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Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father

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—Pastor Manley

A time never existed when it was easy to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Certain eras are, perhaps, easier in particular measures to do so than were, are, or shall be others. Particular places may be somewhat safer than were, are or shall be others. It is far safer to be a Christian in Pensacola than in Tehran, in Seattle than in Saudi Arabia, in Boston than in Bombay. It was not a picnic to be a believer in the first century and it is not going to be one in this new first century. In every age and in every place,

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there have been, there are now, and there always will be pressures against faithfulness. However, in certain times and in particular places those pressures became persecutions. Believers are in this very hour dying for their testimony. Martyrs are giving their lives every day in this Year or Grace Two Thousand. We American believers

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have things very soft and comfortable during my lifetime. A few snickers, a snide remark or two, some scoffing looks, and rare rebukes or verbal attacks have been our lot in life. I believe things are getting ready to change. If the coming of the Lord Jesus is as near as we would like to think (in our more solemn, sacred moments), then things *must* become vastly worse. If the Judge is standing at the door (James 5:9) and ready to enter, then the spirit of anti-Christ that is, indeed, already (I John 4:3) working, will become aggressive and violent in his activity. Pressures will soon become persecutions. The only question remaining is whether we believers will be ready to face and to endure them. May God give the grace for us to do so.

—Pastor Manley



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and he also knew that Jehoshaphat had no business being there at all. He knew that all three deserved judgment. Jehoshaphat seemed to have no conviction of wrong at all. That level of discernment is in keeping with scriptural truth. When a believer deliberately goes against the revealed word of God, that believer is grieving the Holy Spirit and if he or she continues in the same path, that believer will quench the Holy Spirit. When that happens, when the Holy Spirit is quenched, there is no further leading and no more convicting; there is only judgment and chastisement waiting. If a person will not do what he or she knows to do, there is not reason for the Holy Spirit to grant any additional leading. If that believer will intentionally and willfully persist in conduct that is known to be wrong, what can the Heavenly Father do but to correct with chastisement?

Jehoshaphat was out in the desert with two pagan kings preparing for battle; and he was out there of himself, for himself, and by himself! He can quote Psalm 23 until seven more days pass, but he best get over to Psalm 51 in a hurry! Jehoshaphat may not yet realize it but he is backslidden and out of the directive will of God. He has plotted his own course and chastisement not blessing is his destiny. His motivation for being there is not the question. His sincerity is not in question. His zeal is not the topic. His desire for good is not the subject. The issue is his obedience. And, on that level, Jehoshaphat failed; he was disobedient. No good action will excuse disobedience--not even good results.

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John Rocker, highly skilled relief pitcher for Time-Warner's Atlanta Braves, holds some old-fashioned ideas that are considered by contemporary, corrected society to be queer. Mr. Rocker vocalized his fervent desire not to associate with the sexual deviants and perverts, illegal immigrants, welfare sponges, drugged-out punks, brutalizing thugs, and other assorted ill-mannered, ill-tempered, ill-intentioned flotsam residing in Gotham City. It is not precisely known where, when, or how John Rocker became infected with these archaic, Victorian ideas. Distressed by the boldness of his blatant expression of this queerness, a national publication with a strong sports orientation obligingly alerted the nation of his predilection for racism, homophobia, anti-Semitism, and misogynistic behavior. No doubt, it was the intent of this noble journal, noted for its annual tribute to the uncovering of feminine pulchritude, to raise the conscience of the nation so

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as to isolate and, thereby, to prevent the spread of this virus into the youth of the culture. The exposure of his inappropriate expression of strong, judgmental, and condemnatory beliefs about and his contemptible, personal choice to hold vindictive, vicious bias against socially and governmentally protected minorities elicited swift response. As it might be said, "The chickens came home to roost." "For wheresoever the carcass [sic] is, as it is written, "there will the eagles be gathered together." And, gathered hoping to find a carcass, they did. So serious is the malignant criminality of his beliefs that several other professionals in his chosen profession, along with a variety of political and social personalities, advocated his banishment from the game for life. It was solemnly proclaimed that John Rucker's hate speech reveals him as a man given to prejudice, favoring racism, encouraging intolerance, holding a narrow-mindedness, filled with chauvinism, and expressing gross insensitivity. Many deemed this philosophical condition sufficient evidence to compel his immediate and permanent removal. The honorable Major League Atlanta Braves National League Baseball Organization swiftly assigned Mr. Rucker sensitivity lessons and suspended him without pay. How-

