LGBT Human Rights & Ba'al Peor

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Shabbat Shalom Family,

Russian President Vladimir Putin- what can I say? I am liking this man more and more with each passing story.

Last week we wanted to release the Great Enlightenment of Mankind. This 2 part video teaching explains, in great detail, the Daniel 9:27 verse about the "Covenant made with many." It was not yet downloaded when we posted our last Newsletter. I insist on reviewing each video once or twice before releasing them to the public in order to make any changes needed. So, last week did not work out. This week we are sending out this video, but it is Yehovah who has provided the World News headlines for it. It is just amazing to see this.

The Olympics opened up in Sochi, Russia last Friday, Feb. 7, 2014. As I drove home before Shabbat last week, I listened to the news and I could not help but wonder:

russia-gay-protest

"Has the world gone mad?" Calling "evil" good and "good" evil? Russia has anti-gay laws. Russia is saying homosexuality is against the law and against human moralities. (Yes, President Putin is standing up and calling a spade a spade).

<u>In Vladimir Putin's Russia</u>—official Russia—there is no controversy about the rights of gays and lesbians. Controversy suggests a serious clash of ideas and opinions; controversy suggests points of view that are in opposition and, potentially, subject to change. This is not the case when it comes to the human rights of homosexuals in Russia. In the Kremlin, in the parliament, in the courts, in the hierarchy of the Russian Orthodox Church, and on television there reigns a disdainful and intimidating unanimity: homosexuals are a threat to morality, to the family, and to the state.

In June, the Russian parliament, the Duma, passed a law barring "propaganda" about "nontraditional sexual relations" without a single dissenting vote. (Some local legislatures, including those of Ryazan, Arkhangelsk, and St. Petersburg, had already approved versions of their own.) The national law is an extraordinary expression of hysterical and vindictive homophobia. The law defines the offending "propaganda" as "the purposeful and uncontrolled distribution of information that can harm the spiritual or physical health of a minor, including forming the erroneous impression of the social equality of traditional and nontraditional marital relations." It effectively prohibits gay-rights demonstrations, opens the door to implicitly sanctioned discrimination, and inflicts second-class citizenship on gays and lesbians in Russia.

Back in January President Putin was also quoted as saying the following:

President Vladimir Putin, former KGB Agent of a once-atheistic Nation, rebukes America, a once "Christian Nation," saying that by "Forsaking Traditional Christian Values and Putting Same-sex Marriage on the Same Level as Traditional Marriage with a Man, Woman, and Children," the Nation is Forsaking God and Believing in Satan and Will be Led into Degradation and Chaotic Darkness.

Here in Toronto, Canada, we had some news of our own. Earlier this week, Toronto's Mayor Rob Ford said he would not attend this years "Gay Pride Parade." This year Toronto is hosting the "WorldPride" from June 20th thru 29th. This is a

huge deal as Toronto host gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transvestites and every other immoral behavior known to man and is "proud" of it, hence the word pride.

Also today, Toronto City Hall raised the <u>Gay Pride Rainbow Flag</u>, along with many other cities across Canada and the world who raised the flag in protest against Russia's anti-gay laws. Mayor Ford wanted it taken down; he then put up the Canadian flag in his office window.

I want to point out that Mayor Ford is in

Gay flag city hall.

the news and on the late-night comedy shows for one reason and one reason only. Yes, he is guilty of some personal bad habits; but he has been hounded and castigated by the liberal left, including the media (which is stunning to me just how pro-gay they are and how anti-conservative they are). He even had lawyers take him to court over the most trivial of things. All of these attacks have come as a result of Mayor Ford's lack of support for the Gay community. This liberal-left-gay community continuously attacks Mayor Ford and has now, through city council meetings, stripped Ford of his mayoral powers as this gay community tries to force him to accept their lifestyle. Yet, he refuses to do so and for this reason alone I am a fan of Mayor Rob Ford.

