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Man Reaps To His Dark Sin Nature
Rom. 1:22-32

The common belief that man is good is stronger now than ever before, the Humanist Manifesto exalts man, boldly denying that God exists.

The only problem is, that the evidence all around us reveals just the opposite, as the evilness of man is proudly and brashly practiced from young to old, be they male or female, be they black, white, yellow, red or brown.

I remember when I start Jr. College at Long Beach City College in 1968 and began to hear the so called wisdom of these teachers.

1. The sociologist studies trends and patterns of what people say or do and how they live in attempt to catalogue the cultural and sociological habits, norms, mores and customs.

* Dr. Atwood at Long Beach City College.

2. The Logic or Philosophy teacher came up with such wired, confusing and contradicting statements. (Dr. Sperry at LBCC.

3. The psychologist on the other hand attempts to gives reasons for the behavior to the individual, as to why he or she is acting in a certain manner or why they have certain internal or social problems and usually blaming others for their own failure.

Our American society has been so corruptly indoctrinated that there is an entire vocabulary developed that people live by to rationalize their conduct and behavior, without having to be responsible for their own actions.

1. Dis-functional family.
2. Co-dependent and enabler.
3. Everything is a disease or addiction.
4. And it is never your fault, it is always other people who did all this to you!

Christianity and the Bible on the other hand, allows no person to get away with anything and declares every person ever born to be guilty before God, deprave, lost, self seeking and that the problem is not others or the environment, though they may play some part at times, but the problem is the heart of each person, it is evil and desperately wicked. Jer. 17:9, Matt. 15:18

Let me give to you a good example of the horrific evil of mankind throughout the last 20th Century.

1. In 1911, Turkey established gun control. From 1915 to 1917, 1.5 million Armenians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
2. In 1929, the Soviet Union established gun control. From 1929 to 1953, about 20 million dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.

3. Germany established gun control in 1938 and from 1939 to 1945, a total of 13 million Jews and others who were unable to defend themselves were rounded up and exterminated.
4. China established gun control in 1935. From 1948 to 1952, 20 million political dissidents, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
5. Guatemala established gun control in 1964. From 1964 to 1981, 100,000 Mayan Indians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
6. Uganda established gun control in 1970. From 1971 to 1979, 300,000 Christians, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
7. Cambodia established gun control in 1956. From 1975 to 1977, one million 'educated' people, unable to defend themselves, were rounded up and exterminated.
8. After 12 months (2009) since gun owners in Australia were forced by new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by their own government, a program costing Australia taxpayers more than \$500 million dollars. The first year results are now in:
 - a. Australia-wide, *homicides* are up 3.2 percent.
 - b. Australia-wide, *assaults* are up 8.6 percent.
 - c. Australia-wide, *armed robberies* are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent)!

9. Defenseless people rounded up and exterminated in the 20th Century because of gun control: comes to a grand total of 56 million.

Our American Educators, Psychologists, Politicians and Judges are directly responsible for the corruption and degeneration of our society, under the guise of “free speech” and “discrimination” and “minority rights”, bringing about an “amoral society”, doing away with morality and ethic and giving license to immorality, evil and perversion.

What we want to do is look at man’s dark side and examine the consequences to his life and society.

The text that we want to use is the three-fold statement of God giving man up to his sin, due to the fact of his refusal to believe what can be known about God. Rom. 1:22-32

- I. God gave man up to uncleanness: This is creature exaltation. vs. 22-25
 - II. God gave them up to vile passions: This is sexual perversion. vs. 26-27
 - III. God gave them up to a debased mind: This is social destruction. vs. 28-32
- I. God gave man up to uncleanness: This is creature exaltation. vs. 22-25**

- A.** The first reason given is that man professed himself to be wise. vs. 22a
- 1.** This is the result of suppressing the truth of God in unrighteousness. vs. 18b
 - a.** Due to becoming futile in their thoughts. vs. 21e
 - b.** Due to their foolish hearts being darkened, through the ongoing denial about God. vs. 21f
 - 2.** This resulted in becoming fools. vs. 22b

* As we stated in last weeks study the word for fools “moraino” meaning to be silly, the noun form “moros”, meaning dull, sluggish and could be interpreted stupid, we get our word moron from it.

