

Preacher's Pen points

Gay Marriage in the News...again



This week a San Francisco judge struck down the California law banning gay marriages. In his 27-page opinion, San Francisco County Superior Court Judge Richard Kramer said “no rational purpose exists for limiting marriage in this state to opposite sex partners.” He furthermore characterized marriage as “the basic human right to marry the person of one’s choice.”

Here in Tennessee the legislature is now active in the discussion of whether a constitutional amendment should be made to define marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman. Part of the motivation for such a law is the capricious action of the courts in striking down laws affirming and protecting traditional marriage.

A Basic Human Right?

A key question in this discussion is the origin of human rights. Do human rights originate from humans or from a higher authority? It appears that the founders of our country had a clear understanding of this issue. In the Declaration of Independence they affirmed that all men are created equal and endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. They believed correctly that human rights do not originate in humans; they originate in the Creator whose moral law provides the directive for human rights, while governments are created by the “consent of the governed” to procure these rights.

I would affirm that no moral wrong can ever be called a “human right”, no matter how many men may approve it. Instead man’s liberty is always subject to divine permission. The only alternative view is to throw off the Creator’s law and make

human rights a human endowment. When we understand this, then it is not hard to understand why some people are working so feverishly to exclude the concept of God from our governmental institutions. It is a logical necessity in order to grant evil men the “right” to do wrong things!

“No rational purpose?”

The judge’s statement astounds me! If marriage were nothing more than an evolutionary expedient, a human creation, it might be argued that “no rationale purpose exists for limiting marriage to opposite sex partners”. However, marriage has always been seen in the civilized world as the creation of God. His revelation clearly shows that the whole of creation exists out of His rational purpose! And that means that God’s creation and definition of marriage as the joining of a man and woman has creative intent or purpose.

Heterosexual marriage does indeed have a rational purpose, not inherent in homosexual marriage. For one thing it provides for the natural and lawful expression of sexual desire (1 Cor. 7:2) in contrast to the unnatural fulfillment of homosexual relationships. But more importantly, marriage was designed to provide a means of procreation (Gen. 1:28), a thing inherently impossible in homosexual relationships.

“No threat to marriage?”

It is commonly argued in the newspapers that gay marriage is not a threat to heterosexual marriage. I submit that its very existence attacks marriage at the most fundamental level, altering God’s definition of what marriage is and subverting the purposes for which it was created.

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