s day, when everything was evil. (Gen. 6:5)
Irish Catholics ... Some in the 'Church' want to conform to the 'World'.

Pope Francis remains firmly against homosexuality and gay marriage but many younger Irish priests have expressed a desire to adopt it into the Church. They see it as a necessity to attract the next generation but God's Word shouldn't be compromised to obtain more members. God wants people to obey, not just show up.

Same-sex marriage vote an 'unmitigated disaster' for Church

Irish Times – May 25, 2015

Quote: Another ACP co-founder [Association of Catholic Priests], Fr Tony Flannery, said “the day of doctrinaire Catholicism is over in this country. The people are no longer willing to listen to speeches and sermons on morality from the church.”

What was particularly sad was to see the bishops in total opposition to a mass movement of the younger generation.

Another member of the ACP leadership team, Fr Gerry O'Connor said ... “the Irish people should be proud”. The church needed to grow in its maturity and understand it is one among others, and cannot expect its teaching to be reflected in the law of the land, he said. It needs to adapt to the new context, “as it has done in other countries”.

What does the Bible say?

Romans 12:1-2 (Paul)
"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God -this is your spiritual act of worship. 2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing, and perfect will."

1 Peter 1:13-14
"Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. 14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance."

Note: Both Peter and Paul ended up in Rome, where homosexuality was known to exist in the 1st century. (Paul's direct quotes are at the top of this page.) Yet, only in Noah's day did they accept homosexuality to the point of marriage (until the present time that is).

One reason for concern is not just that same-sex marriage passed, but how easily it passed.

Ireland was the 1st nation to put gay marriage to a public vote and it showed how drastically a population can change in just one generation.

Of course, it was the Republic of Ireland that voted, which is about 87% Roman Catholic, not Northern Ireland, which is about 48% Protestant. (data from Irish census [2002] - Wikipedia)

Why Ireland’s ‘Yes’ Vote Matters So Much

Truthdig – May 28, 2015

Quote: Not only was the measure approved, it was approved in all but one of the nation’s 43 parliamentary constituencies, and by almost two-thirds of voters (62.1 percent).

Ireland has accomplished what seemed unthinkable. It is a land that the sexual revolution almost forgot, where the sale of condoms was illegal until 1980, where divorce was prohibited until 1995 and where homosexuality was decriminalized only in 1993.

Hooray for Kenya – (holding true to God’s Word)

I was thrilled when I heard that Kenya’s president stood up to America’s president, in regards to gay marriage. I actually have many readers in Kenya, as well as other countries, and have heard that God’s Spirit is drawing many to Him, at this time.

I truly believe that many African countries, and others such as Philippines, India, Singapore, etc., are the “roads and country lanes” that are “called” at the end of the Parable of the Great Banquet, in order to finish filling God’s house, which is happening now. (Luke 14:23 and whole parable)

That’s because American society, and other Western countries, who have been Christian for a long time, are losing sight of obeying God, who is clearly against homosexuality and gay marriage.

Obama in Kenya says gays need equality, draws African criticism


Quote: Anti-gay laws often have broad public approval in African nations where many hold conservative religious views and see homosexuality as immoral.
American Protestants ... Some Methodist want 'gay marriage' in the Church.

The United Methodist Church, the largest denomination in America, is getting pressure from many clergy who think gay marriage should be accepted in the Church. It may be a small minority but I understand that they are uniting behind a new book called "God and the gay Christian", by Matthew Vines, and many are considering it because attendance has been dropping. I haven't read the book but I doubt if he addressed the OT and NT scriptures that I posted above. If a person is allowed to 'pick and choose' verses from the Bible and manipulate the words, they can make the Bible sound as though it supports almost anything. However, a person really needs to look at everything and apply common sense. As I said above, deceiving people with false security, so they don't repent, is not love.

2 Timothy 4:3 (Paul warned about this very thing):
"For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear."

Defying church ban, dozens of Methodist clergy come out as gay and lesbian

CNN – May 9, 2016
Quote: Dozens of United Methodist clergy members came out as lesbian, gay or bisexual on Monday, defying their church's ban on 'self-avowed practicing homosexuals' serving in ministry and essentially during their supervisors to discipline them.

In a public letter posted online, 111 pastors, deacons, elders and candidates for ministry said church rules require "that we not bring our full selves to ministry, that we hide from view our sexual orientations and gender identities." From May 10-20, more than 800 delegates will debate changes to church policy, including several that seek to lift longstanding bans on LGBT ministers and same-sex marriages. This is the first Methodist General Conference since the Supreme Court legalized gay marriage in 2015.

A spokesman for Reconciling Ministries Network, an LGBT advocacy group that organized the letter and that about 100 of the 111 signatories are coming out to their supervisors for the first time.

This article shows that Methodists were not the first but it’s particularly disheartening, to me, because they are the largest and also among the 'pre-trib church' (church #6 in the Seven Churches of Revelation 2-3).

Methodists not alone facing LGBT split

Columbus Dispatch [USA] – May 15, 2016

The 'trans-gender' debate in the US

In response to the North Carolina bathroom debate, Obama has issued his own letter to all 50 states.

Of course, my thought is that a person should stay the gender that God assigned them at birth because God doesn't make mistakes. If an adult chooses to defy God, that is their choice, but a nation that was built on Godly principles shouldn't pretend that its okay, especially when it comes to impressionable school children, because that's how the problem grows and grows.

Think about this: America makes everyone wait until they are 18-21 to smoke and drink alcohol because they are too young to make those decisions. Why should a child be able to choose their own gender and bathroom, at any age? What about other kids who are forced to use the same bathroom and locker-room with kids of the 'opposite sex', which could be traumatic for some of them? What about their rights?

U.S. Gives Sweeping Guidance to Schools on Transgender Students

NBC News [USA] – May 13, 2016
Quote: The Obama administration sent a letter Friday to every public school district in America warning them they should allow transgender students to use bathrooms consistent with their chosen gender identity, or risk losing federal funding.

Final words:

As I explained in the introduction, a common argument is that Jesus didn't address homosexuality, directly, but He wouldn't do that if homosexuality wasn't a problem in that area. Jesus said, "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come." (Luke 17:1)

Therefore, Jesus couldn't put evil ideas into people's heads because He would become the source of sin. He just wouldn't do that. (Besides, it was already clear from OT scripture that homosexuality was wrong.)

Yet, Jesus did mention homosexuality, indirectly, when He prophesied about "marrying and giving in marriage".

Some people would argue that the prophecy doesn't mean that but the fact that 'gay marriage' is literally dividing the Church, during end times, makes it almost certain that Jesus was talking about "gay marriage".