

# Fight The Good Fight-Part 2

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## *Special Messages*

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Last week I said that I wanted to put our study in John's Gospel on hold to do a special two-part message on God's Word called '*Fight the Good Fight*'.

As I said last week, I think that most of you realize that God's Word is under attack like never before in our nation's history—as well as in all those countries that have a Judeo-Christian heritage (Canada and England are two of the worst).

The devil has attacked God's Word from the very beginning.

As far back as the Garden of Eden when he first tried to get Eve to doubt what God said—"*Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?*" (Genesis 3:1)

But today the attacks have become far more blatant and '*in your face*' as Satan seems to have thrown off all subtlety and has now adopted a '*direct frontal assault*' approach in his attacks on the Word of God.

What am I referring to in particular?

Let me read to you an article that came out a week or so ago—

"A prominent American Christian leader, John MacArthur of Grace Community Church in California, has issued a call to American church pastors to join in a fight being waged by their Canadian brothers.

Decision Magazine reports that MacArthur wants American Christian church leaders to join with Canadian pastors on Jan. 16 to preach on God's plan for human sexuality...The problem is a coming Canadian law that specifically contradicts the Bible...MacArthur explained, "*According to Canadian law, as of January 8, 2022, the belief in God's design for marriage and sexuality will now be seen as a myth.*"

The Decision report explained the Canadian law is an attack on speech and faith under the guise of banning "*so-called conversation therapy.*" That agenda already has gotten a start in the United States with several states that have banned it.

Essentially, the idea would restrict any speech or belief that would counsel individuals, especially youth, against adopting a homosexual or transgender lifestyle...MacArthur includes a call to repent of sin and turn to Jesus Christ as the first step of Christian discipleship.

MacArthur cited comments that came from Pastor James Coates of Grace Life Church of Edmonton, Alberta, and Pastor Andrew DeBartolo of Encounter Church in Kingston, Ontario.

Coates explained the law "*directly comes against parents and counselors who would seek to offer biblical counsel with respect to sexual immorality and gender*" and could "*criminalize evangelism*" if a person turns from

homosexuality or transgenderism or is encouraged to do so.

And DeBartolo explained, "*On January 16, 2022, faithful men across this country (and many in the United States as well) will be preaching on God's design for marriage and the biblical ethic of sexuality. We will be doing so illegally, declaring to the state that there is one God and one Lord over His church, and that Christ alone gets to both define marriage and dictate what is required in the pulpit. We are honored that our American brothers will be joining us in this.*"

MacArthur pointed out what pastors are supposed to do: "*Our calling as Gospel ministers is to preach the truth, confront sin, and call all men to repentance and obedience to the Gospel—the good news that achieves soul conversion and saves sinners from eternal wrath.*"

He asks other pastors, "*Will you stand with me and our Canadian brothers and confront, in a spirit of love and mercy, the damning sins legalized in our culture? And will you join the nationwide effort to preach on a biblical view of sexual morality on January 16, 2022 and proclaim the Gospel of salvation that is now criminalized?...*"

MacArthur explained a unified message from Christian pastors "*will put the Canadian and the U.S. governments on notice that they have attacked the Word of God. We are all well-aware of the evil power and destructive influence of the homosexual and transgender ideology. Our government is bent on not only normalizing this perversion, but also legalizing it, and furthermore criminalizing opposition to it.*"

Now I don't agree with John MacArthur on all points of theology—but this issue transcends any differences we might have on non-essential doctrines of the Christian faith.

This, dear people, is a blatant attack on the Word of God, the design of God, and the creation of God for human sexuality! **This is, pure and simple, a rebellion against Almighty God—make no mistake about it!** There is nothing more basic and fundamental to civilization than human sexuality.

When people on the left constantly tell us that they "*follow the science*"—then human sexuality should be a no brainer!

**Nothing is more a matter of science in the matter of human physicality than gender—it's coded into our DNA.**

Whether a person is male, or female is a matter of *genetics*—not preference. But look, the fight over human sexuality isn't really a fight with society—it is a fight with God!

**It's a radical, rebellion against His divine order and plan—plain and simple!**

**1 Samuel 15:23 (NKJV)**

<sup>23</sup> For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from *being* king."

As we just pointed out, the new Canadian law is a direct assault on the validity of the Bible and blatantly contradicts that which has been the bedrock of the Judeo-Christian faith (not to mention the foundation of Western civilization) for centuries.