 - a.** By denying the evidence of creation, “in them”, the image and likeness of God. vs. 19
 - b.** By denying the eternal power of God and His Godhead, through the evidence of creation, being without excuse. vs. 20
 - c.** By not glorifying God, as God according to the knowledge they possessed. vs. 21a-c
 - d.** By not being thankful to God. vs. 21d
- B.** The second reason given is that man changed the glory of God into images. vs. 23

- 1.** The word changed “allasso”, means to cause one thing to cease and another to take it’s place.
 - a.** Exchanging the glory “doxa”, splendor and brightness and majesty of God for fallen and marred creation.
 - b.** Man exalted the creatures created by God above God, idle worship.
 - c.** Man exalted man, created in God’s image above God and worshipped each other, rather than God.
- 2.** Man rejected the physical evidence of the invisible and incorruptible God and made visible and corruptible images and declared them to be gods.
 - a.** They degenerated the nature of God and man.
 - b.** They degenerated their view of God and man.
 - c.** They degenerated in their knowledge of God and man.
 - d.** They degenerated in their descending order from God to creeping things.
 - e.** They degenerated to become like their gods, not being able to see the things of God, hear the things of God or know the things of God. Ps. 115:1-8
 - f.** They degenerated in going from monotheism to polytheism.

- C. The third reason is that man exchanged the truth of God. vs. 25
1. They exchange or substituted the truth of God and about God for “the lie”, as much as Eve did in the garden. Gen. 3
 - a. The article is present “the truth”, indicating God’s revelation.
 - b. Four times it is mentioned that they changed God’s intended design. vs. 23, 25, 26, 27
 2. They worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed fore ever.
 - a. Man reversed the order of God.
 - b. Man reversed the worship of God.
 - 1) The word blessed “eulogetos”, means to speak well of, we get our word “eulogy” from it.
 - 2) Man instead of speaking well about God, speaks evil of God.
- D. The result and outcome of these three reasons was that God gave man up to uncleanness. vs. 24
1. The phrase, gave them up “paradidomi”, means to give into the hands of another, into one's own power.
 - a. Three times God says He gave them up. vs. 24, 26, 28
 - b. Each progressing to a more degrading life-style.

2. The power of uncleanness “akatharsia”, as we stated means perversions, impurities of lust in general, usually sexual in nature, often linked with fornication.
 - a. Often depicted in lewd pornography drawings and carving on walls or furniture.
 - b. The source is the rebellious heart of man, becoming more corrupt. Jer. 17:9
3. The uncleanness is described by only one thing “to dishonor their own bodies among themselves”.
 - a. The mind is no longer used for the things of God, according His design and purpose, but the design and purposes of man, for self and evil.
 - b. Rather than the body of man being presented as the temple of God, it is presented as the instrument of excitement, pleasure and self-gratification.

Illustration

A kid in Arizona wrote the attached NEW School prayer : 9/23/07, Is. 3,
 Now I sit me down in school
 Where praying is against the rule
 For this great nation under God
 Finds mention of Him very odd.

If Scripture now the class recites,
It violates the Bill of Rights.
And anytime my head I bow
Becomes a Federal matter now.

Our hair can be purple, orange or green,
That's no offense; it's a freedom scene.
The law is specific, the law is precise.
Prayers spoken aloud are a serious vice.

For praying in a public hall
Might offend someone with no faith at all.
In silence alone we must meditate,
God's name is prohibited by the state.

Were allowed to cuss and dress like freaks,
And pierce our noses, tongues and cheeks.
They've outlawed guns, but FIRST the Bible.
To quote the Good Book makes me liable.
We can elect a pregnant Senior Queen,

And the 'unwed daddy,' our Senior King.
It's "inappropriate" to teach right from wrong,
We're taught that such "judgments" do not belong.

We can get our condoms and birth controls,
Study witchcraft, vampires and totem poles.
But the Ten Commandments are not allowed,
No word of God must reach this crowd.

It's scary here I must confess,
When chaos reigns the school's a mess.
So, Lord, this silent plea I make:
Should I be shot; My soul please take!

Amen

Application

The evidence of uncleanness, through creature exaltation is all around our society.

