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A most abominable archbishop



Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

In his response to the admission by the Bishop of Grantham, Nicholas Chamberlain, that he is in a sodomite relationship, the Belfast Newsletter of 5th September 2016, reports that Rev Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, said: "I am and have been fully aware of Bishop Nick's long-term, committed relationship." He added: "He lives within the bishops' guidelines and his sexuality is completely irrelevant to his office."

This is one of the most wicked statements I have ever heard coming from the increasingly corrupt Archbishop of Canterbury's office.

1. He states that he has been "fully aware of Bishop Nick's long-term, committed relationship."

Since nothing has been done to deal with this shameful defiance of God's Word, we can only surmise that Welby approves of such wickedness.

2. Again, he says: Nicholas Chamberlain "lives within the bishops' guidelines."

Thus we are told that the Church of England has thrown away the Bible and replaced it with a new moral code, "the bishops' guidelines"!

If sodomy is within "the bishops' guidelines" how far removed are they from the standards of God's law!

Sodomy is an abomination. "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination," Leviticus 18:22.

It was such an abomination that it brought God's wrath upon the city that gave its name to the sin.

"But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly," Genesis 13:13.

"Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven; And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground," Genesis 19:24-25.

3. Welby states that Bishop Nicholas Chamberlain's "sexuality is completely irrelevant to his office."

Thus the Archbishop of Canterbury renders the Word of God an irrelevancy! How bold and brazen is the man in his defiance of God and his trampling of God's law under his feet!

Such effrontery can but bring God's judgment in response.

The moral requirements of a bishop are stated most clearly in the New Testament.

"A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach; not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (for if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care



Anglican Bishop Nicholas Chamberlain



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of the church of God?) Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil," 1 Timothy 3:2-7.

The holiness that is linked to this office may be judged by the fact that the Lord Jesus is called "the Shepherd and Bishop" of our souls, 1 Peter 2:25.

How can the behaviour of one who claims to be an under shepherd and who is a sodomite be accepted as being a Christian?

I know that the Church of England long ago abandoned the Bible as its "only rule of faith and practice", nevertheless, as long as it claims to be part of the Church of Christ it is subject to the Bible and will be held accountable for every violation of it.

It truly has become a den of rebellion and iniquity.

We are reminded of God's summary of the sinful attitudes of the false prophets and priests in Jeremiah's day.

"Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom ye know not; and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered to do all these abominations?" Jeremiah 7:8-10.

Such times as we are living in have been foretold of old.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away," 2 Timothy 3:1-5.

1. THE APOSTASY OF THESE LAST DAYS IS PROPHESED.

Paul had made reference to this same end-time wickedness in 1 Timothy chapter 4. "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils."

The devil is at work when we see and hear of such things as that now being reported as taking place in the Church of England.

Paul's description of the wickedness of the last days is detailed for us in verses 2-9 of 2 Timothy 3.

"For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was."

The reason why society is as it is today is found in the wickedness preached and practised by the professing church. Those "having a form of godliness" set the standards and their abominations are followed by the general public. Hence, "men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, etc., etc."



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Where false shepherds lead blinded sinners will follow!

2. THE ANTAGONISM TOWARD TRUE HOLINESS IS FORETOLD.

"Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good," verse 3.

We see the increasing antipathy toward anything, even remotely linked to Christ and His gospel. Street preachers have been harassed and arrested and brought before the courts. Laws have been changed so that to designate behaviour as sinful which the Bible condemns is now contrary to the law of the land. The views of the devil are given precedence in our land on many issues and that influence will grow.

"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived," 2 Timothy 3:12-13.

These things are given us so that we may not be overwhelmed or vanquished when these things come to pass.

The tide of sin is rising and will yet rise further.

3. THE AVOIDANCE OF SUCH WICKEDNESS THAT WE MUST PURSUE.

"From such turn away," 2 Timothy 3:5.

We cannot in any way or to any degree be part of these evil trends. We must turn away from or separate from them. This what Paul had earlier taught the Corinthians.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty," 2 Corinthians 6:14-18.

It is clear that for the Christian to be in any way associated with the works of darkness is utterly incomprehensible! The repeated use of the question "what?" by Paul shows just how incompatible with a profession of Christ is our having any part or lot with the ways of apostasy.

The New Testament Church is to be a separated, holy entity.

Paul, when he was in Ephesus, shows us the path we are to follow.

"But when divers were hardened, and believed not, but spake evil of that way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, disputing daily in the school of one Tyrannus. And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks," Acts 19:9-10.

Separation did not hinder but rather advanced the work of God. It is the absence of New Testament separation unto Christ which lies at the heart of the powerlessness, the ineffectiveness of the witness of evangelism today!

4. THE APPOINTED GUIDE FOR GOD'S PEOPLE AMIDST SUCH APOSTASY.

"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is



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profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works," 2 Timothy 3:14-17.

As the professing church moves away from the Bible and becomes ever more hostile to God's truth, the true people of God, the remnant of these last days must strive to move ever closer to the Bible.

There is the "instruction in righteousness" that we need today. Let the Chamberlains and the Welbys of this world preach their notions and set down their perversions as the path to follow, but let the true believer be "throughly furnished unto all good works" by studying and obeying the Scriptures of God. They alone can make us "wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."

The issue is simple. It is a question of being "lovers of pleasures" or "lovers of God." It is a matter of being "the friend of the world" and "the enemy of God" (James 4:4) or being, like Abraham, "the Friend of God," James 2:23.

It is an issue with eternal consequences.

"For ye, brethren, became followers of the churches of God which in Judaea are in Christ Jesus: for ye also have suffered like things of your own countrymen, even as they have of the Jews: who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost," 1 Thessalonians 2:14-16.

"Wrath to the uttermost" awaits those who deny the Gospel, reject the Word of God and proclaim their own perverted philosophy as the path to follow.

Be not a partaker with them.

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