

A STEP FORWARD?

Many have viewed the latest decisions by the Supreme Court concerning homosexuality as a step forward for our country. This feeling has been echoed by many in various states when those states have rendered similar decisions. In fact, the more our country embraces many practices that were once considered immoral; the proponents of these practices think we are finally starting to make progress as a nation.

The reality of the situation is we are taking a step back in time when nations were destroyed for their immorality. Those practices that so many accept today were condemned in the past. When these immoral practices were a part of a society, they helped lead that country to its destruction. In the Roman Empire, homosexuality and abortion were practiced and Rome is only a point in history. Israel and Judah of old were condemned for their immorality (Lev. 18:22; Prov. 6:16-19; 2 Kgs. 17:7-12). Both of these nations fell.

Have we made progress as a nation as we have become more and more tolerant and accepting of sin? No, we have only taken a giant leap backward in time and are walking in the footsteps of those who lead to the destruction of their own nations and the loss of their own souls.

Charles Coats

“...strengthen thy brethren”



Luke 22:32

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Welcome All:

We are thankful to have you with us today. The Lord's church here is dedicated to the restoration of New Testament Christianity, respecting both the authority and the silence of the Scriptures.

Again, thank you for worshipping God today.

Schedule of Services for Gospel Meeting

Worship...	Sunday	11:00 a.m.
	Sunday	6:00 p.m.
Bible Study...	Sunday	10:00 a.m.
	Wednesday	6:00 p.m.

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DECIDED DIFFERENCES

Sermons:

AM: Why Can't They See It?

PM: Lessons We Learn From The Apostles

PRAYER LIST

Tracy Clark-recovery from surgery
Patty Lewis-Chuck's daughter—cancer-health issues
Gloria Dobbs-hip surgery
Babbette Penoyer-for comfort during this time.
Earlene Currier-Betty's aunt—health
Cher'e Vannoy-family in need of prayers
Don Cross-Chere's uncle-cancer/chemo
Edith Taylor-Bill's mother-broken wrist in cast
Misty Davis—health problems
Lauren Weidner-encouragement
Marty Stearns - health problems
Pat Crain—health-Joyce & Marty's friends
Al Haskell—waiting for kidney donor
Chuck Smith—heart, Sciatic & fell
Donna Duford—Betty's daughter
Bill Aildaffer—health
Charlene Steele—injuries
Rachel Hall—health problems
Lee Skaggs—Mike's cousin—cancer
Jody Rynca-cancer-Cindy's friend
Susan Wills-encouragement-Betty's daughter
Ireland Family—health problems-Cindy's friends
Tim Wright-hit by a car
Cody Cantrell-coma-Bill's friend
Ann Walker-faithfulness

Deborah was dedicated to God, her family, and her fellow Israelites who came to her for counsel and advice. Delilah, however, was so in love with her own needs, she had no room in her heart to care for others, not even her lover! The Christ taught that one should deny self and serve others (Matt. 16:24; 20:28). It is not said that Deborah was physically beautiful. It is said that she was the "wife" of Lapidoth (Judges 4:4). Solomon wrote that a wife is a "good thing" (Prov. 18:22). Delilah, on the other hand, must have been some seductress, but the worst kind of "wife," for she did her lover evil. The good wife is said to do her husband "good and not evil all the days of her life" (Prov. 31:12). Deborah was the most trustworthy woman in Israel (Judges 5:13). Delilah could not be trusted for one moment. Imagine being married to one that cannot be trusted! The good wife is one in whom the "heart of her husband doth safely trust" (Prov. 31:11). Deborah was not only a good moral influence, she was a leader in this virtue. Delilah had no morals nor did she influence anyone for the good. Everyone influences someone (Matt. 5:13). One cannot gauge the extent of influence. Both Deborah and Delilah affected two nations. One nation won, another was defeated. It is passing strange that God accomplished His purposes through the lives of two so patently different women!

The question for the Christian woman is: "Am I more like Deborah or more like Delilah?"

Dorothy C. Mosber