



The Big Betrayal #3:

Abortion & Same Sex Marriage Imposed on Northern Ireland (Message on Psalm 11:3)

I have seen the actions of the British Parliament because of its recent rulings concerning Northern Ireland described in various ways:

- *“Damaging, opportunistic, anti-democratic,”*
- *“an arrogant abuse of the legislative process,”*
- *“driving a coach and horses through the principle of devolution,”*

(and, possibly my favourite to date as it incorporates the idea behind each of the other phrases – and then adds a layer to bring it even closer to where we are) –

- *“the great liberal power-grab.”*

It was Ross Clark who used this description when writing in ‘The Spectator’ under the title, ‘Northern Ireland, Gay Marriage and the Great Liberal Power-Grab.’

We know what happened

On Tuesday evening, 9 July 2019, the House of Commons voted to impose its own values on our province and passed two motions – one to legalise gay marriage, and the second to make it easier for women in Northern Ireland to obtain an abortion on demand.

These laws, we are assured, will not necessarily come into effect – if the currently-suspended Stormont Assembly is back up and running before the end of October then it could reverse the Commons decision.

Of course we are well aware of the facts (as is Parliament) that:

- it would not be possible to have Stormont back up and running before 21 October 2019 (it has been languishing in the doldrums of suspension since January 2017 at the behest of Sinn Fein. Which means we currently hold the world record for the longest period without a sitting government, having passed the mark after 589 days);

- and now, with a significant number of Sinn Fein’s key demands being met by a Parliament it refuses to attend due to the amendments laid down on Same Sex Marriage by Conor McGinn (Labour MP for St Helens North) and Abortion by Stella Creasy (Labour MP for Walthamstow), what incentive has Sinn Fein for helping to restart the institutions at Stormont?

And yes, the most absurd spectacle is seeing Sinn Fein welcome these decisions. A party whose very existence is based on the notion that Britain has no role poking its nose into Northern Ireland's affairs and should get out, "*is now cheering on Westminster when it tramples on Northern Ireland's democracy.*" Irony – and absurdity – has been enabled to plumb new depths.

During committee stage of the Northern Ireland (Executive Formation) Bill, MPs voted by 383 to 73 on same-sex marriage and 332 to 99 on abortion.

Peers in the House of Lords passed the Bill without a vote at Second Reading, and will complete their consideration next week.

- Criticising the procedure for change, Lady O'Loan said, "*There has been no White Paper, no Green Paper, no consideration of the impact of the provision, no consultation.*"
- Conservative MP Maria Caulfield, who has demanded that the Commons should reject these abortion amendments: "*Most people in Northern Ireland do not understand what is about to be done to them. This is not only offensive to the constitutional settlement, but to the principles of democracy.*"
- Ross Clark makes the point: "*Certain decisions need to be made in London while Stormont is suspended – over budgets etc.. But there was no need whatsoever to impose changes in the law on abortion and gay marriage.*"

English, Welsh and Scottish MPs have simply decided that the opinions of the people of Northern Ireland on these matters are beyond the pale and these poor, unenlightened people must be corrected."

Again, to quote his phrase, what Parliament did last Tuesday evening – and which it seems to be incredibly proud of since – is "a liberal power-grab."

The Welsh voted – very narrowly – for devolution in 1997. 50.3% in favour; 49.7% against. That was that. This led to the passing of the Government of Wales Act 1998 and the formation of the National Assembly for Wales in 1999. Many areas of governance were handed over to the Welsh and they were allowed to get on with it – even if it meant, as eventually it did, long waiting lists at Welsh hospitals as a result of different decisions on the NHS being made in Cardiff compared with Whitehall.

On the same day as these amendments were allowed and passed in Parliament re Northern Ireland – 9 July 2019 – the Welsh government announced new guidelines to make school uniforms gender-neutral, which would mean an end to trousers being advertised for boys and skirts for girls.

Imagine the outrage if the UK government now tried to over-ride that decision, saying it was a load of silly nonsense (which, of course, it is – and worse!). Imagine the outrage had the people of this province been granted a say in the Welsh votes ... with the result that they would have been skewed in the opposite direction. What kind of outcry would have been generated in that circumstance?