1. The harsh reality of today's sexually active teens and singles is an epidemic.
 - a. The percentage of High School teens sexually active 49 %, 1 in 4 sexually active teens contracts an STD every year.
 - b. Most research shows that the average age for first having sex is 15 for girls, 14 for boys.
 - c. An estimated half of all new HIV infections occur in people under age 25. Most young people are infected through sex.
 - d. Among youth, minorities and teen girls have been particularly hard hit by HIV/AIDS. Young African Americans represented 65% of AIDS cases reported among 13-19 year olds in 2002; Latino teens represented 20%. In 2002, girls represented 51% of HIV cases reported among 13-19 year olds, compared to 30% of cases reported among people over age 25 that same year. (Kaizer Family Foun)

- e. There is only one first time and it will be engraved in your mind either as a sweet celebration of your surrender to your life-partner on your honey-moon bed or it will be a sorrowful regret of giving away your virginity to a guy or a girl who didn't value it on some strange bed!
- f. The earlier a girl begins having sex, the higher her risk of developing cervical cancer as an adult.
- g. Every time you have sex with someone you have sex with every person they had sex with and the people those people had sex with.
- h. So if you have sex with a person who had sex with 10 people and they each had 10 other people and you are a virgin, you just had sex with 100 people on your first time.
- i. The multiples of partners is shocking when you multiply it out, take a young man in the service who visits a prostitute, who averages 100 men a month which is conservative, that adds up to 1,200 a year, 6,000 in 5 years.
* When he has sex with her it is with 6,000 people.
- j. If each had 6 partners, that would make it 36,000 in that one sexual experience.
- k. He comes home on leave or from over-seas and has sex with you, a virgin, in your first experience you have sex with 36,000 people, how does that make you feel?

- * Now I make this point to show you how blind we are to the magnitude of our sins and sinfulness, as well as the incredible grace and power of the blood of Jesus to cleanse us from all sin, making you and I whiter than snow!
- m. About one million teenage girls become pregnant each year, three out of every four pregnancies will be un-intentional.
- o. About 1/3 end up in abortion, about 12% end up in miscarriages.
- p. Sixty percent of these girls will be pregnant again in two years. (Why Wait-pp. 21-23)
* Today teens are experiencing sex sooner and are putting off marriage longer therefore they are in the single scene longer becoming more promiscuous.
- q. Census Bureau statistics say those who live together before marriage are more likely to divorce than those who didn't.
- r. Those who divorce once, run a 60% chance of their 2nd marriage failing.
- s. The decrease in divorces is only due to the increase of people living together.
- 2. The movie and television media glamorize and promotes premarital casual sex as acceptable, the new morality.
 - a. The availability of cable T.V. is a norm for most homes.
 - b. 20,000 sex scenes appeared on T.V., in 1987, 80% of all allusions to intercourse

were between unmarried people, today it is off the charts.

- c. Upon graduating from high school in 1987, the average person had seen 13,000 violent crimes, today it could be twice as bad.
- d. Magazines use the sexual allurements to sell anything and everything through sex.
- e. The majority of magazines are soft porn today, with explicit sexual articles.
- f. Pornographic magazines and the adult film industry is a billion dollar industry, Playboy, Penthouse, Hustler and many more.
- g. Rap music is pornographic and blatant.

God gave man up to uncleanness, this is creature exaltation!

II. God gave them up to vile passions: This is sexual perversion. vs. 26-27

- A. The phrase vile passions “*atimia pathos*”, means and describes more than mere evil lust but a diseased condition that is ungoverned or out of control. vs. 26a
 - 1. Man is fallen and unable not to sin.
 - 2. Man in his fallen state has some very strong drives, which once aroused will control him or her.
 - 3. Man becomes a slave through uncleanness of the sexual nature on an

ongoing basis, turning to perversion from the God ordained gift of sex.

- B The woman, literally females exchanged the natural use sexually for other women, which is contrary to nature, a perversion of God's created design, lesbianism. vs. 26b
 - 1. Three times the specific words indicate this charge.
 - a. The word natural “*phusikos*”, two times and means that produced by nature. vs. 26b, 27b
 - b. The nature “*phusis*” means the nature of things. vs. 26b
 - 2. Old Testament declares homosexuality as an abomination which was punishable by death. Lev. 18:22, 20:13
 - a. It is a rejecting of God's design.
 - b. It is against nature, as God created it.
 - c. It redefines God's natural design.
 - d. It is a perversion of the sexes and resulting in confusion of sexual roles.
 - e. It is a common scene for two girls to kiss on T.V. or movies, drawing many young girls into it and corrupting them!
- C. The men did likewise exchanged the natural sexual use of the woman for other males. vs. 27

1. They burn in their lust for one another, sexual perversion.
* The word burning “ekkaio”, means to burn out, to rage.
2. They are committing what is shameful.
* The word shameful “aschemonsune”, means out of form, disfigured or deformed, unseeming.
3. They are receiving to themselves the penalty of **their error**, which was due.
 - a) The reason is marked by the word error “plane”, meaning wondering, roving, diverting from God’s design.
 - b) The words “receiving” and “due” imply their compensation and reward, the law of reaping and sowing.