So, I have a question for each of you. It is gut check time. How many of you are feeling empathy for the poor gay activist who is being arrested? Are you feeling sorry that all forms of protest are brutally put down in Russia? Do you feel bad when you see them arrested? Do you dislike Mayor Ford for his anti-gay position and feel he should take part in the parade and support the "WorldPride" event in 2014?

The world calls President Putin and Mayor Ford homophobic. What does the world call you? What will you call me?

In the news Saturday night, US Attorney General Eric Holder announced Saturday that the Justice Department will use a landmark Supreme Court ruling to apply sweeping changes to the way the government treats same-sex marriages in the courtroom. In short, the US is now making gay marriages equal to heterosexual marriages and gives them the same rights and benefits across the board. The Obama Government has now legalized what the Torah states is illegal and an abomination. The nation that is Israel is now anti-Torah.

I really do not care nor give a damn what you think of me or what you call me.

I do care what Yehovah calls me and in case some of you are mixed up, having been part of the world views, let me show you what Yehovah says about homosexuality:

1Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit *the* kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor abusers, nor homosexuals, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit *the* kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (NKJV)

1Co 6:9 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, (Sodomites) (KJV)

You will notice though that Paul, in speaking to the Corinthians, mentions that some of them were *formerly* homosexuals. Note the words "such *were* some of you." It does NOT say "are" (still). This means they have repented and left that lifestyle.

We have all read the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. I have also been there and taken many people to see these cities that are, to this day, devastated and utterly destroyed.

Gen 19:5 And they called to Lot, and said to him, Where are the men which came in to you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may know them. 6 And Lot went out to the door to them, and shut the door after him. 7 And he said, I pray you, brothers, do not act evilly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man. I pray you, let me bring them out to you, and you do to them as you see fit. But do nothing to these men, for this is why they came under the shadow of my roof. 9 And they said, Stand back! And they said, This one came in to stay, and must he judge always? Now we will deal worse with you than with them. And they pressed hard upon the man, Lot, and came near to breaking the door. 10 But the men put out their hands and brought Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. 11 And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

Lev 18:22 You shall not lie with mankind as with womankind. It is abomination to God.

Lev 20:13 If a man also lies with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* on them.

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, 19 because the thing which may be known of God is clearly revealed within them, for God revealed it to them. 20 For the unseen things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being realized by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, for them to be without excuse. 21 Because, knowing God, they did not glorify Him as God, neither were thankful. But they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. 22 Professing to be wise, they became fools 23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man, and birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things. 24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. 25 For they changed the truth of God into a lie, and they worshiped and served the created thing more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. 26 For this cause, God gave them up to dishonorable affections. For even their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature. 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust toward one another; males with males working out shamefulness, and receiving in themselves the recompense which was fitting for their error. 28 And even as they did not think fit to have God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do the things not right, 29 being

filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; *being* full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, evil habits, *becoming* whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, insolent, proud, braggarts, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, perfidious, without *natural* affection, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous order of God, that those practicing such things are worthy of death, not only do them, but have pleasure in those practicing *them*.

Deu 23:17 There shall be no harlot of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of Jehovah your God for any vow. For even both these *are* hateful to Jehovah your God.

Now, I want you to read the incident in Judges 19. Pay attention to verse 22 and know that because of this event, the entire tribe of Benjamin was nearly wiped off the face of the earth.

