

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14

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# SPEEDING TOWARD SODOM

The ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by God as a warning to others. Because they gave themselves over to sexual immorality and perversion (homosexuality) these cities became an example of those who will suffer the punishment of eternal fire (Jude 7). According to the Bible. homosexuality is an abomination, and one that will debar those who practise it from inheriting the Kingdom of God. Moreover, the Scriptures state bluntly that because of the worship of the creation instead of the Creator (as is rampant today under the guise of environmentalism and worshipping all things green), He will give them up to vile passions. "For even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and burned with lust for one another; males committing indecent acts with other males and receiving in themselves the due penalty of their perversion." (Romans 1:27) Undoubtedly, such perverted practices as homosexuality have their own reward, the dread disease of AIDS being one of them.

## Rebellion against God

Nevertheless, despite this grim warning from the God who made us, our Western societies seem hellbent on speeding down the road to Sodom and the dire consequences that will surely befall us. As nations we have fallen a long way in recent years by pretending that abnormal things are normal. Worse, we are on the verge of pretending that the same abnormal things are actually desirable. Yet this is unconscionable. We are now even claiming that "gay" rights are human rights, so that to deny homosexuals the same rights as the God-ordained marital rights of a heterosexual union in marriage is to cut them off from ordinary justice. However, there is a common thread between opposition to heterosexual marriage and support of gay marriage---and it is not necessarily a love of homosexuals; it is rooted in a rebellion against God and the spiritual law He has ordained. Nevertheless, it is not only Western nations who are heading in this direction. Eighty-five countries from across the world recently passed a UN initiative stating that human rights apply to everyone, no matter who they are or what sort of immoral practices they indulge in. This granting of new "human rights" is seen as progressive by a world that seems to have no idea about what "made in God's image" is really about. These so-called "human rights" normalise same-sex relationships which God unequivocally calls SIN.

### In Rapid Decline

Throughout history it has been found that when homosexuals come out of the closet to flaunt their aberrant lifestyle in the face of normal people that society is in rapid decline. For all civilisations are the creations of heterosexuals. But when they reach the point where males are no longer builders. warriors and fathers, the cancer of homosexuality rears its ugly head. Soft living such as we enjoy today encourages the onset of degeneracy. This was clearly seen in the collapse of both Greece and Rome, which fell in part due to effeminisation and homosexuality. A travesty of the natural laws of reproduction, homosexuality will ultimately destroy every society that embraces it as we are doing and eventually lead us down the same path as ancient, wicked Sodom. God forbid that we shall allow this to happen! Either we abide by God's Word or live in rebellion to it and suffer the grave consequences.

# GALLOPING TOWARD GOMORRAH

Not only are we speeding toward Sodom, we are also galloping toward Gomorrah. While Sodom in particular has come to symbolise the destruction of a wicked city for its gross homosexuality, Gomorrah has come to typify vulgar decadence and a culture of ribald, rude, depraved behaviour that roused the wrath of God to such a degree that He poured out His anger in its destruction by a volcanic eruption that wiped both cities from the face of the earth. And God's grace never changes. He is always appalled by violence, lawlessness, corruption and deviant behaviour. In other words, He will respond again in this "anything goes" age when decent standards are constantly and consistently ridiculed by the media which has now set the pattern for general, accepted conduct in the community.

Besotted by Uninhibited Sex

We are a society besotted by uninhibited sex, the use of four-letter words, blasphemy, nudity, extreme violence and perversion. That which was once considered distasteful has become obscene; the obscene has become obnoxious, the obnoxious has become vile and depraved. Governments are spending countless millions attacking tobacco smoking. Yet they are quite blasé about the canker of immorality in the form of pornography in our midst, even though it is the cause of untold harm to both the physical and moral welfare of the nation and far more damaging than the so-called evil of smoking.

### Decadence on the Silver Screen

Typical of the decadence on the silver screen is the teen drama *Skins* that depicts a group of teenagers and their escapades with wild parties, drug use, underage sex, masturbation, homosexuality, voyeurism, car stealing, borderline date rape etc. One especially destructive aspect of *Skins* is that, in its surreal teenage dream world, there are no consequences for wrong actions. The film omits the hangovers, the pregnancies, the arrests and the venereal disease. One of the characters almost lethally overdoses and, as she is being rushed to hospital in a stolen SUV, wakes up laughing, in perfect health, ready to return to her drug abuse. When the stolen vehicle careens off the road into a river and sinks, the teenagers float to the surface smiling. This kind of consequence-free adolescent fantasy life is a dangerous lie, certain to set a bad example to others. In an age when there has been an abdication of responsible adult leadership, immature youth are setting the pace as far as entertainment is concerned. Family life is being devastated by this radical revolution as adults lose control by joining their offspring eager to watch raunchy teenagers misbehaving. Isaiah prophesied that "God will give children to be their princes" and that "babes shall rule over them". And so it is. The pervasive attitude of young people generally toward their elders is one of flagrant disrespect, rudeness and disobedience.

#### **Perilous Times**

We have been warned. The Scriptures clearly portray the way things will be in these end times. "But know this, that in the last days, perilous times will come: "For people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." Surely we are heading toward Gomorrah and the destruction forecast for that wicked city! How imperative it is that we repent and get right with God!

### PRAYER

Lord God Almighty, the Alpha and the Omega, hallowed be Your name. Sovereign Lord, as your army of prayer warriors in Christ, we put our trust in You for the power of Your Spirit to help us demolish every stronghold of wickedness in obedience to Christ. LORD JESUS---the Truth and the Way to Eternal Life---by Your blessed Holy Spirit crucify our selfish pride and make us into Your image, teaching us to administer God's grace and mercy to those *Speeding toward Sodom* and *Galloping toward Gomorrah*. Clothed in Your full armour, Lord, we pull down the bastions of homosexuality, the spirits of the evil Jezebel and all perversions and we release the fountain of Jesus' precious blood to cleanse and deliver the spiritually blind. Grant us this request, O God, so they may *repent* and receive JESUS CHRIST as Lord and Saviour. May they joyfully enthrone Him as King of kings and Lord of lords to the glory of Almighty God, our divine Father and Creator of all. Amen.

**R.A:** Led by our Lord Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man; in love and in faithfulness to bring glory and honour to His holy name.

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