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“And we bring you good tidings of the promise made unto the fathers...” (Acts 13:32)

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No fear of God before their eyes

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Observing what the leaders of America have done this past week, one can rightly agree with David, “*The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, there of no fear of God before his eyes*” (Psalm 36:1). What transgression has been done? Codifying marriage to include the sexual union between two people of the same sex is the transgression against God’s law.

God instituted marriage, not man. He made male and female from the beginning, and God joined them together in the one flesh sexual relationship (Matthew 19:4-5). Jesus takes us to the beginning where God says, “*Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh*” (Genesis 2:24). It is the union between a male and female that God commands all generations to honor. Those who do not keep the bed undefiled should fear because “*fornicators and adulterers God will judge*” (Hebrews 13:4).

What does God consider defilement of the marriage bed? Adultery, involving the unfaithfulness of one or more married

partners is defilement. Fornication, involving sex between those not married, and other sexual perversions such as homosexual sex and sex with animals are all forms of defilement of the marriage bed (Rom. 13:13, Leviticus 18:20, 22, 23).

God views homosexual sex as beginning with “vile passions” and consummates in an act that is “against nature” (Romans 8:26). He reveals in His Word such sexual defilement is the result of changing the truth of God for a lie, and worshipping the creature rather than the Creator (Romans 8:24). According to God, “homosexual marriage” is impossible. The sex between male and male, or sex between female and female has always been an abomination to God, never revered marriage.

Now, in the United States of America, the Supreme Court has legalized same-sex marriage. Hearing the voice of the few, those in power have disregarded the voice of God. Wanting to achieve equality among the few, governmental leaders have disregarded God’s standard for marriage.

The cry for equality was not going to be satisfied with calling the unions “domestic partnerships” or “civil unions”, even though specific laws giving financial relief could have been legislated. But the judicial cry leading to the Supreme Court was for same sex marriage to have the same dignity recognized in “marriage.” President Obama praised the Supreme Court ruling by saying, “This ruling will strengthen all of our communities by offering to all loving same-sex couples the dignity of marriage across this great land.”

Marriage includes a spiritual union with God. He does the joining, not the proclaiming judge (Matthew 19:6). God expresses whom He joins in marriage: a man and a woman, never the same sex. To give same sex unions dignity, when God regards them as abomination, manifests the reality that one has no fear of God.

Justice Kennedy’s closing remarks praises marriage as one of “civilization’s oldest institutions”, without acknowledging the God who instituted it. My heart sees no fear of God in the new law, or in the praises offered by governmental leaders.