9 And when the man rose up to leave, he and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening. Please stay all night. Behold, the day grows to an end. Stay here so that your heart may be merry. And tomorrow go early on your way, so that you may go to your tent. 10 But the man would not stay that night, but he rose up and left, and came over against Jebus, which is Jerusalem. And there were with him two saddled asses. His concubine also was with him. 11 They were beside Jebus, and the day was far gone. And the servant said to his master, Please come, and let us turn in to this city of the Jebusites and stay in it. 12 And his master said to him, We will not turn aside here into the city of a stranger that is not of the sons of Israel. We will pass over to Gibeah. 13 And he said to his servant, Come and let us draw near one of these places to stay all night, in Gibeah or in Ramah. 14 And they passed on and went their way. And the sun went down on them beside Gibeah, which is of Benjamin. 15 And they turned aside there, to go in and to lodge in Gibeah. And he went in and sat down in a street of the city. For no man took them into his house to stay the night. 16 And behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at evening, who was also from Mount Ephraim. And he lived in Gibeah, but the men of the place were of Benjamin. 17 And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a traveler in the streets of the city. And the old man said, Where do you go, and where do you come from? 18 And he said to him, We are passing from Bethlehem-Judah to the side of mount Ephraim. I am from there, and I went to Bethlehem-Judah, but I am going to the house of Jehovah. And there is no man who receives me into his house. 19 Yet here is both straw and food for our asses. And there is bread and wine also for me, and for your slave woman, and for the young man who is with your servants. There is no lack of anything. 20 And the old man said, Peace be with you. Yet all that you lack shall be on me. Only do not stay in the street. 21 And he brought him into his house and mixed fodder for the asses. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank. 22 They were making their hearts merry. And, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, set upon the house all around and beat at the door and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring out the man that came to your house so that we may know him. 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, No, my brothers, I pray you, do not do evil, since this man has come into my house. Do not do this foolish sin. 24 Behold, my daughter, a virgin, and his concubine. I will

bring them out now, and you humble them and do with them what seems good to you. But do not do so vile a thing to this man. 25 But the men would not listen to him. And the man took his concubine and brought *her* out to them. And they knew her and rolled themselves on her all night until the morning. And they sent her away at the dawning of the day. 26 And the woman came, in the dawning of the day, and fell down *at* the door of the man's house where her lord *was*, until it was light. 27 And her lord rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way. And behold, the woman, his concubine, had fallen down *at* the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold. 28 And he said to her, Up, and let us be going. But there was no answer. Then the man took her on an ass, and the man rose up and went to his place. 29 And *he* came into his house, *he* took a knife and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, with her bones, into twelve pieces and sent her into all the borders of Israel. 30 And it was so that all that saw *it* said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the sons of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt to this day. Think of it, take advice and speak.

- 1 Kings 14:24: "And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel."
- 1 Kings 15:12: "And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made."
- 1 Kings 22:46: "And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land."
- 2 Kings 23:7: "And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove."

1Ti 1:8 But we know that the law *is* good if a man uses it lawfully, 9 knowing this, that the law *is* not made for a righteous one, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for homosexuals, for slave-traders, for liars, for perjurers, and anything else that is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 according to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

Knowing these Scriptures, I would say President Putin, who is the head of Gog and Magog, is more righteous than any of the Israelite nations who allow and promote and create laws in favour of homosexuality and the gay lifestyle. Even Jerusalem has now condoned the Gay Pride Parades. *Even Jerusalem!* They, too, now call evil good and good evil.

How quickly and easily we have forgotten the incident of Ba'al Peor. Moses chastises Israel at the end of his life for forgetting this lesson.

The Worship of Baal-Peor

The Devastator

The Scriptures speak of an incident where Israel is led astray into sexual sin. The seriousness of this event is so significant that God warns the Church in Revelation against this sort of idolatry. This post contains videos showing how this error is being propagated to our children today; but first we have to understand the Scriptural background. The story unfolds in Numbers Chapter 22 as Israel is preparing to enter into the promised land. The King of the Moabites, Balak (which means "devastator") feared that Israel would do to his people what had been done to others. He sought a Prophet to curse Israel so that he could drive them out of the



land. The elders of Moab left with "rewards of divination" to hire Balaam, son of Beor (which means burning), who was a soothsayer. When Balaam seeks God about this request, God states that He will not curse Israel because they are blessed. Balaam then sends the men from Moab back on their way. The King then sends more princes to Balaam with even greater promises. Balaam asks them to stay the night while he seeks God yet again. That night, God tells Balaam to go with the men IF they call upon him. Yet instead, Balaam rises in the morning and makes preparations to go. He did not wait for the men to call upon him as God commanded because he wanted what they had to offer. He is looking for a way to seem like he is being obedient while really doing what he wants to do.