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rail at the stupidity of the plans. He did not regret his being there. He just blamed God for the mess. Notice that he used the personal name for the Lord: LORD, Jehovah. Probably after a day of being forced to listen to the reading of psalms and listening to the preaching, he was either disgusted or convicted and either way, Jehoram was in no mood to put up with any more. So, Jehoram blamed God for all the troubles.

If you compromise to reach someone, be prepared to face exactly this same response. Jehoram was able to recognize the hand of the Lord, but only as the hand of an enemy! To Jehoram, the LORD was just waiting to see them trapped and helpless and destroyed by the Moabites! As far as he was concerned, the whole thing was a divine plot to ruin him. The first to suggest the expedition, Jehoram is the first to wish he had stayed home. Brother, how often I have seen that very same thing happen. How many are ready to go, but even more readily to find fault. Quick to launch the enterprise but quicker still to lament the first difficulty and set back. I have met some folks who actually appear to be delighted when something does occur that produces difficulties. Some really appear to rejoice when troubles prevent an accomplishment. It is as though they have a desire for failure so they can now criticize someone. "I just knew it would not work."

Jehoram may not have known much about the Lord and may not have served the Lord but he knew enough about the Lord to know that he was guilty of not serving the Lord. I have found many unsaved individuals who had a higher concept of God's holiness and righteousness than many believers do. Jehoram knew he and the king of Edom were sinners in the sight of the Lord

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sun above, with the burning sand beneath, with a withering sirocco (that fierce, hot, dry desert wind) around them and with not a drop of water to be found, they march together as a mighty army. Then, seven weary days into the foray, just as they arrive at the border of Moab, the combined armies of Judah and Israel and Edom discover they are out of water. The whole enterprise is about to come to disaster. The soldiers and the cattle, brought along for food supply, are tired and thirsty; and tired and thirsty armies and animals are not the easiest with which to get along! To an observer who might have chanced by, they would appear to be a certain conquest for any enemy that chanced along! They could not continue forward; they could not return backward. They were "shut up in the wilderness".

I think that there is significance in the "seven days" They would not have begun on a Sabbath and would not travel on a Sabbath out of deference to Jehoshaphat's beliefs. They undoubtedly started on a Sunday, the day after the Sabbath and now, in keeping with custom, have paused for a Sabbath and when the time come to resume, the problems are very evident. I think that the water shortage is discovered the day after they have paused for Jehoshaphat's worship. Notice verse 10. This is as important a verse as there is in this chapter and this chapter is filled with important verses.

And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

What is so important about this verse? The very king that Jehoshaphat was hoping to influence or to encourage for good now blamed the Lord God for all the problems! He did not criticize his god, Baal. He did not

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ever, this relatively short term of temporary eviction and automatic fine was considered, according to various polling organizations, by the majority of Americans, insufficient for the vileness of his homophobic, isolationistic, misogynistic, xenophobic incorrectness. It was widely reported that he would need bodyguards and body armor to appear anywhere in New York City. The mild-mannered, gentle-natured New Yorkers were encouraged to shower him with batteries (Hopefully, though not specified, preferably removed from the flashlight or car before the showering begins.) at his next entrance to the field of play.

