

Confronting Change in the Attitudes of Man
Or
Some Things that have to be Said

There are, of course, many differences between God and the man He created. One of the most significant differences is that God does not change (Mal. 3:6), but man does. Not that man's basic nature changes; that stays the same. The attitudes of men do change, though. When man's attitudes change, it can result in cultural changes that grieve his immortal creator. There is no reason for the child of God to be unduly surprised at the fickleness of men, but neither is there cause for him to act blasé and assume that, "Boys will be boys" and it is no big deal about which he has no business to react. Solomon wrote: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34).

One would have to be disconnected in the worse kind of way to be unaware the people of America are split virtually down the middle. One half of our population insists that the nation retain the honorable values upon which our country was built. The other half is set for change that transforms cherished liberty and treasured freedom into a cloak of maliciousness. Every institution of society and civil government has been negatively affected by the wave of liberalism that has virtually consumed the heads, hearts, and intents of half our people. Although, the labels cannot be understood as 100% accurate, politically speaking the Democratic Party is the home of the leftist change agent, and the Republican Party generally supports the traditional values which serve as the basis for a theory of government that order can only be maintained by a moral people, and a constitution is valueless to the unrighteousness of which the wise man wrote.

The moral and political condition of our country raises a most serious question which must have judgment day implications for the child of God. How is it, that for the sake of party, in the south, where I live it is generally the Democratic party, far too many members of the Lord's church either ignorantly or willfully turn their backs upon traditional (i.e. biblical) values in support of the socialistic and hedonistic candidates whose nihilistic view of life will be transformed into governing policy? How is it that a large number of my southern brethren adhere to the perfidy of, "My Daddy, and his Daddy before him voted that way and so will I?" Are some like the man who refuses to obey the gospel, because if he does he will have condemned his grandmother who lived and died in denominational error? Allow me to point to a most important difference. There was a time when one could almost always vote a straight party ticket, because most Americans, including most candidates for office believed and supported the sanctity of life and opposed the sinful life style of homosexuality! The attitudes and positions of some have changed; therefore we must confront and oppose the wicked agents of change, lest God reject us in the day of judgment. As Paul wrote about approving ourselves as the ministers of God, "By the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left" (2 Cor. 6:7).

There is one other attitude that bursts forth in false words from the mouths of people that may sound good to the secular mind, but cannot be defended on the basis of truth. Let me frame this by posing another question. If in any election you must choose between two candidates, both of whom support abortion and homosexuality, what are you going to do? The person who does the right thing and refuses to vote for either one is repeatedly told, even by brethren, that because he did not vote he has no right to complain. When politics was mere politics, such a suggestion may have borne some merit, but no longer. Why? Because no matter what one does, he must do what is right, and supporting, including voting for, those who hold such immoral positions is not right. No, the one who stays out of such elections has more right and reason to complain

than anyone, and especially Christians ought to recognize it! Does voting for either of the above described candidates conform to Jesus' words to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33)? Who could affirm it! Does voting for either of the above described candidates conform to the scripture's demand of doing everything we do whether in word or deed by the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17)? Definitely not! A careful reading and application of Jotham's fable is in order (Jdg. 9:8-20).

Since the Supreme Court has interjected itself into the spiritual realm by accepting cases that are beyond the jurisdiction of human law or politics; since it has repeatedly made decisions that uphold murder of the unborn and casting God and references to Him out of the public square; and since one of our two major political parties is officially on the wrong side of every one of these issues, it should shame the individual whose political participation is blind allegiance to the Party.

Things have changed in our nation, and many of those changes are for the worse and not the better. Christians must confront, challenge, and oppose such changes. It is sheer fallacy to assert one can oppose those changes while supporting those whose political agenda is to advance them.

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