As he goes, God places an angel in his path to block him. It is important to note that the Scripture explicitly states that this angel was sent as "an adversary against him." God was against Balaam at this point and he was oblivious! Balaam could not see the angel until God enabled an ass to speak to him and then opened his eyes. This indicates that Balaam's eyes had been blinded because of his sin. Although Balaam acknowledges his sin and offers to go back, the angel instructs him to continue, but to only say what God gives him to say.

After arriving in Moab, the King takes Balaam up to the "high places" of Baal (which means "lord" and was used as a reference to Satan). The term "high places" refers to the areas where idolatrous worship to other gods occurred. Balaam proceeds to make sacrifices to God from Baal's place of worship in the hopes of getting a word from God. The word God gives is that of blessings for Israel and not curses.

King Balak takes Balaam to another high place called Pisgah (which means "cleft"). However, they had to go through the fields of Zophim to get there. Zophim means "watchers." Balaam repeats the same rituals in an attempt to curse Israel. Once again, God blesses and does not curse. In prefacing the blessing, Balaam says:



"God hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them." Numbers 23:21

(Brethren take special notice of this. Israel, at this time, was righteous and could not be cursed. What does this say about us today?)

Because Israel was upright before the Lord, Balaam's attempts to curse the nation failed. They had been to the high places of Satan. Now King Balak takes Balaam to yet another high place called Peor (meaning "open"). Here they repeat the sacrifices and petitions to God. Once again, God blesses Israel. Balaam also prophesies about the pending victories Israel will achieve.

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H6465 ????? pe'ôr peh-ore'
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From H6473; a *gap*; *Peor*, a mountain East of Jordan; also (for H1187) a deity worshipped there: – Peor. See also H1047.

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H6473 ???? pâ'ar paw-ar'
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A primitive root; to *yawn*, that is, *open* wide (literally or figuratively): – gape, open (wide).

Although Balaam could not curse Israel, he counsels King Balak on how he might get the upper hand over Israel- because Balaam desperately wanted to receive the rewards Balak was offering. This is recounted in the following Scripture:

"But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication." Revelations 2:14

What was the stumbling block Balaam offered to King Balak? The worship of Baal-Peor. After Balaam departs from Moab, we see the ramifications of this instruction as Israel joins itself to Baal-Peor:

"Now Israel remained in Acacia Grove, and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the LORD was aroused against Israel." Numbers 25:1-3

This caused a plague on the nation of Israel which resulted in 24,000 being slain.

"Look, these women caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD." Numbers 31:16

Because of his deception in teaching others how to ensnare Israel in this sin, Israel later killed Balaam (Joshua 13:22) and he is set forth as an example of a false prophet.

"They have forsaken the right way and gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness." II Peter 2:15

"Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah." Jude 1:11

Lessons from Balaam

There are several lessons to be learned from this text:

- 1. A spirit of whoredoms and abominations is also being released in the latter days to prevent you from obtaining the promises of God. This temptation happened to Israel right as they were prepared to enter the promised land. They had overcome 40 years in the wilderness and were right on the edge of victory.
- 2. No one can take your Godly inheritance away from you, but you can compromise it through disobedience and idolatry. Remember, the Moabites were powerless against Israel until Israel opened up the door through sin.
- 3. We must stay before God and ask that our motives and hearts be kept pure. If there is any part of you that still wants something from this world, you will find a way to skirt around God's commands, giving an appearance of obedience while you really seek after that which your heart is set upon. While we can try to fool others, even ourselves, we cannot fool God.

Yet what was this worship of Baal-Peor and why did it draw such wrath from God?

Baal-Peor is a Moabite god who was worshiped with obscene rituals. The name means "Lord of the Opening" from "Baal" meaning owner/ husband and "Peor" coming from pa'ar meaning "open wide".