While some excused his remarks as the result of his inexperience or his congenital stupidity, John Rucker was held in open contempt by Media America. He was identified as a product of Macon, Georgia, a redneck from the Bible belt, to explain the despicable origin of his ignorance and bigotry. His venomous language depicted a vileness of heart gained, as was described by certain sources, from some "obvious connection with religious fundamentalism." While not directly connecting Rucker with Christian fundamentalists, one article explained that *all* the hatred in the present world derives its

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source from *some* connection with religious fundamentalism. From Ireland to Iraq, from Bosnia to Bombay, from Selma to San Francisco, fundamentalists of varying religions were shown to be the origin of hate speech and terrorism. John Rucker was therefore both a proponent of and a victim of fundamentalism, and, in particular, of *Christian fundamentalism*.

Ted Turner, recognized as among the wealthiest Americans, has repeatedly shown his disdain and contempt for biblical Christianity. He has stated that god is nature. Perhaps this belief explains why he has made himself the single largest (non-governmental) landowner in the United States. This multi-millionaire entrepreneur, who has openly claimed to be "in the same class with Alexander the Great, Napoleon, Gandhi, Christ, Mohammed, Buddha, Washington, Roosevelt, and Churchill," has also *publicly and repeatedly* ridiculed the Ten Commandments as outdated, publishing his personal rewritten set in 1989, called the death of the Lord Jesus Christ the action of "a fool," opines that hell is non-existent and that everyone goes to "the happy hunting grounds," declared Christianity in general to be the "religion for losers," and mocked funda-

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It is almost unbelievable again to hear Jehoshaphat use the same identical words to Jehoram as he had to Ahab. But it is worthy of note that if you enter into an alliance with an Ahab or a Jehoram, it can only be on such terms as are given here: "I am as thou art." It is impossible to go so far and no farther. Once we compromise with evil, we become partakers of the evil deed. When we compromise with error, we only deceive ourselves if we believe that good can come of it. Sin will not for it cannot produce righteousness! Jehoshaphat did not need to attack the king of Israel or to run Jehoram off. He did not need to be disagreeable or mean spirited. Some believers certainly appear to be pleased to have any opportunity to plunge the sharp point of the sword into any that dare to come near. There is no merit in wounding merely for the sake of wounding! We are to attract and not to repel the unbeliever. Meanness in attitude and manner is not the evidence of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. But firmness in fidelity to the LORD and faithfulness to His word and fealty to His Grace is. And those things require, even demand, that we stand for Him and do not align ourselves with those who are against Him! Reaching the unbeliever is never possible at the expense of truth. Compromised truth is damaged and may even become error.

Jehoshaphat chooses the long tiring and difficult journey. And Jehoram goes right along. The armies of Judah and Israel gather at the northern border of Judah and combining as one great host march south to Edom. There they are joined by the host of Edom and proceed south and east through Edom into the wilderness of Idumaea, where Moses and Israel had suffered so much. For a week all goes, if not well, at least it goes. With a fierce

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willing to violate Scripture and to enter an unlawful alliance. Jehoshaphat intentionally selected the route to go through Edom, even though the choice added to the effort substantial cost for additional provisions and contributed great problems with supply and gave considerable extra time for Moab to prepare. Remember that Moab was servant, or had been in servitude to Israel, and Edom was subject to Judah. If Moab should succeed in her rebellion; then, Edom might be tempted to try to follow the very same course. Therefore, it was in the political interest of Jehoshaphat to help Jehoram re-subdue Moab and to have Edom see the strength of the combined armies of Judah and Israel with their own eyes. His motive might have been personal gain.

How easy it is to persuade ourselves that a certain action is right if that action is in our best interest or personal pleasure to do so. How often in a desire to enter into an unequal marriage there is talk of "indications of interest" and "hopeful signs" and "willingness to change." How often in the selection of a job is there talk of "increase in pay" and "better chance for advancement" and "good environment" and "opportunities of witness"; but complete disregard for the sale of booze or the requirement of always working on the Lord's Day or the exposure to increased temptations, or the sacrifice of church-life. We find evidence of piety or religion where we would never see it if it were not to our advantage to do so! We certainly may not judge a man's heart but we dare not assume spirituality. Let us not call darkness light or bitter sweet or evil good! Rejoice in and encourage every positive step; but do not enter into fellowship where *only an assumption* of righteousness would warrant it.

