

Let Us Obey God Rather than Men  
(Acts 5:29)

Introduction:

1. On this occasion the apostles were being interrogated (Acts 5:27-28).
2. They responded with the statement we read in vs.29.
3. Solomon explained in Proverbs 16:25 why *"we ought to obey God rather than men."*
4. God has revealed His will in His inspired Word (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
5. Rather than be unwise we are to understand the Lord's will (Ephesians 5:17).
6. In our lesson we are searching the Scriptures to determine God's view of "gay pride" that has received a great amount of attention this month.

Discussion:

- I. LET US FIRST DETERMINE GOD'S VIEW OF "GAY PRIDE" IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (Romans 15:4)
  - A. Let us begin with the Creation.
    1. God made Adam and Eve on the 6<sup>th</sup> day (Genesis 1:26-28).
    2. God's plan for marriage is revealed in Genesis 2:24, and His plan has not changed (Matthew 19:4-6; Ephesians 5:31).
  - B. From the Creation, let us turn our attention to the time of the patriarchs.
    1. According to Genesis 19:1-14, homosexuality was widespread in Sodom.
    2. The Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24-25).
    3. The Bible clearly teaches why these cities were destroyed (Romans 1:26-27; Jude 7).
  - C. From the time of the patriarchs, let us consider the time when the Law of Moses was in effect (Leviticus 20:13; Deuteronomy 23:17).
  - D. Concerning "gay pride," we learn something important from the Old Testament: *"we ought to obey God rather than men."*
- II. LET US ALSO DETERMINE GOD'S VIEW OF "GAY PRIDE" IN THE NEW TESTAMENT
  - A. Jesus included *"fornications"* with other activities that will cause a person to be defiled (Mark 7:20-23).
  - B. "Fornication" [illicit sexual activity, including homosexuality] is a work of the flesh that will prevent a person from inheriting God's kingdom (Galatians 5:19-21).
  - C. Homosexuals will not inherit God's kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).
  - D. Thankfully, forgiveness is available (1 Corinthians 6:11; Acts 18:8).
  - E. Concerning "gay pride," we learn something important from the New Testament: *"we ought to obey God rather than men."*

Conclusion:

1. Many people would consider this lesson to be "hate speech."
2. According to Ephesians 4:15, we are responsible for *"speaking the truth in love."*
3. On that last great day we will be judged by the Lord's Word (John 12:48).
4. By all means, "let us obey God rather than men."