"I found Israel Like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstfruits on the fig tree in its first season. But they went to Baal Peor, And separated themselves to that shame; They became an abomination like the thing they loved." Hosea 9:10

The worship of Baal-Peor **IS** an abomination. Notice that those who join themselves to Baal Peor also "become" an abomination before the Lord.

Another name for Baal-Peor is Belphegor who was depicted either as a beautiful naked woman or a bearded demon with open mouth, horns, and sharply pointed nails (the open mouth being an indicator of the sexual rites used to worship him). St. Jerome reported that statues of Baal-Peor he encountered in Syria depicted the god with a phallus in his mouth.

Legend has it that Satan sent Belphegor from hell, to validate a rumor that people were experiencing marital happiness on earth. Belphegor was able to report back that the rumor was baseless.

Watch this video to see how some of the most popular songs even you might be singing are praising this evil worship.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i6yjTBIrSiI

Just like Israel a few years before they were to enter the Promised Land, when they fell for the Moabite women and were led away from the purity that had kept them safe before this time, our modern nations of Israel have taken up the LGBT "Human Rights" cause. We have all kinds of sexual innuendos on every TV show, making light of both anal and oral sex as well as the "gay" lifestyle. To get higher ratings, each show has to become raunchier. Miley Cyrus is but one example of the depravity in our society. All porn is depicted as anal and oral sex scenes. Is this what you are watching?

Just as Israel suffered a severe pestilence which claimed 24,000, the nations of Israel today are about to suffer a similar plague. As many of you know, I have been warning you of the fourth curses coming in the fourth Sabbatical Cycle. It is the curse of war and it begins in 2017 and goes to 2023. Read again what this verse also says about diseases coming.

Lev 26:23 And if you will not be reformed by Me by these things, but will still walk contrary to Me, 24 then I will walk contrary to you and will punish you seven *times more* for your sins. 25 And I will bring a sword on you that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant.

And when you are gathered inside your cities, I will send the plague among you.

And you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 26 When I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight. And you shall eat and not be satisfied.

Baal-Peor & Marriage

After seeing these videos, some have asked us, "Are you saying that acts of sodomy are sinful, even in marriage?" While there are likely a number of mixed messages people give to this question, it is a sin – even in marriage. There are several reasons why.

Sodomy /?s?d?mi/ is generally anal sex, oral sex or sexual activity between a person and a nonhuman animal (bestiality), but may also include any non-procreative sexual activity. Originally, the term *sodomy* was usually restricted to anal sex, and is derived from the story of Sodom and Gomorrah in chapters 18 and 19 of the Book of Genesis in the Bible. Sodomy laws in many countries criminalized not only these behaviors, but other disfavored sexual activities as well. In the Western world, however, many of these laws have been overturned or are not routinely enforced.

- 1. Sodomy is a sin. Similar to the meaning of Beor (Balaam's father), the Hebrew word for Sodom literally means "burning." Sodomy is defined as "anal or oral copulation with a member of the opposite sex; copulation with a member of the same sex; or bestiality." The act is considered sodomy even when it pertains to the opposite sex. Heterosexuals who participate in this act are sodomites by the very definition of the word. It wouldn't take long in reviewing the Scriptures to understand how God feels about sodomy. The Bible is not silent on this topic.
- 2. It is idolatry. The word "sodomite" in the Old Testament is the word "qadesh" which means "male temple prostitute". The female counterpart to that (the word "q?deshah") is often translated as "harlot" or "whore". Some say that God only disapproved of this act as it related to temple prostitution. Yet, the act itself is an act of idolatry no matter who performs it. One does not have to be a temple whore of Baal for the act to be sinful. On the contrary, one becomes a temple whore of Baal by doing the act. Holding true to the definition of the word sodomy, these temple prostitutes would perform homosexual acts on anyone, regardless of gender. The act itself was the means by which the participants were joined to or became one with Baal; the act itself was the means of worship by which Baal was sought to cross over and indwell the participants.