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mentalist Christians in particular. He boasted that he never asked anyone to die for him and did not need anyone to do so. The Spokesman-Review, May 1, 1990 carried the following article:

Cable television mogul Ted Turner criticized fundamentalist Christianity and said Jesus probably would "be sick at his stomach" over the way his ideas have been "twisted," the Atlanta Journal-constitution reported. Turner made his remarks Friday evening at a banquet in Orlando, Fla., where he was given an award by the American Humanist Association for his work on behalf of the environment and world peace. Turner said he had a strict Christian upbringing and at one time considered becoming a missionary. "I was saved seven or eight times," the newspaper quoted him as saying. But he said he became disenchanted with Christianity after his sister died, despite his prayers. Turner said the more he strayed from his faith, "the better I felt."

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had made. Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. And Mesha king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered unto the king of Israel an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool. But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. And king Jehoram went out of Samaria the same time, and numbered all Israel. And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, and my horses as thy horses. And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they fetched a compass of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, and for the cattle that followed them. And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD hath called these three kings together, to deliver them into the hand of Moab!

In our text, Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, one who worships the LORD God, has united his personal fortunes and joined his nation's future to a political and military alliance with Ahaziah, king of Israel, one who worships Baal. King Jehoshaphat was a good man; but he was a man of weak spiritual convictions and nearly blind as to spiritual discernment. He was sincere in his own worship; but he simply could not bring himself to re-

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Lord to now bless us with good success! Like Jehoshaphat we are more interested in blessings and success than in obedience and faithfulness. We do not consult the Lord; we counsel the Lord, we advise Him what He ought to do! Think of the brazen audacity of such an escapade! If there is ever a prayer that is "asking amiss that we might consume it upon our own lusts," these are such prayers. The time to seek the mind and will of the Lord is well before we start the journey. Once we have traveled down the dark road towards Folly, the path of extrication is very hard to see.

As one who could conceive but not achieve, who could imagine but not execute, who could plan but not perform, Jehoram turns to Jehoshaphat for the strategy of battle. Jehoshaphat was, no doubt, flattered that the king of Israel would bow to his years and his experience and his wisdom and not only ask advice but actually allow him to formulate the attack. Jehoshaphat made a decision to proceed south through the entire length of Judah and then march all the way around the southern end of the Dead Sea only to proceed all the way back north through Edom and then to attack Moab. The short and simple way would have been to move directly across the Jordan at Jericho and enter the northern end of the land of Moab; but Jehoshaphat chose the far longer and far more difficult way. It is true that Ammon lay not too far east of the northern section of Moab and might be persuaded to enter the battle with Moab and it is true that Edom would provide additional troops for the conflict; but I think there is an ulterior motive in his selection of this particular route. It seems to me there might be a suggestion in this choice by Jehoshaphat of how to travel to the battle that shows why he was so

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and temperament. Both Jews and Christians will be made lion food again. The Book of The Revelation is bold to show that both will be persecuted in the time of the end. We are racing to that hour.

The battle in the last decade of the last century was against morality. The battle was won by the enemy. The battle in the first decade of this new century will be against Christianity and Judaism. That battle will be won by the enemy—but only for a little while.

Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

—Pastor Manley

The Gospel of God's Grace holds hope for *anyone* and *everyone*. No one is excluded, except those who will not come to Christ for salvation.

First Corinthians, chapter 6, verses 9-11

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

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quire in others that same sincerity of worship. Perhaps, he had stumbled across that verse "Judge not lest ye be judged"; and, as countless others have done, he proceeded to lift it from the context and to pivot it on its axis; and, possibly in the name of toleration, he then permitted others a latitude in worship that was not permitted in Scripture.

He was a man who ran his life based upon impressions and appearances. He responded as he "felt best" or "saw his way clear" or "felt led." Sensory perception and not spiritual principle guided him. This is a serious flaw in anyone, and ever more serious in a king because of those he influences and affects.