And yet the Welsh did not have the decency to abstain on votes that affected us exclusively!

Nor did the SNP. The Scottish National Party has made great noises in the past about abstaining on all votes that affect other devolved jurisdictions in order to ring fence their own issues. But on Tuesday past there was no such reticence. For many of their MPs to vote on these measures today only serves to highlight – and heighten – the degree of hypocrisy that was operational within that chamber.

Where I find heart is in this: whether Parliamentarians reach totals of 332 or 383, "*... the congregation of hypocrites shall be desolate, and fire shall consume the tabernacles of bribery. ... But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath ...*" (**Job 15:34; 36:13**).

Their (eventual) appearance in God's court will result in an entirely different outcome!

These votes are not only a full frontal assault on **DEMOCRACY**.

They are also an outrage to **DIVINITY**, for they represent an attack on our moral fibre and biblical foundations.

The psalmist poses the question in **Psalm 11:3**: **"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"**

What should we do?

Should we run? Or roll over? Or resist in whatever way possible? And how can we ever hope to redress the balance?

It seems that some of David's counsellors were advising him to, "Flee as a bird to your mountain" (**Psalm 11:1**) to be safe there out of the reach of the fowler? When they saw how much Saul was exasperated against him and how maliciously he sought his life, they tried to persuade David to run to some place of shelter, and not to depend too much upon the anointing he had received, because they judged this to be more likely to result in the loss of his head than to save it. And it is plain that what grieved David about this option was not that running would smack of cowardice, and look poor for a soldier, but that it would savour of unbelief and would be a poor fit for a saint who had so often said, "In the Lord put I my trust."

Their arguments were not only that:

- the weaponry of the enemy was targeting him (**Psalm 11:2**), but that,
- he could be no longer useful where he was.

*"For," they argued, "if the foundations be destroyed" (if the civil state and government be unhinged and all out of course as it was under Saul's governance, cf. **Psalm 75:3; 82:5**), "what can you do, even though you're righteous, to redress the grievances? There is no point in trying to save a kingdom that has been so terribly shattered!"*

This is our question tonight: **"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"**

First issue to address is, how did we reach this stage?

[1] THE ROAD / ROUTE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

These votes did not happen in a total vacuum. They may have come as a surprise to most, but not to all.

Take another (I believe) useful question: How did the people in Noah's day get to the point where society was so saturated by sin that God sent the Flood as judgment upon them?

Answer:

(i) Apostasy:

Genesis 6:2: "The sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose."

They turned their back on God's order, smashed through His prohibitions, and bulldozed forward on their own path.

• On Wednesday, 3 July 2019, the Methodist Conference, which met in Birmingham, voted by 247 votes to 48 to endorse a report, *God in Love Unites Us*, so proposing to allow same-sex couples to marry in Methodist churches, and providing resources and liturgies to celebrate civil partnerships. Other proposals in the report included prayers for when marriages end in divorce

and an understanding of cohabitation. A final decision is due to be made at the July 2020 Conference.

- Earlier this year, on 27 February 2019, the United Methodist Church has voted to uphold and strengthen its ban on same-sex marriage and LGBT clergy in a move likely to alienate large numbers of followers who had pushed for reform. By a vote of 438-384, delegates from around the world attending the church's General Conference in St. Louis reinforced a United Methodist Church policy stating, "*the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.*"
- Over the last decade the number of people identifying as religious in the United Kingdom fell from 68% to 47%, although the percentage identifying as Muslim doubled from 3% to 6% – and non-denominational Christians, a category which includes Pentecostals, rose from 10% to 13%.

(ii) Anarchy:

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."

Incredible and incurable obstinacy among the people.

(iii) Apathy:

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Truth is, most people are not bothered. Even in the churches, the results of polls suggest that if activists within many American churches started to push, they would find the resistance to approval of homosexuality collapsing.

Our Lord Jesus Christ warned (**Luke 17:26-27**), "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all."

Pace by pace with this decline in righteousness has come a corresponding rise in what many have dubbed 'The Gay Agenda' (though supporters of it despise that term)

We realise that professional marketers develop strategies to influence and persuade potential customers to purchase their products. Some are very successful, as you can probably hum or sing dozens of pithy jingles or recognise the logos of a multitude of companies.

