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# BIBLE TALK

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This week the topic is: **Pride goes before destruction.**

## **Proverbs 16:18**

<sup>18</sup> Pride *goes* before destruction,  
And a haughty spirit before a fall.

The month of June has been titled: "*Gay Pride Month*." The purpose of this is to flaunt what one does in his private life—especially flaunting an act which is condemned in scripture. This is a direct attack upon the Bible, the church, and conservatism. It's interesting that we do not have:

- Adulterer's Pride Month
- Wife-beater's Pride Month
- Fathers Who Abandon Their Families Pride Month
- Mothers Who Drown Their Babies Pride Month
- Presidential Assassins Pride Month
- Islamic Terrorists Pride Month

There is no end to this foolishness. When one sin is accepted, where will the line be drawn and who will draw the line and say: Enough is enough? There is nothing virtuous in taking pride in sinful behavior.

### **Jeremiah 6:15**

<sup>15</sup> Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them, They shall be cast down," says the LORD.

Listen well to what that passage says. Because people could no longer be ashamed of their sinfulness, God promises they will fall and, in the end, be punished.

The real issue in all of this is simply:

- Is there a Creator Who created all that is in heaven and in earth?
- If there is such an almighty Creator, is He entitled to make the rules for life on the earth He created?
- If so, no one should be taking pride in what He says is sinful.

The homosexual who claims to be an atheist is more consistent than the homosexual who claims to believe in God. The scriptures are clear about what God has said about homosexual behavior:

### **Romans 1:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

<sup>27</sup> Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and

receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

### **1 Corinthians 6:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,  
<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

### **Jude 1:7**

<sup>7</sup> as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

These passages are enough to prove the point that homosexual behavior is nothing to be proud about. It is sinful and those who practice homosexual sex are called upon to repent.

God loves the homosexual just like God loves *the father who abandons his family* and just like God loves *the mother who drowns her babies*. He does not love nor approve of their actions. He wants all of these people to repent of their ungodly behavior. He warns all of these people that a judgment day is coming and each one who does not repent will be lost forever in hell. Just because scripture teaches God loves sinners, this should not be interpreted to mean such sinful behavior is acceptable, of no consequence, and people should celebrate and take pride in participating in such sinful behavior. Truly, as Proverbs 16:18 says, "*Pride goes before destruction.*" The reason for this is: When a

person become proud of their sin, the likelihood that they will ever repent becomes negligible.

**Romans 6:21**

<sup>21</sup> What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death.

Whether it's homosexual behavior, or spousal abandonment, or child abuse, or terrorism, the end of all these choices is death and the only hope is a life of repentance and submission to the will of God the Creator.

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