**Psalm 11:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> If the foundations are destroyed, What can the righteous do?

Nothing is more foundational to civilization than human sexuality—and Satan knows it.

**Destroy the foundation of God’s creation where men are created biological males and women are created by God as biological females (for life) both with fundamental roles to fulfill in society (God ordained roles—Ephesians 5:21-33)—and you’ll destroy marriage, the family, society, and the Church!**

All the institutions that society is built upon will crumble and with-it human civilization itself—that’s how vital the biblical doctrine of human sexuality is! Historians tells us that the last stage before a culture/nation/civilization falls into obscurity is open, blatant, militant homosexuality.

➤ **What exactly does God (in His Word) say on the subject of human sexuality?**

**Genesis 1:27 (NKJV)**

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

When the question of marriage and divorce was posed to Jesus by those leaders in Israel that wanted to circumvent the clear teaching of the Word of God on the subject—Jesus responded in a clear, unequivocal way and in so doing, gives us God’s design for human sexuality:

**Mark 10:6-8 (NKJV)**

<sup>6</sup> ...from the beginning of the creation, God *'made them male and female.'* <sup>7</sup> *'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife,* <sup>8</sup> *and the two shall become one flesh'...*

Let’s be clear—the Canadian law that just passed attacking human sexuality as defined in the Bible by calling it a ‘myth’ is merely the latest salvo in the long war against God’s Word—the latest attack on God’s design for marriage and family.

**Marriage is the only institution that God created that predates the fall.**

**Marriage was given by God** *before* there was sin in the world which means that it is not a product of sinful, fallen man—but the creation of a holy, righteous God.

**Marriage is a creation of God and as such only God has the right to define it and regulate it.** Even though today people are pushing for ‘*gay marriages*’ or ‘*group marriages*’—these **don’t** qualify as marriages in the eyes of God.

**“But from the beginning of the creation, God 'made them male and female.’” (Mark 10:6)**

First of all, Jesus tells us that God created them from the beginning—“**male and female**”.

In the Hebrew text of Genesis 1:27, both **male** and **female** are in the emphatic position, giving the sense of “*the one male and the one female.*”

In other words, God did not create a group of males and females who could pick and choose mates as it suited them—there was no provision (or even the possibility) for multiple or alternate spouses.

There was only one man and one woman in the beginning and for that reason, divorce and remarriage was not an option (in the original plan of God for marriage)—and neither was homosexuality.

Human sexuality was never intended by God to be a difficult or controversial subject—God made two genders and ordained that marriage be limited to one genetic male and one genetic female—PERIOD!

The confusion comes in when fallen people get rid of God, appoint themselves as God, and begin to do whatever seems right in their own eyes—

**Judges 21:25 (NKJV)**

<sup>25</sup> In those days *there was* no king in Israel; everyone did *what was* right in his own eyes.

**Isaiah 5:21 (NKJV)**

<sup>21</sup> Woe to *those who are* wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!

**Deuteronomy 12:8 (NKJV)**

<sup>8</sup> You shall not at all do as we are doing here today--every man doing whatever *is* right in his own eyes--

This is where we are as a society—people have severed themselves from God and His Word and have set themselves adrift in a sea of moral relativism where truth is now subjective and relative based on *feelings* (“*I feel that my truth is my truth, and your truth is your truth.*”)

However, whenever people reject God’s design for human sexuality (2 genders consisting of one biological male and one biological female)—sexual identities and sexual practices quickly deteriorate into confusion, chaos, and gross perversion.

Have you taken the time to Google how many genders people claim there are today?

I have, and the number is roughly 72 (I say roughly because it’s a ‘fluid’ number)!

Let me share some of them with you (in alphabetical order not in order of most important or popularity)—

**Agender**

A person who is agender does not identify with any particular gender, or they may have no gender at all.

**Androgyne**

A person who identifies as androgyne has a gender that is either both masculine and feminine or between masculine and feminine.

**Bigender**

A person who identifies as bigender has two genders.

**Cisgender**

A cisgender person identifies with the sex that they were assigned at birth.

**Genderfluid**

A person who identifies as genderfluid has a gender identity and presentation that shifts between, or shifts outside of, society’s expectations of gender.

**Gender outlaw**

A person who identifies as a gender outlaw refuses to allow society’s definition of “male” or “female” to define them.

**Genderqueer**

A person who identifies as genderqueer has a gender identity or expression that is not the same as society’s expectations for their assigned sex or assumed gender.

