

The Embarrassing Houston Mayoral Election

The Houston mayoral election of December 12, 2009, was an event that will go down in history as a day of infamy. City Controller Annise Parker won the top post in that city's government by winning a runoff election. What is the embarrassing thing about the election? Ms. Parker is a lesbian. Houston, the nation's fourth largest, now becomes the largest U.S. city with an openly homosexual mayor. In view of the cultural divide between good and evil, one point made by this election reinforces the truth of an old adage, and another one demonstrates the complexity of the moral condition of our nation.

Irish Philosopher Edmund Burke noted that all that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing. Only 16 percent of Houston's registered voters showed up for the mayoral election. Among the cities approximately 60,000 homosexuals, one would surmise that most of them did show up at the polls. Nearly 800,000 apathetic voters stayed at home. Of course, many people reading this article will object that the implication that it is evil to elect a homosexual mayor, and is a hatemongering, prejudicial bigotry, and intolerance. Let them! The Bible teaches that homosexuality is an abominable sin (Lev. 18: 22; 20:13; Rom. 1:26,27; 1 Cor. 6:9). To live practicing homosexuality, then, is an evil lifestyle engaged in by those of bad character. Sodom and Gomorrah teaches us that God is intolerant of homosexuality, and if America continues to view it as acceptable, ruin surely isn't far away.

The other point made by the Houston election is that this evil practice is not geographically confined. Texas is generally a morally and politically conservative state. The Lone Star state has a Republican governor and 2 Republican U.S. Senators. Texas has 32 congressional districts 20 of which are represented by Republicans. Yet, Texas, like other states, has its pockets of citizens who are not just liberal in their politics, but secularists in their moral views. Some have suggested that the divide in this country could result in a physical division of its land. Whether the suggestion is made in earnest or in jest, it is obviously impossible; evil is all around us. Twice in the second epistle to the Corinthians (4:8; 7:5), Paul refers to being troubled on every side. So it is today. Evil knows no physical boundaries, rather these are evil days (Eph. 5:16). Since that is true, whether one is in the predominately conservative Northeast sector of the state of Texas, or in the city of Houston with its new homosexual mayor, we must, "Walk circumspectly, redeeming the times."

As an evil that the Bible refers to as an "abomination" becomes more prevalent across our nation, we naturally will increasingly ask ourselves, how much more will our people have to slide into debauchery and filth before the nation crumbles from the weight of decadence? None of us knows the answer to that question, but we do know the only possible solution to the problem is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which in New Testament Times changed the lives of the Corinthians and many others (1 Cor. 6:9-11; Eph. 5:8), and is still able to change the hearts and lives of people today. Let us strive to present the gospel to those in sin for the sake of their souls, as well as for the perpetuation of our beloved country.

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