Illustration

The following is a poem written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama. Judge Moore was sued by the ACLU for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer. He has been stripped of his judgeship and they were trying to strip his right to practice law in Alabama! 9/23/07

America the beautiful,
Or so you used to be.
Land of the Pilgrims' pride;
I'm glad they'll never see.

Babies piled in dumpsters,

Abortion on demand,
Oh, sweet land of liberty;
Your house is on the sand.

Our **children** wander aimlessly
Poisoned by cocaine
Choosing to indulge their lusts,
When God has said abstain

From **sea** to shining sea,
Our Nation turns away
From the teaching of God’s love
And a need to always pray

We’ve kept **God** in our temples,
How callous we have grown.
When earth is but His footstool,
And Heaven is His throne.

We’ve voted in a **government**
that’s rotting at the core,
Appointing Godless Judges;
Who throw reason out the door,

Too soft to place a **killer**
In a well deserved tomb,
But brave enough to kill a baby
Before he leaves the womb.

You think that **God’s** not angry,
That our land’s a moral slum?

How much longer will He wait
Before His judgment comes?

How are we to face our **God**,
From Whom we cannot hide?
What then is left for us to do,
But stem this evil tide?

If we who are His **children**,
Will humbly turn and pray;
Seek His holy face
And mend our evil way:

Then **God** will hear from Heaven;
And forgive us of our sins,
He'll heal our sickly land
And those who live within.

But, **America** the Beautiful,

If you don't - then you will see,

A sad but Holy God
Withdraw His hand from Thee.

Application

The evidence of vile passions through sexual perversion is all around our home and society.

1. With God there is no double standard regarding sexual purity, yet I believe the emphasis through Scripture is greater on the woman for two reasons.

- a. The cohesiveness and permanence of the marriage bond and the home.
 - b. The cohesiveness and permanence of society, both of these because of her greater emotional bond through the sexual act compared to the man, for she was created for the man not the man for the woman, and I don't mean she is a mere sex object.
- 2.** The law stipulated very specific requirements for the woman.
- a. She was required to present her tokens of virginity, and if her husband accused her of not being a virgin then she would be stoned if it was true. Deut 22:21
 - b. When Israel conquered a people the women who had experienced sex were destroyed and the virgins kept. Num 31:15-18
 - c. Sex without marriage, not only brings destruction to the persons involved, but also to the society.
- 3.** God warns and prohibits various sexual sins that will destroy the cohesiveness of the home and society. Lev 18:1-23
- a. Incest, child with parent, sisters and brothers or step brother and sister, step children, aunt and uncles, grandchildren, sister-in-law etc., vs. 7-19
 - b. Adultery, homosexuality, bestiality. vs. 20-23

- c. The reason God gave was that the land was defiled and it casts the people out at the hand of God. Lev 18:24-25, 27-28
* Today sadomasochism, trans-sexualism and trans-vestism, homo-sexualism are all excepted as normal alternate life style.
4. Homo-sexualism is against nature.
- a. The homosexual life style is anything but an alternate life style.
 - b. The physiological effects on the immune system is weakened, due to sodomy, as well as the damaging the walls of the rectum, bringing about great complications.
 - c. Between 1976 and 1981, the Center for Disease Control, defined AIDS as a disease occurring almost exclusively among homosexuals. During this period, there was only one case that involved a female infected with AIDS.
 - d. 94% of all cases involved men, who were homosexual or bisexual.
 - e. This resumed the correlation between AIDS and homosexuality that led to the use of the acronym GRID (Gay Related Immune Deficiency) the original name for AIDS.
 - f. The strong opposition by both political activist and the homosexual community, which is one of the strongest lobbying group today, if not the strongest and banded the acronym GRIDS to AIDS, Acquired

Immune Disease Syndrome. (AIDS Fact Without Fiction, A. E. Wilder-Smith. P.17)

- g. The disease has now crossed and infected the heterosexual community and growing, due to the growing trend of bi-sexuals.
- h. The myth of safe sex by condom use is incredible, since the size of the AIDS virus is half a micron and the pores on a condom or latex-glove is ten times the size of the AIDS virus, how is that going to protect you?

God gave them up to vile passions: This is sexual perversion!