**Nonbinary**

A person who identifies as nonbinary does not experience gender within the gender binary. People who are nonbinary may also experience overlap with different gender expressions, such as being gender non-conforming.

**Omnigender**

A person who identifies as omnigender experiences and possesses all genders.

**Polygender and pangender**

People who identify as polygender or pangender experience and display parts of multiple genders.

**Transgender**

This is an umbrella term that encompasses all people who experience and identify with a different gender than that which their assigned sex at birth would suggest.

Although most people think of trans men and trans women when hearing the word transgender, this term also encompasses people who identify as a gender other than man or woman, including nonbinary and genderfluid.

**Trans**

Trans is a more inclusive term that covers those who identify as nonbinary and those who are genderless, according to the [LGBTQIA Resource Center](#).

**Two Spirit**

Two Spirit is an umbrella term that encompasses different sexualities and genders in Indigenous Native American communities.

These are some of the gender identities (the genders that people identify with).

Gender identity flows from sexual preference (not the other way around)—in other words, the sexual practices that people are drawn to and embrace becomes the criteria for which gender they identify with (“*I’m drawn to ‘xyz’ sexual practices therefore I must be ‘xyz’ gender*” etc.)

When it comes to sexual preference and practice—I’ll let the LORD Himself give you the list (from Leviticus)—as to what constitutes aberrant (abnormal) sexual practices which God calls sin and forbids people from engaging in:

**Leviticus 18:1-30 (NLT2)**

<sup>1</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup> “Give the following instructions to the people of Israel. I am the LORD your God. <sup>3</sup> So do not act like the people in Egypt, where you used to live, or like the people of Canaan, where I am taking you. You must not imitate their way of life. <sup>4</sup> You must obey all my regulations and be careful to obey my decrees, for I am the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> If you obey my decrees and my regulations, you will find life through them. I am the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> *“You must never have sexual relations with a close relative, for I am the LORD.*

<sup>7</sup> *“Do not violate your father by having sexual relations with your mother. She is your mother; you must not have sexual relations with her...*

<sup>9</sup> *“Do not have sexual relations with your sister or half-sister, whether she is your father’s daughter or your mother’s daughter, whether she was born into your household or someone else’s.*

<sup>10</sup> *“Do not have sexual relations with your granddaughter, whether she is your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter, for this would violate yourself...*

<sup>12</sup> *“Do not have sexual relations with your father’s sister, for she is your father’s close relative. <sup>13</sup> “Do not have*

*sexual relations with your mother's sister, for she is your mother's close relative...*

<sup>15</sup> *"Do not have sexual relations with your daughter-in-law; she is your son's wife, so you must not have sexual relations with her.*

<sup>16</sup> *"Do not have sexual relations with your brother's wife, for this would violate your brother...*

<sup>22</sup> *"Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin.*

<sup>23</sup> *"A man must not defile himself by having sex with an animal. And a woman must not offer herself to a male animal to have intercourse with it. This is a perverse act.*

<sup>24</sup> *"Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for the people I am driving out before you have defiled themselves in all these ways. <sup>25</sup> Because the entire land has become defiled, I am punishing the people who live there. I will cause the land to vomit them out. <sup>26</sup> You must obey all my decrees and regulations. You must not commit any of these detestable sins. This applies both to native-born Israelites and to the foreigners living among you. <sup>27</sup> "All these detestable activities are practiced by the people of the land where I am taking you, and this is how the land has become defiled...*

<sup>30</sup> *So obey my instructions, and do not defile yourselves by committing any of these detestable practices that were committed by the people who lived in the land before you. I am the LORD your God."*

All of these sexual practices fall under the heading of '*pornea*'—the Greek word which the word *pornography* comes from and means—*"any kind of sexual sin or perversion"* (adultery, homosexuality, incest, pedophilia, bestiality etc.) that God has forbidden people to practice.

(I heard a pastor say one time that—*"sex is like a fire in a fireplace..."*)

But when Christians think of aberrant sexual practices—they most often think of *homosexual*, sexual practices.

We have many gay and lesbian people in society who say they believe in God and believe that He made them *homosexual* the same way He made other people *heterosexual*—just like He made some people right-handed and others left-handed.

Look, if God said in His Word that He made some people heterosexual and some people homosexual, just like He made some people right-handed and some people left-handed—I would be up here telling the world that God's Word says that homosexuality is a holy creation of God and not sin.

