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where the religious and civil law were one-in-the-same, they were to be put to death (Lev. 20:13). Under the New Testament, the kingdom of God and the kingdoms of men are separate. There is no authority for the church to put perverts to death. Rather, the sin is to be condemned and those involved are to be rebuked and called to repentance (1 Cor. 6:9-11).

Let it be clearly understood; sodomites and the behaviors leading to and associated with such are still considered “vile,” “against nature,” and “shameful” (Rom. 1:26, 27). No quarter should be given to this sin, or any other. We are not to compromise with the libertine attitude of the day and white-wash these sins as simply an “alternate lifestyle.” We even take issue with describing them as “gay.” Gay means happy and perverts are anything but happy.

God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding cities for the homosexuality in them. These stand as eternal examples of the Almighty’s attitude toward such perversion (Jude 7). It ought to be our disposition, while keeping in mind that they are sinners with souls that need saving; they are ones for whom Christ died as well (Jn. 1:29; 3:16).

- Steven F. Deaton

“Surely There Is A Hereafter”

*“Do not let your heart envy sinners,
But be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day;
For surely there is a hereafter,
And your hope will not be cut off.”*

- Proverbs 23:17, 18

There are many jewels of wisdom in the Proverbs. The one above is essential for us to grasp and apply however difficult it may be.

The reality of our world is that it wants us to be like it, that is, we are pressured to become sinners and blend in with our surroundings. Sometimes this is done through outright persecution. Men and women of the past have been put to the sword for not renouncing Christ. More often in our society, though, the persuasion comes via lust and envy.

The media constantly puts before us what it is to be happy and successful in this life. You have to look a certain way, even if you have to get implants or liposuction. Your clothes must be of a particular style and from select stores or you are secretly or openly mocked. Drinking, dancing, casual sex is held out as a fulfilling, happy-go-lucky lifestyle. If you do not have “stuff” you are nothing. Look at movie stars, famous athletes, and notorious businessmen or politicians. Nearly every television show and magazine peddles these images as well.

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Cross-Dressing In High School

The wise man warns us away from being envious of such people. Our heart is not to be set on things of the earth, but heaven above (Col. 3:1, 2). We are to “be zealous for the fear of the Lord all the day.” In other words, we are to reverence and honor God be looking to His Word and living by it. Our affections are to be for righteousness and truth. Our desire is to serve the Savior and go to heaven. This is a daily devotion, not something that appears occasionally in our life.

Why should we not be envious of sinners, but rather be zealous for the fear of the Lord? Because there is a hereafter. There is another life beyond this one; an existence where our well-being and happiness is determined by our actions in the here and now. Just look at the account of the rich man and Lazarus (Lk. 16:19-31). The unfaithful man found himself in torments in the afterlife, while the faithful man was at rest in Abraham’s bosom. In order to find that rest ourselves, we must not envy sinners. Our heart’s longing is to be for the kingdom of God understanding there is a judgment ahead.

If we will heed the wise man’s admonition, our hope will not be cut off. We will look forward to the hereafter. The trials and toils of life will not bring us down. There will be troubles, but even in the midst of them we can have joy because of the hope set before us (cf. Heb. 12:1, 2).

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Five Things Bondservants Must Do

To Adorn The Doctrine of God Our Savior

1. Be obedient to their own masters.
2. Be well pleasing in all things.
3. Not answering back.
4. Not pilfering.
5. Showing all good fidelity.

Titus 2:9, 10

How are you doing?

The Associated Press recently reported that students at a Brewster, NY, high school expressed their solidarity with a fellow-student by cross dressing. The object of their empathy is a 17-year-old boy who wants to be a girl. He dresses like a girl and plans to get a sex-change operation.

It is not all that shocking that some of his fellow-students cross-dressed to show their support. Teens are notoriously immature and ignorant. They do stupid things just to get attention or be an aggravation to authority figures (teachers, parents, etc.).

The thing that bothers us the most is that the school administration does not have a problem with all of this. Their position is that as long as the 17-year-old boy adheres to the dress code, they do not care if he dresses like a girl.

The New Testament teaches a clear distinction is to be made between men and women (1 Cor. 11:6-15). When this is violated, it is a sin. While there is some amount of judgment to be exercised with regard to this (how long is too long for a man’s hair,

*For this reason
God gave them up
to vile passions.
For even their women
exchanged the natural use
for what is against nature.
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.*

- Romans 1:26-27

how short is too short for a woman’s hair, etc), there are cases that are clear.

Though some liberals in society want to deny it, that fact is that cross-dressing and sex change operations are a perversion closely related to homosexuality. There is a “normal” established by God from the very beginning. He made a man and a woman (Gen. 2:18-24). They were to be a man and woman all their lives and not switch places. The inherent truth in sex change is that a man/woman is declaring God made a mistake.

The Bible describes effeminate men (cross-dressers, homosexuals, those who have surgery to remove the God-given sexual organs) as perverts (Judges 19:22). Under the Old Testament system