

CALL to PRAYER - Pray that God's will would be done in our sexuality & in family (Heb. 13:4) - "...deliver us from evil."

Intro - I altered my intention for today's message. This is still *Part 4* of "*Discerning God's Will*" but my original intent was to give a list 6 things the Scripture specifically calls out as being God's will for our lives. The first one on the list was in 1 Thess. 4:3 about sexual immorality and I couldn't get past it. As I left church last Sunday night I rode home through the *Pride celebration*. The "*rainbow cult*" was out in force...a sea of people celebrating sexual immorality. There were several families with kids - along with a man in a women's bathing suit. After seeing part of this spectacle and then thinking about the "list"... I decided we should focus on the one that was providentially at the top of my list for today about specifics of God's will for our lives. Let me state plainly, "*It is God's will that we oppose Pride Month AND every other attempt (by us or others) to make what is immoral appear as moral. It is God's will that we promote & practice sexual morality.*"

1 Thessalonians 4:1-8 - Discerning God's Will - part 4

THE TEXT

- 1 Thess. 4:1 We have instructions on how to live/walk to please the Lord.
 - We are to excel/get better in our walk. Col. 1:10 Eph. 5:10 2 Peter 3:18
- 1 Thess. 4:2 The apostle's words are our Lord's commands.
 - 1 Cor. 14:37 1 John 4:6 1 Thess. 4:8
- 1 Thess. 4:3 God's will is explicitly stated.
 - Sanctification = set apart / different from the world. A holy sexuality
- 1 Thess. 4:4 - Our bodies are not to be dishonored. Immorality defiles the body
 - 1 Cor. 6:13b 1 Cor. 6:19-20
- 1 Thess. 4:5 We are NOT to have a worldly sexuality.
 - A godless sexuality is the result of not knowing God.
- 1 Thess. 4:6 sexual immorality is not love...it selfishly defrauds others
 - It defrauds & defiles the immoral partner and robs the marital partner. Rom. 13:9-10
 - God is the Avenger of sexual immorality. - Heb. 13:4 1 Cor. 10:8 Sodom
- 1 Thess. 4:7-8
 - We are called to sanctification not sexual immorality - 1 Thess. 2:12
 - To reject this instruction is to reject God (not men) - 1 Thess. 2:13 Luke 10:16

OUR CONTEXT

- We live in a day that promotes and celebrates sexual immorality. It sexualizes kids early
 - The world is always discipling & catechizing us by its slogans, sayings & songs
 - Pride Month is a celebration of rebellion & perversion...pushed/imposed on others
- The "*discipleship*" & "*proselytizing*" is working. Gallup 2024 - % of LGBTQ+ by gen.
 - *Great Gen.* - 1.8% *Baby B.* - 3% *Gen X* - 5.1% *Mill.* - 14.2% *Gen Z* - 23.1%
 - June - *Pride Month* (1999) Oct - *LGBT History Month* (1994) March - *Bisexual Heath Awareness Month* (2014) Aug. - *Trans History Month* (2024) Plus many other days & weeks dedicated to honoring depravity.

- Pride month is really just low hanging poison fruit – easy to point out for the Christian
 - I think we often hide behind the LGBTQ- STD+ movement because it gives us cover for our own perversion. We excuse the flavor of corruption that's to our liking by concealing & comparing it to a more gross form of it.
- It is true; all sexual sin is not the same. There is an increasing scale of immorality
 - Lust < seduction < porn < fornication < incest < molestation < rape < adultery < pedophilia < homosexuality < bestiality
 - But it is all immoral and all of it outside of God's will for our lives
- Marriage is the standard for sexual morality
 - Heb. 13:4
 - God made marriage for us to enjoy. Prov. 5:18-20 Song 5:1b
 - A focused sexual attention on one person (your legitimate spouse)
 - Hypothetically – what kind of world would we have if everyone kept the 7th?
 - No adultery, No divorce, No broken homes, No broken hearts, No STD's, No jealousy, No domestic violence from lovers triangles... no way it could be...
 - It can't happen...but just imagine a world living by God's will
 - Anything outside of marriage is off limits and destructive to us and others.
 - We are to honor marriage and keep the bed undefiled.
- Pornography June is Pride Month but it seems that every month is Porn Month
 - We may shun Pride but do we consume porn? Matt. 5:27-29
 - Pornography is a scourge. Its destructive capability is coupled with easy availability
 - Porn = "*writing about prostitution*" picture porn & story porn
 - These advertisements of temptations are designed to elicit a lust for something outside of God has given. Porn is a perversion of God's good provision. It distorts reality in favor of sinful fantasy
 - It seduces at a very early - first exposure at 8-11 (mine was @ 12...at church during prayer)
 - It is not just Pride coming for our children...it is porn
- We have forgotten how to blush.
 - Instead of being ashamed of our sin we glory in our shame - Phil. 3:18-19
 - We take pride in our open rebellion, corruption and perversion
 - Jer. 6:15 Psalm 12:8 Rom. 1:32 Is. 5:20
 - Our society is hell-bent on redefining morality and taking pride in immorality.
- A sinister aspect of the Sexual Revolution is that it cuts people off from the gospel.
 - By convincing people that the immoral is "moral" and the evil is "good" it means that those deceived people will never seek a Savior for their sin.
 - "*God accepts me as I am and my sin is good*" is a satanic lie. (Mal. 2:17)
 - Christ did not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance – Luke 5:31-32
 - Jesus only saves sinners. He doesn't save those who redefine their sin
- 1 Cor. 6:9-11
 - Don't be deceived
 - There is hope in the gospel. Jesus is the gospel
 - 1 Tim. 1:15 you can be washed.....justified...sanctified
 - #329 - *Grace Greater than Our Sin*