Jehoshaphat had no chart and no compass to guide his course, no point of reference with which to plot his position. His life was not anchored to principles. He was unknowingly adrift upon an uncharted sea to be steered by the shifting winds of fickle sensations and to be driven by changing waves of illusory indications. Such a voyage will always result in a rough cruise with the constant danger of shipwreck ever present.

This terrible blemish in his spiritual character finds display early in his reign when he joins affinity with Ahab, king of Israel. Joining affinity could be understood as "being married to"; he yoked himself to Ahab.

Ahab was, and blatantly so, an ungodly Baalite who openly persecuted those who served the Lord. Yet Jehoshaphat could and did overlook all of those hideous actions—even ignoring those that were committed in his very presence—in the interest of greater good and in the name of toleration. God does not view this affinity with Ahab as good or tolerant, but as wrong and sinful. In the eternal record of the infallible word of God, the strong

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condemnation by the LORD is recorded. When Jehoshaphat returned from this alliance with Ahab, he found a prophet waiting for him: 2 Chronicles 19:2 "And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD."

Even the confrontation of that forceful declaration did not really change the standards of Jehoshaphat. True, he refused to join forces with Ahaziah, the first son of Ahab to sit upon the throne of Israel following the death of Ahab by the judgment of God. However, when the second son, Jehoram, came to the throne and put on the front of feigned repentance, Jehoshaphat leaped to an alliance with him. Before he did anything then, one might have expected Jehoshaphat to seek the counsel of the prophet who had rebuked him and warned him concerning his previous improper conduct. But, human nature being what it is, that is not often to be found. Experience is not a good teacher, let alone the best teacher. The truth is that we only learn some things from experience and the cost is extremely high.

When one is confronted by an authority, the person must either bow to the authority or bow up at the authority. Sometimes, the resentment that is felt over being rebuked, or the embarrassment that is endured in the encounter, is utilized as the means or method of the old nature to prevent counsel being sought or followed. Other times, a person feels that he has learned the lesson and thinks that he may have the assurance that he will never again make that same mistake. Thus, trusting self and blinded by that pride of self, he moves once more into the very same trap all the while confident that

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to include perversion. Yet, the participation in 'gay pride' [sic] is politically acceptable and the attendance at Bob Jones University is politically incorrect.

No one ever challenged the accuracy or truthfulness of the comments made by John Rucker. The words were instantly rejected as wicked and vile because they attacked perverts, deviants, and bums. No one ever challenges the accuracy of the truthfulness of the attacks on Christianity by Ted Turner. His remarks are tolerated solely because they are addressed against biblical Christianity. Those who pander to the obscene and vile are praised. Those who promote decency and morality are condemned. Decency must live in the closet while degeneracy walks the streets.

Am I the only one in America who sees in these events the danger this paradigm shift in the public acceptance of hatred for biblical teachings holds for Bible believers? Both Judaism and Christianity were hated in the first centuries of the last millennium when the Roman Empire (ruled, as attested by the record of secular history, by sodomites) held power. As the prophesied revived Roman Empire begins to come to stage center, we should expect it to mimic its foreshadow in both nature

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The wife of the President of the United States walked a reported "thirty steps" behind a bizarrely, barely dressed 'couple' in a 'gay pride' [sic] event and later was quoted as having said to the crowd that she was grateful for the strides "we (her exact word choice as reported in the media) have made in the last year." I am not certain all she intended to convey by the use of the plural pronoun and will draw only one conclusion: she desires to be identified politically with the group that she addressed. Only a few years ago, a national political figure seen in a 'gay' environment (led alone a 'gay pride' [sic] march) would have been committing political suicide. It is obvious to me that she has no fear of doing so. Governor George Bush spoke at Bob Jones University and was so severely criticized for speaking to those *who have never harmed but who condemn perversion of both morals and doctrine wherever it might be found* that he was forced to apologize and to distance himself from the 'corrupted' religious and moral views held by Bob Jones University. The framers of the Constitution wrote in plain language the right of freedom of religion. The Supreme Court of the United States invented the right of privacy and then interpreted it

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he is doing right. Whatever his thought process was, pliable Jehoshaphat again stuck his neck into the unequal yoke and entered a confederation with Jehoram. And, he did so again, just as before without either prayer or counsel. How could Jehoshaphat do this again? What could prompt him to even consider such a move? What is the root cause of such a foolish decision? Pride, self trust, must lie at the source; but what is the mechanism that our mind uses to fool us? Perhaps the mistake is made in believing that it is possible to separate spiritual things from everyday life; or that spiritual truth is considered to be theoretical and not practical; or that somehow we come to accept the lie that good motives will justify any course of conduct.