But that isn't the case—God condemns homosexuality in both the Old and New Testaments and says that those who practice it will be sent to hell forever (again, not that homosexuality is by any means the only sexual practice or practice that God condemns—Revelation 21:8):

**Leviticus 20:13 (NLT2)**

<sup>13</sup> *"If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a detestable act. They must both be put to death, for they are guilty of a capital offense.*

**Romans 1:24-32 (NLT2)**

<sup>24</sup> *So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. <sup>25</sup> They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. <sup>26</sup> That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. <sup>27</sup> And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. <sup>28</sup> Since they thought it foolish to acknowledge God,*

he abandoned them to their foolish thinking and let them do things that should never be done.<sup>29</sup> Their lives became full of every kind of wickedness, sin, greed, hate, envy, murder, quarreling, deception, malicious behavior, and gossip.<sup>30</sup> They are backstabbers, haters of God, insolent, proud, and boastful. They invent new ways of sinning, and they disobey their parents.<sup>31</sup> They refuse to understand, break their promises, are heartless, and have no mercy.<sup>32</sup> They know God's justice requires that those who do these things deserve to die, yet they do them anyway. Worse yet, they encourage others to do them, too.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-11 (NLT2)**

<sup>9</sup> Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality,<sup>10</sup> or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.<sup>11</sup> Some of you were once like that [NKJV—"And such were some of you."] But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

But this is the whole point—only Jesus Christ can make a person whole by making them a new creation, where old things (sins) pass away, and all things become new.

Only believing in and receiving Jesus Christ into a person's heart and life can restore them to normalcy and wholeness—which is what the Great Commission is all about.

God commanded His Church to go into all the world and share the '*good news*' (Gospel) of God's love and forgiveness with fallen sinners who are living in rebellion against God and His commandments.

But if the current law passed in Canada on January 8 of this year comes to America—the sharing of the Gospel will be outlawed and those who share it (especially those who share it with those who are gay, lesbian and transgender)—will be prosecuted, fined and/or imprisoned!

*"Let's just state the obvious. If the government can tell you it is illegal to teach biblical truth on the issue of human sexuality [especially to the LGBTQ community] ...understand two things: Number one, it won't stop with LGBTQ issues—it will eventually lead to the criminalization of whatever Christian speech is no longer politically attractive. And that eventually will mean everything that is revealed in Scripture, most essentially, the Gospel of Jesus Christ,"* warned Albert Mohler, the president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the flagship school of the Southern Baptist Convention. He continued, *'Right now in this turning point between 2021 and 2022, we see the shape of the challenge coming to the Christian church even more clearly, or even more ominously. We are about to find out where the biblical Christians are on both sides of the Atlantic, and as you and I know, on both sides of the American/Canadian border.'*

Ladies and gentlemen, the 'gauntlet' has been thrown down and the time has come to make our voices heard.

This is our moment in the history of the Church to take a stand and fight for the truth of God.

### **Jude 1:3 (NKJV)**

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

### **1 Timothy 6:12 (NKJV)**

<sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of faith...

Martin Luther—

*“If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition every portion of the truth of God except that point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking—I am not confessing Christ however boldly I may be professing Christ.*

*Where the battle rages there the loyalty of the soldier is proved and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.”*

**2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (NKJV)**

<sup>4</sup> For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup> casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

The weapons of our warfare are prayer and the Word of God—it is time we start to use them without fear and without compromise.

The devil is our enemy, not the gay community or anyone else he has taken captive to do his will—

**2 Timothy 2:23-26 (NLT2)**

<sup>23</sup> Again I say, don’t get involved in foolish, ignorant arguments that only start fights. <sup>24</sup> A servant of the Lord must not quarrel but must be kind to everyone, be able to teach, and be patient with difficult people. <sup>25</sup> Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will change those people’s hearts, and they will learn the truth. <sup>26</sup> Then they will come to their senses and escape from the devil’s trap. For they have been taken captive by him to do whatever he wants.

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If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Jesus-follower— please, reach out to us. It would be our greatest privilege to lead you into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

Reach out to us [here](#).

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If you, or someone you know is struggling with your sexuality, or gender identity, please reach out to us for resources. You do not have to try to navigate this alone. But we would be remiss if we did not share the truths of God’s Word. Turn to Him.

For additional information reach out to Patti Height at Out of Egypt Ministries. Click [here](#).