

GLEANINGS — July 19, A.D. 2015
"Homophobia?"

HOMO is a prefix used in English (derived from Greek) which means same. HOMOnyms are words that sound and/or spell alike but have different meanings. To HOMOgenize milk is to make it uniform in consistency, all the same – as opposed to raw milk in which the liquid parts naturally segregate.

PHOBIA, also derived from Greek, means fear. HydroPHOBIA is the fear of water. ClaustroPHOBIA is the fear of confined spaces. CoulroPHOBIA is the fear of clowns!

HOMOPHOBIA then literally means the fear of same-ness or likeness. But in our society today, it has come to mean "the fear of (*or even ethical condemnation of and disgust about*) certain behaviors and the way of life associated with those given over to sexual perversion."

HETEROPHOBIA would literally mean the fear of other-ness. Evidently, when it comes to human sexuality, sodomites and lesbians are HETEROPHOBIC. This is not a good fear to have. There is no reason to fear the lawful marital behaviors and domestic way of life which arise from human sexuality as our Creator intended it to be. In fact there is every reason to celebrate it with thankfulness. Every one of us owes his or her birth to a heterosexual union. For many of us that union was the union of a loving father and mother who raised their offspring with love.

HOMOPHOBIA, on the other hand, is a good fear to have. We fear the many kinds of biological viruses that can infect the human body. We fear computer viruses. Why not social viruses? We fear other types of voluntary behavior that can affect us and our children adversely (assaults, reckless driving, etc.), why not this one? There is no cause for celebration in this STD bearing contagion of lawlessness.

Therefore Bible believing Christian, be self-consciously and deliberately homophobic. Revulsion, disgust, and above all moral outrage are GOOD responses to this abominable behavior! It is not hatred to believe and feel this way about homosexuality. It is love to proclaim the Gospel to those involved in it, to pray for them, and to seek their welfare as we would for any other neighbor, remembering that we too were once "dead in trespasses and sins," alienated from God and all righteousness (Cf. Ephesians 2:1,2).

We should have a wise but not cowering and uninformed fear of anything that twists and perverts, especially when it is the social equivalent of a nuclear bomb aimed directly at the nuclear family as God intended it (one mother, one father, and their children), the basic building block of human civilization.

The acceptance of this wicked sin (homosexuality) has been a harbinger of the demise of civilizations that long predate ours. As per Romans 1:24ff, it is itself a judgment from Heaven of the most severe kind – divine abandonment. When it is tolerated or even given approval by a nation, that is an indication of the sore displeasure of God toward that nation.

Yes, fear it...but fear God more, and don't be intimidated by HETEROPHOBIA and the hatred of God and righteousness which the wicked think to normalize. Their aim is to replace what God calls good with what He calls evil, as they hope you sleep through the devastating process.