- Have you ever heard the Nike slogan "*Just do it*"? Dan Wieden, co-founder of the advertising agency Wieden+Kennedy, developed that phrase in 1988.
- Carlsberg brought back its iconic tagline '*If Carlsberg did*' in 2015 after a four year absence following a realisation that the phrase, around for 40+ years, is still part of everyday lexicon, something it will try to own again through the launch of a global brand campaign.
- It is more than likely you have never heard of Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen. Nevertheless, these men have directly affected your life and Western culture—strategically, gradually, subtly and definitely intentionally.

In the November 1987 edition of *Guide*, a magazine for homosexuals, the two men authored an article titled "*The Overhauling of Straight America.*"

There Kirk, a researcher in neuropsychiatry, and Madsen, a public relations consultant, laid out a blueprint to fundamentally change Americans' attitudes toward homosexuals and homosexuality. In 1989 they expanded that blueprint into a 398-page book titled '*After the Ball: How America Will Conquer Its Fear and Hatred of Gays in the 90s.*'

Their goal was to make homosexuality acceptable and to forge negative opinions of any who disagree. The article began by stating: *“The first order of business is desensitization of the American public concerning gays and gay rights. To desensitize the public is to help it view homosexuality with indifference ... She likes strawberry and I like vanilla; he follows baseball and I follow football. No big deal.”*

One person described ‘The Overhauling of Straight America’ as the “bible” of the homosexual agenda. It cuts a huge contrast to the Bible of Christianity!

The authors set a realistic goal at the beginning. They stated: *“At least in the beginning ... You can forget about trying to persuade the masses that homosexuality is a good thing. But if you can only get them to think that is just another thing ..., then your battle for legal and social rights is virtually won.”*

How successful did their blueprint prove to be?

It was a stunning success!

Consider this:

(i) in 1987, the year that article was published, Gallup polls showed that only 33% of those polled thought that same-sex relations between consenting adults should be legal, while 55% thought such action should be outlawed (numbers don't total 100 percent because some offered no opinion).

• By 2015, the numbers were more than reversed—68% believed such sexual relations should be legal and only 28% were opposed.

(ii) Same-sex *marriage* was so off the radar that it was not even a question in Gallup polls until 1996, when only 27% approved and 68% were opposed.

• Today, Gallup polls show that 58% approve and 40% disapprove—another startling turnaround in attitudes.

(iii) Gallup polls in 1989 showed that only 19% of Americans believed people were born homosexual; by 2015 those numbers had dramatically shifted to 51% believing homosexuals were born that way and only 30% attributing it to other factors.

(This is in spite of the fact that extensive genetic research and many studies of identical twins where only one was homosexual have disproven genetic determinism).

So ... what was their blueprint for overhauling American attitudes re homosexuality? These are the six steps they advocated 30 years ago (For those too young to remember the late 80s, consider how pervasive these things are in the culture you experience today).

Step 1: “Talk about gays and gayness as loudly and as often as possible.”

“The way to benumb raw sensitivities about homosexuality is to have a lot of people talk a great deal about the subject in a neutral or supportive way Constant talk builds the impression that public opinion is at least divided on the subject, and that a sizeable segment accepts or even practices homosexuality.”

The media has been flooding the zone with coverage — and heavily positive coverage — of homosexuality and gay marriage for a decade:

cf. Nolan Show, Talkback, etc..

cf. TV programmes / Films, etc..

Have you noticed the number of homosexual characters appearing in TV programs and how they are overwhelmingly depicted positively? From a rarity on TV in the 1980s, such characters are now almost inescapable.

If a child grows up hearing about the gay lifestyle and seeing it portrayed positively his entire life, won't that make it seem normal?

The next step in their stated strategy similarly turns truth on its head.

Step 2: "Portray gays as victims, not as aggressive challengers."

"In any campaign to win over the public, gays must be cast as victims in need of protection," Kirk and Madsen wrote.

Step 3: "Give protectors a just cause."

Step 4: "Make gays look good."

Step 5: "Make the victimisers look bad."

