

Tolerating Encroachment

In my morning rituals, after reading daily devotionals and scripture, I have a habit of playing a word game on my phone. I like to try and stay sharp, as near as I can, and a jab at my brain is relaxing in this format. I've played Words with Friends for a few years and have been fairly consistent with the weekly challenges. Except this week. It's June and Gay Pride month. This week's weekly challenge was titled, "Words with Pride" with computer opponents with names like Drag Queen Diana and Rainbow Remmy. After the urge to crush my phone subsided it just became even more obvious just how far gone, we are.

I'm confident most all of us are tolerant of many things and put up with more than one should expect. Longsuffering is a fruit of the Spirit. As law abiding citizens and keepers of God's Commandments and His Way of life, we have a different set of values and rules to live by.

According to the on-line definition, **Tolerant** is: showing willingness to allow the existence of opinions or behavior that one does not necessarily agree with. "We must be tolerant of others." Tolerance however, is not a two-way street in our society. We have been tolerant to the point of complacency which has opened the door to the encroachment of sin in our nation.

Encroach is defined as: intrude on (a person's territory or a thing considered to be a right). "Rather than encroach on his privacy she might have kept to her room" *synonyms*: intrude, trespass, impinge, butt in, barge in, cut in, obtrude, impose oneself, invade, infiltrate, interrupt, infringe, violate, interfere with, disturb, disrupt or advance gradually beyond usual or acceptable limits. Any of these words describe what's been happening in our nation for a few decades? Reminiscent of 1930's Nazi Germany?

The whole pride thing has an ominous origin in the “original sin.” I’m not talking about Adam and Eve’s original sin in the Garden of Eden; I’m talking about Satan getting kicked out of Heaven for elevating himself above God (**Isa. 14:13-15**).

However, not all pride is sinful.

Though the origins of Pride Month span back to the '50s, President Bill Clinton officially made it "Gay and Lesbian Pride Month" in 2000. President Barack Obama made it more inclusive in 2011, calling it Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Pride Month. What an outstanding accomplishment for a President! Expanding an affront to Our Creator and creating transgender bathrooms.

Homosexuality and its other perversions are an outrage to Our God. He clearly calls them abominations. Homosexuality is labeled as "an abomination" in the following scriptures: **Leviticus 18:22**- “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.”; **Lev. 20:13**- “If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.” Other terms such as "perverted", “unclean”, “against nature”, and “shameful” are listed in God’s Word. **Judges 19:22** – “As they were enjoying themselves, suddenly certain men of the city, perverted men, surrounded the house and beat on the door. They spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, “Bring out the man who came to your house, that we may know him carnally!”; **Romans 1:24**- “Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,”; **Romans 1:26** “For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.”; **Romans 1:27**- “Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.”. Paul gives

examples of lawbreakers and sinners, among whom are sodomites, **I Timothy 1:8-10**: “But we know that the law *is* good if one uses it lawfully, knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for *the* lawless and insubordinate, for *the* ungodly and for sinners, for *the* unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine.”

We know that the men of Sodom were “wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly” (**Gen. 13:13**). Their perversions were not unlike what we see this very day around the globe with the gay rights and their agenda. God had enough and wiped out the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, **Gen. 19:24-25**- “Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. So, He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.” This should be a sobering reminder to us in America of what happens when people turn from the God who has blessed them to the sinful desires of their evil hearts.

Jeremiah 7:28 – “But thou shalt say unto them, this is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the Lord their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.” We have read the scriptures concerning other nations that failed to obey the Laws of God, what makes anyone in this nation think we will escape any punishment? A common phrase in the Old Testament was that “the people did evil in the sight of The Lord.” -(**Judges 2:11, 3:11, 6:1, 1 Kings 11:6, Jer. 52:2**). They sinned. This description is key because the people did not consider their deeds to be evil. **Jeremiah 6:15**- “Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore, they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I

punish them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD. In their view, committing evil equated to harmless acts, much like the conditioning we've all undergone in the past decade or two. We tolerated their encroachment! We're all labeled "intolerant" if we do not accept someone or a group's twisted view or agree with their morality, political or sexual ideals.

I am amazed at the flagrant disrespect and disregard for any sense of decency that has polluted our society. It seems lately with the new administration in Washington, the race is on to see how fast any remaining values can be destroyed. The filth that's on TV anymore is just as atrocious. There's even a new TV show called "Kevin Can Go F@#\$ Himself", right along with all the gay couples in commercials and even a gay pair of dads in a kid's cartoon on Nickelodeon! Satan has all the perversions and lies covered. Things that were once taboo even in the movies are now blatantly displayed to anyone who can turn on the TV set.

The whole "woke" mentality is obviously so far gone they have no idea just Who they are spitting on. Yes, I looked up "woke" as well to have some type of grip on just what the dickens they're talking about. Again, from the on-line dictionary, "woke" is defined as: alert to injustice and discrimination in society, especially racism. Synonyms include: revolutionary, progressive, reforming, reformist, revisionist, and progressivist. Erasing history and anything or anyone that doesn't fit their agenda should be included as well.

"The fear of the Lord is to hate evil" - Proverbs 8:13. We have lost our *fear* of God and our love for Him. In today's society, we hardly acknowledge God, much less fear Him. It seems apparent that society would rather embrace their evil ways than to repent and turn things around (**2 Chr.7:14**). Satan has cunningly watered down what is truly evil and made it all so appealing, bad is now good (**Isa. 5:20**).

Psalm 10:4- “The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.”

Romans 1:18 – “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;”

The same sin that destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah has already eroded our culture and will eventually lead to its destruction...and theirs. “Pride goeth before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”- **Proverbs 16:18.**

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