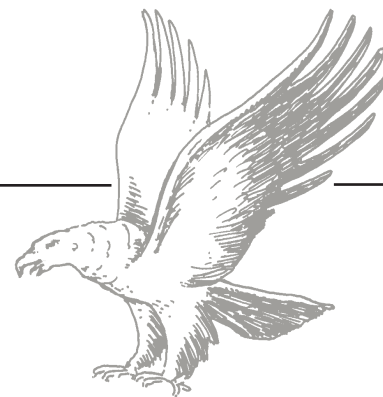


Wings

*"Those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles."
Isaiah 40:31*



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Sodom Redux

As gay advocates continue to force their agenda deeper into every corner of our society, the parallels to ancient Sodom become more pronounced. This will not end well.

"The men of the city, the men of Sodom . . . surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.' So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, 'Please, my brethren, do not do so wickedly!' . . . Then they said, 'This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.' So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door" (Gen. 19:4-7, 9).



The story of Sodom comes up in every discussion of homosexuality. But there is another aspect of this story that does not get much attention, although it should. Notice that the Sodomites came after Lot not because he refused to yield to their demands, but because he rejected their lifestyle. In their words, "he keeps acting as a judge." To restate this in modern terminology, they were calling him judgmental, intolerant, homophobic. Sounds familiar, doesn't it?

But there's more. Observe their response to Lot's "judgmental" stance. They did not shrug their shoulders and pass on by, leaving him in peace. Instead, they "pressed hard against the man" and would have done physical harm had the angels not intervened.

This kind of vicious hostility bears a striking resemblance to how some gay advocates are behaving today. Sodom's modern counterparts seek to actively punish those who dare express their rejection of homosexuality. Using social media, and anti-discrimination laws passed by well-meaning but clueless legislators, gays are now going after small business owners—such as photographers and bakers—who choose not to participate in gay weddings. Gays are "pressing hard against" those who do not accept their lifestyle. Everyone must not only tolerate, but accept and endorse the gay lifestyle, *or else*. It is only a matter of time before churches and preachers will come under direct legal attack for merely voicing their convictions.

Sexual deviancy was not the chief sin of Sodom. That was merely a symp-

tom of a deeper disorder: *a defiant spirit of rebellion against God and everything He stands for*. The men of Sodom could not see Lot's refusal to endorse their behavior as merely a difference of opinion; rather, it posed a threat to their independence from God. That threat had to be eradicated by savage attack. The same underlying hatred of God drives the gay persecution of believers today.

To be fair, not every gay advocate fits this description. Some gays are horrified by the belligerence of their companions. Furthermore, this persecution does not justify hateful behavior on the part of Christians toward gays. They are sinners in need of the grace of God like the rest of us, and we should treat them as we would want to be treated.

How will this all end? For Sodom it ended in fiery destruction. But God would have spared the city if He could have found ten righteous souls among them. Today our nation likewise stands under the judgment of God, for much the same reason. Only a righteous remnant is forestalling that judgment. Which side are we on?

— David King