Do we not find this latter idea expressed in two popular beliefs that: First, "if it feels good, do it; because if it feels good it cannot be wrong?" Feelings are never a safe guide to any course of action. You had better not write a check because you feel as if you have money in the bank. You had better not drive the car because you feel as if you have oil in the engine. And, you had better not do something just because you feel it is right. There is a standard against which to measure bank accounts; it is called account balance. There is a standard to measure gas tanks; and it is called a gauge. There is a standard against which to measure personal conduct; and it is called the BIBLE.

Second, "We have our own beliefs and others have theirs. We need to be tolerant and give them latitude; we will just 'agree to differ'." Differ about what? Whether Jehovah is God or Baal is god? Whether the word of God is true and binding or is merely a collection of the suggestions and surmises of good men? On such as those, we

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may and should differ; but we will never sink to an agreement to differ while walking together until our personal faithfulness and spiritual strength is stolen away by the subtle lies of the deceiver, not until we have accepted the diet of insidious influences that slowly poison us and kill our zeal. Compromise is no virtue in spiritual matters. The sad truth is that the sorry state of the spiritual and moral condition of this very nation is the specific and direct result of the Jehoshaphats who have lowered the standards and abandoned the principles and thereby compromised the doctrines and have entered into unscriptural alliances with the Ahab's and Jehoram's. We fear to appear different. We wish to occupy our proper place and be like our neighbors. We desire to catch the attention of and to receive the plaudits of the world. Therefore, we conform to the world's standards and surrender the doctrinal convictions of our forefathers. In doing so, we suffer at the very least temporal harm and material damage and physical injury, if not impoverishment of our spiritual life and eternal damnation to our loved ones and friends. Oh, do not misunderstand, Jehoshaphat fully intended to have the Lord go with him. He expected to be blessed because he sincerely thought that he was doing a right and proper thing. But, again, exactly, as he had done with Ahab, he agreed to the commitment before he sought the mind of the Lord. He just assumed that the Lord would bless him. In fact, the truth is that he really did not need to pray about this alliance, he ought to have known from the very beginning that he had no business hitching himself to a mixed team. The principle of separation is emphatically taught in the Old Testament. Indeed some things do not require inquiry and prayer. Anything that violates the word of God is

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abominable, wicked, and sinful, claim to represent twenty percent of the population, objective studies place the actual infestation at barely two percent. Yet, in the last ten years this liberal-defined 'minority' classification has pierced the pink chiffon ceiling gaining in the process tacit acceptability and enormous political and social power. For example, no segment of society has more obvious, more identifiable, overt influence on the educational community than this particular minority. This is easily demonstrated by a simple fact: While the religions of Judaism and Christendom remain the overwhelming majority in this Land of Liberty, the morality—purity, chastity, and normality—advocated by the biblical foundation of Christianity or Judaism cannot be mentioned in the curriculum of any public school. However, in school districts across America, books presenting the so-called 'gay and lesbian' lifestyle as a valid and worthy choice for children are not only tolerated, they are advocated, even required. Within the last decade of the last century, with the appointments to the highest political offices, with the forced acceptance in the military, with the endorsement by the networks, this perversion was made king.

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cause of the feminist. Even so, it is not the *source* of the feminist movement. Many intelligent women believe they are a feminist or support feminists because they desire equality, but they have been deceived. While equal pay for equal work and equal opportunities are legitimate causes, the feminist movement has used those slogans for the specific purpose of gaining that support to inflate their voice beyond their actual meager numbers. The agenda for feminists is not to improve the totals on pay-check stubs or to close male social clubs. The motives and the goals of the spokeswomen are not at all related to either finances or opportunities. The life choices of the movement's self-appointed and media-crowned leadership explain the close connection between the real feminist and the homosexual camps. The two are twins, identical and Siamese. The former is merely a sub-group of the latter.