Kirk and Madsen continued: *"At a later stage of the media campaign for gay rights ... it will be time to get tough with remaining opponents. To be blunt, they must be vilified ... Our goal here is twofold. First, we seek to replace the mainstream's self-righteous pride about its homophobia with shame and guilt. Second, "we intend to make the anti-gays look so nasty that average Americans will want to dissociate themselves from such types."*

Step 6: "Solicit funds: The buck stops here."

"Any massive campaign of this kind would require unprecedented expenditures for months or even years—an unprecedented fundraising drive," they acknowledged.

Clearly not everyone in the homosexual movement is an extremist. Many are solid, law-abiding citizens who make important daily contributions to our society and do not believe in confrontation or hard-line rhetoric. However, many militant homosexuals and their supporters have different beliefs. They have adopted the following tactics with the goal of forcing their beliefs on society:

- eliminating free speech by harassing and attempting to silence anyone who disagrees with them;
- preying on children by indoctrinating and recruiting them into their lifestyle;
- imposing their beliefs on others through activist judges and lawmakers requiring that everyone actively promote homosexuality in every institution (schools, workplace, churches, etc.);
- destroying marriage and undermining the traditional family in order to annihilate any moral standard of behaviour;
- intolerance toward anyone who does not willingly submit to their agenda;
- fighting for a discriminatory and unconstitutional double standard of justice by demanding that crimes against homosexuals be punished more severely than the same crimes against heterosexuals through 'hate crimes' legislation; and
- deceptively portraying homosexuality as a harmless and victimless behaviour.

The homosexual agenda is based on intolerance of anyone who disagrees with them and is a well-coordinated, well-financed, wide-ranging, intensive effort to infiltrate and influence organisations and society at large in order to spread misinformation with the goal of recruiting children.

This agenda has brought about:

- the lowering of age of consent (2000),

- the repeal of Section 28 (2003),
- the Civil Partnership Act (2005),
- Same Sex Marriage (2013)

... and the campaign continues (e.g. implementation of homosexual curriculum at all levels of education).

And as this train continues to hurtle its way down the track of immoral behaviour, expect to see carriages come into view such as:

- Further intolerance towards Churches, etc., which refuse to comply ...

Ciarán Kelly, the deputy director of the non-denominational Christian Institute, said there had been, *“increasing pressure on people who are happy to tolerate sexual relations between adults of the same sex to endorse or celebrate it.”*

“We saw that with the case of the [Ashers] bakery in Northern Ireland where the bakers were under pressure not just to be tolerant of homosexuality, but to endorse it by supplying a cake with a slogan supporting same-sex marriage,” he said.

- Further reduction to free speech and free expression of religion ...
- Radical promotion of transgenderism ...
- Polyamory ...
- Paedophilia ...

Gradually, MAN takes that which was unthinkable ... and makes it tolerable ... then acceptable ... then legal ... and then commendable.

By this warped process, evil becomes good and good becomes evil (cf. **Malachi 2:17; Isaiah 5:20; Proverbs 15:3**).

However, GOD still views it as it is – abominable (**Leviticus 18:12; Proverbs 6:16-19; Romans 1:18-32**).

Unless God in His mercy intervenes in our country, greater confusion and corruption is on the way ... and this train is actually travelling at a faster speed than we could ever have imagined!

“Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity: wherefore lookest Thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest Thy tongue when the wicked devoureth the man that is more righteous than he? O LORD, I have heard Thy speech, and was afraid: O LORD, revive Thy work in the midst of the years, in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy” (**Habakkuk 1:13; 3:2**).

The amendment respecting **Abortion** has come in at breakneck speed.

Not unconnected, of course. Cf. the proliferation of ‘rainbow flags’ at pro-abortion rallies!

Conservative MP Maria Caulfield calls it out as, *“This is a project of the Westminster elite backed by the well-funded pro-abortion community.”*

The pro-abortion lobby likes to quote a poll by *Amnesty International* – the campaign organisation set up to champion human rights but which has since morphed into a pro-abortion campaign, refusing to recognise that unborn children might have any rights – which claimed that 66% of

adults in Northern Ireland wanted Westminster, in the absence of the Stormont Assembly, to reform the law.

Yet funny enough a *Comres* poll – held, like the Amnesty International one last autumn – found the opposite: 64% said they didn't want MPs from other parts of the country to decide Northern Ireland's abortion law and only 23% believed that Westminster MPs should make this decision for them.

