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**THE SURE WORD By Jonnie Hutchison**

**PROUD OF SIN**

The Bible clearly teaches that homosexuality and lesbianism are sinful, that is, they transgress or violate the will of God (1 John 3:4). God's attitude toward this sin is clearly stated in Leviticus 18:22, "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination." The New Testament calls these practices as "vile passions" "against nature" and "shameful." Romans 1:26-27 reads, "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise, also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due." Whether one accepts this condemnation by God of these sins or not, does not change what the Bible teaches, nor does it set aside the eternal consequences awaiting those who practice them." Romans 1:32 tells us, "Who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." The death spoken of in this passage refers to eternal separation from God (Matthew 25:46).

Sadly, many are actually proud of engaging in the practice of homosexuality and lesbianism. June has been designated as "gay pride month" by those who condone the practice. Even the White House is engaged in this celebration according to the youth.com website which says, "The White House is holding an LGBT Pride Month *Champions of Change* Video Challenge to explore the stories of unsung heroes and local leaders who are leading our march towards a more perfect union." Let us be reminded that the Bible teaches that "Truly, "the wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts" (Psalms 10:4). It seems that even our present government is proud of sin.

God's truth does not change with the mores of society. God loves every sinner, and His desire is that none perish but that all come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). Those who practice immorality have the ability to change, come to God for forgiveness and live in preparation for eternity. Instead of being proud of sin, "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up" (James 4:10). Proverbs 11:2 reads, "When pride comes, then comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom."

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