In this new century, to describe homosexuality in any terms except alternative and preference is to incur the full wrath of the political/media establishment. While the practitioners of this alternative preference, *which in a less 'enlightened' age was intelligently described as unnatural, abnormal, queer, deviant, perverted, aberrant, depraved,*

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wrong and can never be right. I often hear someone say, "Well, I have prayed about this and believe that it is right." But, Friend, the first step is not praying but inquiring in the word of God. If what you are considering is forbidden in the Scripture, do not waste time praying about it. Let me rephrase that, "Do not sin against God by rebelling against His character and His word and trying to convince Him to change His mind."

Jehoshaphat knew he was not supposed to yoke up with an unbeliever, because he had read the word of God and had even been given a special rebuke by a prophet. Either he had to convince himself that this Jehoram was a believer or else he convinces himself that national policies did not need spiritual truth as the guide. Regardless of motive, he was extremely wrong. Years before when he agreed to the alliance with Ahab, he waited unto just before he marched out on the battlefield, to ask Ahab "to enquire of the Lord." On this occasion, however, he agrees to the union of forces and even helps plan the war and then marches seven days towards the battle *before* he stops to consider the need to seek the mind of the Lord! He has not gotten wiser; he has become "dumber." He is not growing more spiritual but less spiritual, not more sensitive to the will of God, but less sensitive. He is not more obedient to the word of God, but less obedient. Again, he did not go the Lord before the enterprise, but afterwards. Long after he had started. That is important, because it shows that he was not interested in direction; he only desired success! How often we are guilty of this very thing. We consider a certain course of action. We determine that we desire to do it. We resolve to do this decided thing. We launch our efforts and then, and only then, do we kneel and pray the

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Former Braves owner, and a chief executive in the new parent organization, Ted Turner, in spite of (or perhaps, because of) his publicly expressed bigotry against Christians and his freely displayed blasphemy is one of the most influential men in America.

Dr. Laura, an unashamed Jewess, is boycotted by civic groups and cancelled by major sponsors because she dares to encourage a moral point of view, especially a traditional home with both father and mother, that she references to her Bible. She, like Vice President Dan Quayle, thinks 'Murphy Brown' ought to find a husband before unmarried Ms Brown begins a family. And, as they did with Mr. Quayle, the elitists in the media have made Dr. Laura the object of their 'affection.' Maligning her character, challenging her intelligence quotient, ridiculing her person, and damaging her income have become the cause celebre. When *right wing Christians* boycott a company because of the promotion of blasphemy or pornography, it is labeled an attack upon free speech. When a politician exposes moral corruption, it is termed McCarthyism. When, however, practitioners of perversions malign an advocate of decency, boycott sponsors of proponents of

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morality, and boldly call for assassinations (*not of character, but of persons*), they are granted titles of nobility. Dr. Laura offended the feminists and the homosexuals with her verbal characterizations of abortion and abnormal behavior as sinful. She promotes the traditional values of orthodox, Conservative Judaism. Therefore, as they did to Mr. Quayle when he advocated adherence to biblical values, these social partners have begun to do to her. They have succeeded in removing sponsors from her broadcasts and are, apparently, causing her to soften somewhat her speech. It is very evident that national and local politicians learned from the demise of the Vice President, and, the attempted suffocation of Dr. Laura will have its own harvest. The feminists and the homosexuals will not tolerate those who oppose their agenda. Preachers will not long be waived from the list of those to be silenced or 'retrained.'

In the mind of feminists, to oppose unlimited abortion is to threaten the very existence of every living woman on the entire earth and all those women yet to be birthed (by unenlightened, traditionalist females no doubt). No matter that the philosophical tenant is irrational; it is the banner

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