III. God gave them up to a debased mind: This is social destruction. vs. 28-32

- A. The final giving up is the result of their not liking to retain God in their knowledge. vs. 28
 1. The word for knowledge “epinosis” means full and complete knowledge about the existence of God.
 2. They refused to retain “dokimazo” meaning to put to the test for the purpose of approving and put one’s approval, they rejected their approval of God.
 3. They refused to approve God as God, so God refused to approve their life style. and gave them up to a disapproved mind.

- B.** The consequence was that God gave them up to a debased mind. vs. 28b-c
1. The phrase debase mind “adaokimonnoun”, means the mind that is incapable of discharging the function pertaining to the things of God.
 2. The result is that they end up doing things that are not fitting “katheko”, which means not appropriate, contrary to God’s design and glory.
- C.** The natural outcome is degeneration on a continuing downward spiral, manifesting a life that is full of unrighteousness. vs. 29-31
1. The phrase “being filled”, is in the perfect participle, past completed action having present results. vs. 29a
* Their ongoing life-style to the fullest!
 2. The list is one of many in the New Testament, describing man's sinful nature of the full potential of his depravity. vs. 29b-31
* We expounded the particular sins in our last message.
- D.** The guilt of man is not only due to practicing such a life style, but also to those who approve and enjoy it in the life of others, while knowing the righteous

judgment of God, that they are deserving of death. vs. 32

1. Man is responsible to His Creator for the amount of light he has received from God through his existence, creation and also conscience, in the next chapter.
2. Man is accountable to his Creator for how he has lived before God, contrary to the amount of light he has received.

Illustration

The Effects Of Sexual Promiscuity On A Nation

Promoting sex without marriage not only brings destruction to the persons involved but also to the society. As the saying goes, “History repeats itself.” An anthropologist, J. D. Unwin, conducted a study on eighty-eight civilizations that have come and gone in world history. In every one of these eighty-eight civilizations, the morals and strict sexual conduct started off the same, but then things became lax giving the people more and more freedom to express sexual desires whenever they pleased. That freedom began the destruction of the civilization. First came venereal disease, then breaking up of homes. Children were brought up in unstable environments and patterned their behavior after their parents’ behavior, making each succeeding generation more degenerate than the last. Thus those civilizations eventually were destroyed. (McDowell: Why Wait -pp. 261-62)

* A study of 5,000 civilizations revealed that 50 were characterized as sexually free and confusing the sex roles without distinction or boundaries bringing about the decay and death of all 50 civilizations. (*Dobson, Sept. 10*)

Application

The evidence of debased and reprobate minds that bring about social destruction is in all our society.

1. There are real and lasting consequences to the philosophy of relativism and situational ethic, humanism and existentialism.

* The sad conditions of our home through divorce has devastated the children. **From the National Center for Fathering (www.fathers.com) June 12, 2007**

- a. An estimated 24.7 million children (36.3%) live absent from their biological father.
- b. There are almost 17 million children (25%) living with their single mothers. 1.25 million or 32% of all births in 1995 were out-of-wedlock.
- c. Today nearly 4 out of 10 first marriages end in divorce, 60% of divorcing couples have children, and over one million children each year experience the divorce of their parents.
- d. One out of every six children is a stepchild.
- e. There are nearly 1.9 million single fathers with children under 18.
- f. 4 out of every 10 cohabitating couples have children present, and of children born to cohabitating couples, only 4 out of 10 will

see their parents marry. Those who do cohabitate experience a 50% higher divorce rate.

- g. 26% of absent fathers live in a different state than their children.
- h. About 40% of the children who live in fatherless households haven't seen their fathers in at least a year while 50% of children who don't live with their fathers have never stepped foot in their father's home.
- i. Children who live absent from their biological fathers, on average, are more likely to be poor, experience educational, health, emotional and psychological problems, be victims of child abuse, and engage in criminal behavior than their peers who live with their married, biological mother and father.
- j. The increasing prevalence of divorce and working women has turned child care into a major growth industry. Here again we can see the shift in people's priorities. In the 60's and earlier, the dominant goal in life for most mothers was to raise healthy, happy, well adjusted children. Today, the goal of most parents (men and women) is to be personally fulfilled in all walks of life.
- k. At the same time, children who live with their parents report that they spend less than 30 minutes per week in meaningful

conversation with their mothers, and less than 15 minutes per week in meaningful conversation with their father. (pp. 70)