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[2] THE RUIN IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

• **Same-sex Marriage is perverse.**

It is a perversion of God's order that marriage should only and always be between one man and one woman in a loyal and lifelong union (**Genesis 1:26-27; 2:24; Mark 10:6-9**).

Social conservatives have long warned that the introduction of same-sex “marriage” – redefining marriage – would effectively abolish the meaning of marriage.

Princeton University professor Robert P. George warned in ‘Is Polyamory Next?’ for The American Interest in 2015 that homosexual “marriage” opens the door to marriage that includes more than two persons.

“If gender doesn't matter for marriage, they ask, why should number matter?” he asked. “If love makes a family, as the slogan went when the cause being advanced was gay marriage, then why should their family be treated as second class? Why should their marriage be denied legal recognition and the dignity and social standing that come with it?”

Where does two in marriage come from? It comes from the Bible in **Genesis** when God created the first marriage, one man and one woman. Marriage is a God-ordained institution, so there is no such thing as gay ‘marriage’ anyway.

Once generations abandon the absolute authority of God's Word, ultimately anything goes—except those Christians who stand on God's Word and declare that God's way is the only way in regard to marriage, sexual relations, etc. They are considered intolerant and the enemy.

Satan will do all he can to pervert what God created—and his attack on marriage and the family is in full swing. Our Western culture today reflects generations disconnected from God's infallible Word and anchored in man's fallible word. Moral relativism permeates. **Judges 21:25** describes the situation: “In those days there was no king in Israel. Every man did what was right in his own eyes.”

The only solution is for hearts and minds to repent before our Creator and Saviour and build a truly Christian worldview.

• **Abortion is perverse.**

An allegation recently surfaced that, on the lead up to the recent Irish Referendum on Abortion, *YouTube* (owned by Google) “blacklisted” a large number of videos on its platform, and also interfered with search results. Among the ‘blacklisted phrases’ were:

- abortion is barbaric
- abortion is wrong
- abortion is murdering

If this is correct, my phrase (for the purpose of this piece) would also have been blocked:

- abortion is perverse.

It is not health care, or a woman's right: it is murder; the unjustifiable, unconscionable, sinful slaughter of the innocent (cf. **Psalm 139:13-16; Psalm 127; Job 31:15; Psalm 22:10**).

The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 dictates that all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is thus an offence, with certain exceptions, to:

- intentionally kill, injure or take any wild bird,
- intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built,
- intentionally take or destroy the egg of any wild bird ...

... yet the legislation proposed for Northern Ireland will permit babies to be killed in their mother's womb, with not the slightest risk of penalty by any authority.

However, though our Government may fail in its moral duty to the nation, God's woe remains upon these behaviours; **Isaiah 5:20**: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

RESULTS OF THIS RUIN

(a) CHILDREN ARE CORRUPTED AFTER BIRTH.

- Via EDUCATION:

IN SCHOOLS

Some parents from Birmingham's Parkfield School protested a school 'No Outsiders' programme for "*aggressively promoting homosexuality*." The lessons used books about children with same-sex parents – a case of "brainwashing" the children by promoting homosexual and transgender lifestyles.

These (largely Muslim parents) had previously won support from senior Conservative politicians including Andrea Leadsom and Esther McVey, who said parents should have the right to choose what their children were taught.

But ... on 8 July 2019, Prime Minister Theresa May commended compulsory Relationships Education for primary school children despite the parents' opposition. Writing for LGBT website PinkNews, she hailed the lessons as "a historic step forward" for the UK and insisted the government would not back down on this.

Did you notice the statement one of the leading campaigners for sodomy made as he welcomed the votes in Parliament last week? The *Belfast Newsletter* reported his response: "*LGBT rights campaigner Peter Tatchell has said it is was "regrettable but necessary" that Westminster had to legislate for same-sex marriage and abortion rights in Northern Ireland. ... [and] defended plans to introduce LGBT education into NI schools.*"

IN LIBRARIES

... chiefly through 'Drag Queen Story Hours.'

