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sins named in Romans chapter one are wrong and the one who makes the choice to participate in them will not enter into heaven but instead will exist eternally in the punishment of hell. God, our creator, has decided that. Where is our spiritual backbone friend? Where is our righteous indignation? Where is our desire to please God when we remain silent in the face of that which God condemns?

The Bible clearly teaches us to "...have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." (Eph. 5:11). The NKJV translates the word "reprove" as "expose." Rather than setting back and allowing immoral acts to go unchecked the Bible teaches us to expose them for what they are – sin which will condemn the souls of those who participate in them. Instead we too often allow ourselves to be intimidated by those who may have a higher education or make more money than we do and fail to stand up and speak up and condemn what God has already condemned.

Let's face it. We live in a world in which the majority of people are wicked. We have a choice. We can go along to get along. Or, we can uncompromisingly live and teach God's truth. Jesus spoke about these two ways in which one may live his life in Matthew 7:13-14. He declared, "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." These verses reveal the sure truth that the righteous will always be in the minority. Few as opposed to many will find the narrow gate that leads to life. Are you, dear friend, willing to live differently from the majority of people with whom you have daily contact in order to enter into eternal life? Are you willing to maintain purity in an impure world? Are you willing to

live morally in an immoral world? Are you willing to speak out against sin and refuse to go along with the majority who practice it? Jesus said as found in Matt 16:24-25, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."

In the days of Noah he and his family were the only people willing to stand against wickedness. We must not forget that Noah preached some 120 years while the ark was being built. Yet, in all that time there is no indication that he had a positive response to his efforts. He was a "preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5) yet the world in which he lived continued in wickedness. But, Noah and his family were saved. I wonder if Noah ever felt overwhelmed by the wickedness that prevailed in his world? Were there ever times when he became discouraged as he preached to people who continually rejected his message? There is no indication that Noah gave up or gave in to the wickedness of his day. Though he was outnumbered God was on his side and God and one man always make a majority.

Sometimes we may feel that any effort we put forth to stand against the flood of immorality and wickedness that prevails in our world is an effort in futility. But we must always remember that God and one man always make a majority. Remember the words of divine inspiration, "... If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31).

Let us speak out against the immorality of the super bowl or anywhere else it appears. If enough of us do so it will have an impact. Write your congressmen, your senators, the FCC, CBS, MTV or anyone else involved. Be a Noah – be a preacher of righteousness!

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Super Bowl Immorality

By Jonnie Hutchison

Back in the days of Noah the world had become extremely wicked described in the words of Genesis 6:5, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." Because of man's wickedness God said, "I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them." Of course, we know now, looking back, that Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord and that when the great flood came to destroy man that Noah was saved with his family in the ark.

One might reason from a human point of view and doubt the necessity of such drastic measures regarding wicked man in the days of Noah. But one must never overlook the fact that God knows the heart of every person and the extent of the measures He took to cleanse the earth of wickedness was exactly the right action.

When we look around us in our world today we see many similarities to the description of the lives and hearts of men in Noah's day. The phrase that the "wickedness of man was great in the earth" is surely true of the present time in which you and I live. And how many could aptly be described

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News and Notes

To Our Visitors

It is always a joy to welcome visitors to our services. We are thankful for each one who has chosen to be present. A number of tracts and other materials are available in the lobby of the building. There is no charge for any of this material. If you would like to enroll in a free Bible Correspondence Course or an in home Bible study please mark that on your visitors card. We hope you will return and be with us at your every opportunity.



Welcome!



Remember In Prayer

Alvin and Phyllis Bullington,
Ethel Watson, Dena Bishop,

Sandra Dixon, Philip Bullington, Alex White, Loretta Philips, Kris Koko, Hubert Keys, Ken Koko, Ann Yates, McKenzie Brunette, and Joyce Herman. If you know of others who should be added to this list please let it be known.

Upcoming Events

The 6th Annual Carolina Men's Fellowship is scheduled for Saturday March 13, 2004. The theme is "A Way that Is Right and Cannot Be Wrong." It will be held at the Charlotte Avenue building. See bulletin board for details. We encourage all the men of the congregation to plan ahead to attend this event. It is always a wonderful period of instruction and fellowship.

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as "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"? It is an undeniable fact that our world is filled with wickedness.

Among the chief purveyors of the wickedness that prevails in their hearts are those connected with the entertainment media. Those who watched the recent super bowl on CBS television know exactly what I mean. During the halftime show the audience was bombarded by suggestive sensual dances and song lyrics, sexual innuendo and at the conclusion the exposure of the female

star of the show Janet Jackson. Though we would not minimize those events this is but a small portion of that by which all of us are bombarded on a daily basis when we turn on our televisions, radios, open a magazine or go to a movie. Our young people who watch MTV and the other so-called music video channels are being fed a constant diet of the acceptance of recreational sex, the acceptance of homosexuality and lesbianism and immodest provocative dress and behavior. Sex before marriage is pushed as being expected and perfectly alright as long as one

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uses protection. It is no wonder that people live like animals when they have been taught that they evolved from animals rather than being the result of the creative act of God.

You may call me old fashioned or outdated. But whatever your reaction may be does not change what the Bible says. That which those of us witnessed during the super bowl halftime show and that we see and hear on a daily basis across the media spectrum is sinful because it is a violation of the Word of God. Oh, how the present conditions that God sees here and now must grieve God in His heart even as it did in the days of Noah.

Consider what the Bible says The Bible condemns impure thoughts and impure actions. It tells us that it is the "pure in heart" who will see God (Matthew 5:8). The Bible teaches us, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." (1 Peter 1:16). In speaking of the hope of seeing Jesus the Bible says in 1 John 1:3, "And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure." In addition, the Word of God identifies what it calls "the works of the flesh" in Galatians 5:19-21 saying, "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God." NKJV. Of this list of the "works of the flesh" how many do the entertainment media set forth as perfectly acceptable? How many are glorified and encouraged? How many are pushed upon our society until we become so used to it all that we fail to see it for what it really is? Friends, participating in these things will cause us to be lost eternally. There is

no hope as long as one continues in the practice of the works of the flesh.

But the scripture actually goes a step further than participation. There are many who are listening to this program who would say that I would not participate in the works of the flesh. But, do you give your approval of those who do? In the book of Romans chapter one the inspired writer gives another list of the sins of the flesh as he writes of those who "did not like to retain God in their knowledge." He goes on to say beginning in verse 28 that "God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting. Being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful, who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." (Romans 1:28-32). Friends, did you notice the last phrase of verse 32? It is not just those who participate in these sins who will be condemned but those who approve of those who do practice them.

Our society has sadly accepted the view that we must live and let live. In other words no one has the right to stand up and say that any other person is wrong in what they are doing. One can commit the most immoral of actions and the one who stands up and says "you are wrong" is usually the person who suffers the most ridicule from others. You see, we have this thing all backwards. God is the one who decides what is right and wrong not you and me. He has chosen to reveal what is right and wrong in the Bible. He has revealed that the "works of the flesh" and the

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