2. The attitude towards marriage, sex and children in the first decade of 2000 is a very selfish one.
 - a. Parents through divorce seek to get what they feel is rightfully theirs, regardless of the implications for their own children, “looking out for number one” it will persist.
 - b. The tangible consequences are everywhere loneliness, alcoholism, drug abuse, physical abuse, suicide, depression, sexual promiscuity and they not likely to subside to any noticeable degree.
 - c. Elderly care became a major industry during the 90’s and it is unsustainable, we are moving to a socialist medical model of Europe, where rationing will have to take place, determining quality of life, not quantity, euthanasia will be accepted.
3. The physical consequences of sex by rejecting the design and pattern of God, one woman to one man, has overwhelmed our nation and the world.
 - a. Gonorrhea, Syphilis, Chlamydia, Herpes, Papilloma and AIDs are out of control STD’s.
 - b. Herpes.
 - 1) Time Magazine called herpes today’s “scarlet letter” and the new leprosy. It is estimated that 20 million Americans have genital herpes with 500,000 new cases

identified each year. The victim periodically becomes infectious, a sign of which is the fresh outbreak of sores on the genitals, mouth or rectum. The sores, when present, are painful and irritating, but the biggest impact of the infection is the alteration of lifestyle. The Time article states: “As many doctors put it, “It won’t kill you, but you won’t kill it either.” 1994

- 2) 1 million new case each year. 2009
 - 3) Every 30 seconds, another person gets herpes, genital herpes has gone up 30 in this last decade, 1999-2010
- c. Chlamydia.
- * Besides the “big three” diseases- gonorrhea, syphilis and herpes-an entire new army of STD’s are invading our nation. Enter Chlamydia: “Chlamydia is the fastest growing STD. Gonorrhea struck 2 million Americans last year (1990); but Chlamydia is estimated to have infected 3 to 4 million.” This disease is much more stubborn than gonorrhea and more difficult to treat. It causes sterility, tubal pregnancy and fetal death. (called “disease of the 80’s hits 3-10 million Americans a year, this was in 1987, but it is still true today. Why Wait-pp. 207) (1987) (pp.32)
- e. Papilloma.

* Another disease, Papilloma, has been strongly linked to cervical cancer, which kills thousands of women in America. The Papilloma virus is present in 90% of the cervical cancers sampled. New evidence suggests that Papilloma virus today is the fastest spreading sexually transmitted disease, with millions of new cases each year. It merely gets worse. Sixteen other STD's exist and are spreading across our nation, and particularly among our young people. (pp. 33)

- f. AIDS in the entire world, globally.
- 1) 33.2 million people now live with HIV or AIDS in 2009 and every day, over 6,800 people become infected with HIV, almost five people per minute.
 - 2) 5700 people die from AIDS every day, one child every minute.
 - 3) In 2007, approximately 2.5 million people were infected with HIV.
 - 4) Every fifteen seconds, another person age 15-24 becomes infected with HIV/AIDS.
 - 5) 15 million children around the world have been orphaned by AIDS, losing one or both parents to the disease.
- g. AIDS in the United States.
- 1) Roughly one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States.

- 2) Since the start of the AIDS epidemic, 1.5 million Americans have been infected with HIV and more than 583,298 have died of AIDS, since the first case in 1981.
 - 3) At least 40,000 people are infected each year.
 - 4) African Americans account for 48% of new HIV infections. AIDS is the leading cause of death for African American women aged 25 to 34 and HIV rates among Hispanic women are increasing.
 - 5) The number of women living with HIV has tripled in the last two decades.
 - 6) At least half of all new infections are among people under the age of 25.
 - 7) Washington, DC has the highest HIV/AIDS prevalence rates in the United States - one in 20 people are living with HIV or AIDS.
4. If you are a Christian, look at God's protection over you, through obeying His word, but you also have see that the Lord is coming for His church.
- a. Jesus said, "But as the **days** of **Noah** were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. "For as in the **days** before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that **Noah** entered the ark." Matt. 24:37-38
 - b. Jesus said, "Likewise as it was also in the days of Lot: They ate, they drank, they

bought, they sold, they planted, they built; but on the day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. Even so will it be in the day when the Son of Man is revealed.” Lk. 17:28-30

- c. Jesus said, “Watch therefore, and **pray** always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Lk. 21:36

God gave them up to a debased or reprobate mind: This is social destruction!

Conclusion

In 1990, a commission of education, politics, medical and business leaders met to examine the problems of American children. They issued a report called *Code Blue*, which came to a disturbing and unprecedented conclusion: “Never before has one generation of American teenagers been less healthy, less cared for, or less prepared for life than their parents were at the same age.” (AFA Journal 1991)

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