- Via ENTERTAINMENT:

There is an abundance of LGBTQ Grooming being filtered through the entertainment industry: 'Pride' Day at Disney, *Toy Story 4*, Marvel Comics Trans hero, & Kid Drag are just the tip of the iceberg on this one!

(b) CHILDREN CUT OFF BEFORE BIRTH.

(i) DECISION.

Northern Ireland considered change to its Abortion laws in 2016 and clearly rejected it.

The Northern Ireland Assembly was the most recent UK Parliament to consider abortion – and it voted against any change by a margin of 59 to 40. This represented rejection on Northern Ireland's own democratic terms, not as an imposition from Westminster!

It is the considered view of many commentators that the amendment passed by Parliament on Tuesday **would impose an extreme abortion law upon NI – likely the most extreme in Europe.**

The 24 week time-limit on abortions comes from the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990.

For abortion, this does not apply to Northern Ireland. So, if these proposals succeed, abortion would be allowed for any reason up to 28 weeks and possibly beyond – and let it be remembered here that at 38 weeks pregnant women are at term. Unlike England and Wales, there would be no requirement for doctor's approval.

- Conservative MP Maria Caulfield: *"I cannot think of anything more retrograde, more "medieval" than a law which allows for the taking of human life more than two thirds into pregnancy."*

- Lady O'Loan, a cross-bench Peer, said the House of Lords needs to be *"very clear that abortion is not a painless, clean, medical process."*

"A baby will be killed in the womb through medication, have poison injected into its heart so that it is born dead, or it might just be born alive, as are an average of 30 babies each year in England and Wales, and left to die."

She told the chamber that, *"neither I nor hundreds of thousands of people in Northern Ireland feel oppressed, down-trodden or deprived of equality—far from it. We think that our law brings freedom to mothers and their children, and we seek to support them."*

- Callum Webster of the *Christian Institute* said: *"Northern Ireland values the lives of women and the unborn. An estimated 100,000 lives have been saved in the Province precisely because of its good laws on abortion."*

In contrast, in England, Scotland and Wales there have been more than nine million abortions since the 1967 Abortion Act came into force. Today, around 98% are carried out for social reasons.

It is tragic that MPs from outside Northern Ireland actually cheered the passing of this legislation."

(ii) DATA.

'Our Own Holocaust' was a headline that appeared in one of our national newspapers in 2005 at the time of the 60th anniversary of the Russian army's liberation of Auschwitz. It made a telling point: we congratulate ourselves on how much better we are than the Nazis, yet in our United Kingdom we operate an extermination programme every bit as ruthless as theirs.

The Nazis started off by forcibly sterilising the mentally handicapped as 'unfit to reproduce,' then progressed to exterminating those they termed 'useless eaters,' before extending the policy to other sections of society they disliked, principally Jews. 70,000 disabled people were put to death by the summer of 1941.

In Britain today, to kill an unborn baby after 24 weeks is illegal, unless the baby is diagnosed with a handicap which can be as trivial as a cleft palate. By law we compel the owners of the smallest public building to construct ramps for the disabled, while trying to eliminate disabled people *before* they are actually born!

At the rate of 550 unborn babies a day, we may not be killing as fast as the Nazis managed, but we have been at it for longer. Our total death toll now exceeds 6

million from abortion in the forty years since it was legalised. And we have successfully disguised the enormity of what we are doing from ourselves, just as the Nazis did.

The end product of both homosexuality and abortion is destroyed lives. Both of these sins carry the seeds of personal destruction within them – a fact demonstrated when the homosexual ends up on a psychiatrist's couch, or with a body broken through disease, or with a life prematurely ended by suicide; or the potential mother who has aborted her baby is ravaged in heart and mind by guilt and despair.

(iii) DIRECTION.

If anything is old and obsolete, it is the 1967 Abortion Act.

The Abortion Act permits abortion up to 24 weeks – double the EU 12 week average. This law was formed when we knew comparatively little about development of the baby in its mother's womb. It is a law which flies in the face of reason and contradicts everything we now know about the humanity of the unborn child.

There is a reason why socially liberal countries such as Denmark impose a 12 week limit, and a reason why Jeremy Hunt supports such a limit. Our law is brutal as it stands, and if there is to be any reform, it should be focused on bringing our upper time limit in line with the EU average.

