

# Glad Tidings

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

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## Social Progress?

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We are observing today the positive spin on homosexuality which God characterizes as an “abomination”, “vile or dishonorable passions”, “unseemliness” and “against nature” (*Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:26-27*).

God, not man, instituted marriage for man’s benefit. When He created “man”, He created the sexual compliments of “male and female” (*Genesis 1:27*). He brought the “woman”, created from the rib of Adam, and declared, “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*). Jesus and the apostle Paul reminded His people and Christians of this fact of creation in the first century (*Matthew 19:4-5, Ephesians 5:31-33*).

Same sex marriage, contrary to God and His word, is being spun as a “civil right” and “legal security” issue. Women having the right to vote, which God has not condemned, is being equated with same sex marriage, which God has clearly condemned. Making something “le-

gal” does not make it “morally right”. While some want to separate same sex marriage from religion, emphasizing it as a civil issue, it does not dissolve it from being moral, and in contradiction to the standard of all morality—God and His word.

But the current spin does highlight a truth of God: if a society wants to ignore God, they are free to choose the way of homosexuality. God will “give them up” to such ungodly “vile passions” as He did in the first century. (*Romans 1:26*).

The fact that political leaders are proud to legalize homosexual marriages as “social progress” shows how far removed our society is from God. Calling something “progress” which dishonors God and exalts man is a beginning step truly wise people never want to make. Legalizing marriages that keep people from heaven is not on the “right side” of eternity. The spin being offered today for homosexual marriages is just another example of how deceptive the wiles of the Devil can be.

This week the law makers of New York have been trying to pass legislation to make same sex marriages legal in the state. The remarks of Governor Andrew Cuomo and his administration are instructive in the deceptive ways of the Devil in our times. Matthew Driscoll, a member of Cuomo’s administration, said Cuomo wants to make New York a leader in “social progress” by legalizing same-sex marriage. Governor Cuomo said the following: *“From the fight for women’s suffrage to the struggle for civil rights, New Yorkers have been on the right side of history. But on the issue of marriage equality, our state has fallen behind. . . For too long, same-sex couples have been denied the freedom to marry, as well as hundreds of rights that other New Yorkers take for granted. Marriage Equality is a matter of fairness and legal security for thousands of families in this state – not of religion or culture. When it comes to fighting for what’s right, New Yorkers wrote the book, and Marriage Equality is the next chapter of our civil rights story.”*