Experts are now calling for Parliament to move in the opposite direction!

cf. Lord Steele, the man who spearheaded Great Britain's 1967 abortion legislation believes there are now "too many" abortions taking place!

cf. converted practitioners

'Unplanned' Film: this American film dramatises Abby Johnson's conversion from Planned Parenthood abortion facility manager to pro-life advocate.

(iv) DECLARATION.

This is a time when we need people of true biblical conviction, in both the fields of politics and religion, to give a clear lead and condemn the onward march of this wickedness.

There is a much better way to walk. That path is charted in God's Word which gives good counsel for our lives on earth and our souls in eternity, and also points to a haven for the heartbroken and true hope in Jesus Christ for every repentant sinner.

The Bible states, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn" (**Proverbs 29:2**). It proceeds to confirm, "Where there is no [restraint], the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he" (**Proverbs 29:18**).

[1] THE ROAD / ROUTE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY;

[2] THE RUIN IN THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY;

[3] THE RESPONSE TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FOUNDATIONS OF OUR COUNTRY.

How should we act / live?

It both ironic and tragic that these pieces of legislation are being forced on us at a time when support for homosexuality and abortion are decreasing

- cf. Abortion
- cf. recent surveys about Homosexuality: USA Today reported on 24 June 2019: *"Young people are growing less tolerant of LGBTQ individuals, a jarring turn for a generation traditionally considered embracing and open, a survey released Monday shows. The number of Americans 18 to 34 who are comfortable interacting with LGBTQ people slipped from 53% in 2017 to 45% in*

2018 – the only age group to show a decline, according to the annual Accelerating Acceptance report. And that is down from 63% in 2016.”

Similar surveys have yielded the same results in the UK.

(a) DO NOT COMPROMISE ON SIN.

Remind yourself: homosexuality is particularly destructive – and abortion is completely destructive (both to mother and baby)!

These are guilty practices, leading to gruesome ends!

The Bible emphasises that the sin of homosexuality is not without consequences ... “and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet” (**Romans 1:27**).

It is an obviously DESTRUCTIVE lifestyle choice:

- lower life expectancy;
- higher mental health problems and suicide rates;
- former ban (in UK and US, etc) on male homosexuals becoming blood donors.

It is not a lifestyle, but a deathstyle ... and there is no mercy there ... miserable / brutal / savage ... but to disputes with God / derision / determination / damnation.

In a debate about abortion on the BBC’s Victoria Derbyshire programme, Laura Mann revealed that she, aged 19, went into her abortion without being fully informed of what it involved. She also spoke about how her abortion regret has impacted her since.

“When I came out of the Marie Stopes clinic in Brixton, the first thing that went through my mind was ‘Where is my baby, what’s happened to the body of my baby?’, and I kept asking myself that question. ... It made me so depressed. I questioned for months after months, nightmares and cold sweats, what’s happened to this baby’s body?”

“I come across many women today that tell me the same thing: that we’re dying in secret.”

Abortion results in two destroyed lives

We need to recognise what we are dealing with - the battle in which we are engaged - and cut through the propaganda that seeks to drive us back.

As in all areas of morality, we need to strike a balance between:

- truth – the truth of God’s Word;

For us, the correct view of homosexuality and abortion does not depend on public opinion, media promotion, parliamentary imposition, or psychological studies. What matters is what the Bible says on this subject.

(a) Do Not Sell The Truth!

(b) DO HAVE COMPASSION ON THE SINNER!

- And compassion – love for the individual, who needs rescue and regeneration through the power of the salvation of Christ.

If we are Christ’s - experiencing and resting in His love (cf. **Jude 21-23**: “Keep yourselves in the love of God ...” ... this love will propel us to act for the rescue and redemption of the soul that is ready to perish! “And of some have compassion, making a difference: 23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire”

2 Corinthians 5:11,14&20: "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us 20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech [you] by us: we pray [you] in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God."
"Treat them with all tenderness," says Matthew Henry.

How will this "compassion" be seen? ... By doing our utmost to "save" people from the practice and punishment of their sin!

Strive to strike the balance!

And, with all of this, **Protest and Prayer** are vital!

May God bless your efforts!