3. The marriage bed should be kept in honour (Hebrews 13:4). Some assert that there is an "anything goes" mentality to intimacy in marriage because "the marriage bed is undefiled." However the Bible prefaces that text by saying that marriage is first honourable. The text also states that fornication and adultery defiles the marriage bed. The word for fornication is the Greek word *porneia* which means illicit sexual intercourse. So, sex acts that God deems as illicit are not acceptable just because

they are practiced in the confines of a marriage. It defiles the marriage bed which should be held in honour. The question then becomes: are acts of sodomy illicit?

- 4. God gives us GOOD gifts (James 1:17). God does not give us gifts that would cause us harm. Therefore, we can look at the function, purpose, and design of certain acts to determine whether or not these would be considered natural in God's eyes. If a sexual act is ordained by God (i.e. it is natural), then it would have certain inherent protections for the participants in the act. **Design** – The woman and man are given sexual organs that physically correlate to and fit each other. They are designed to meet together naturally, without forced manipulation. **Protection** – God designed protections into the body for this interaction. The lining of the uterus is designed to prevent the semen from entering into the bloodstream of the woman. God does not provide the same protections for acts of sodomy. These acts can disrupt normal bodily functions and cause damage to bodily systems. There is also an element of danger involved in the act of oral sex performed on women that can lead to death. It is not a protected act (in terms of the body's design) the way that sexual intercourse is. **Union** – Man and woman being joined together sexually and becoming "one flesh" occurs only during sexual intercourse. **Procreation** – Children can only result after sexual intercourse. We can see by its design, function, and purpose that sexual intercourse between a man and woman is a natural use of sex. All of these elements work together to provide a safe, enjoyable, and purposeful interaction. The same cannot be said for acts of sodomy.
- 5. It is uncleanness. Apart from the physical uncleanness of the act, there is also a spiritual component. Romans Chapter 1 describes man's degradation into becoming reprobate. Man doesn't just wake up one day reprobate, but there are a series of steps man takes further and further into sin. The sin immediately preceding homosexuality is men and women dishonoring their bodies between themselves with uncleanness. The word for "dishonor" in that text is a derivative of the word "honourable" in the Hebrews 13:4 text about marriage. This refers to all heterosexual sexual sin which includes oral copulation, anal copulation as well as bestiality, etc.
- 6. It is an "unnatural use." Romans 1:26 states, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature." The word "use" is the Greek word "chr'sis" which refers to use of the sexual parts of the woman. Note that there is a "natural" use and an "unnatural" use. What the women were doing with each other sexually was an unnatural use of that part of their bodies. Similarly, we are told in Romans 1:27 that the acts performed between the men was likewise unnatural. "And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is

- unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet." Romans 1:26-27 not only condemns the affections that draw men and women to the same gender (vile affections), it also condemns the acts that they performed as a result of these desires (against nature).
- 7. It formats the mind to be a-sexual. The act itself is not gender-specific. In an attempt to validate homosexuality as a norm, Jamake Highwater's book *The Mythology of Transgression: Homosexuality as Metaphor* states how the masculine and feminine depiction of Baal-Peor represents a bi-gender nature. He goes on to say "during the worship of Baal-Peor, priests dressed as women and priestesses dressed as men." The transgender cross-dressing is entirely consistent with the a-sexual nature of the act. Since it can be performed by anyone who has a mouth, gender becomes irrelevant. It is an intentional blurring of the sexes. **That makes participation in this act a critical step for Satan to use in preparing man's mind for the acceptance of homosexuality.**This is discussed a little more in the post <u>Turning the World Upside Down Part 5</u>.

God is able to give husbands and wives a fulfilling, exciting, and pleasurable intimate relationship because that is how He designed it to be. We sometimes forget that sex was God's gift to those who choose marriage...and He knows what He is doing.

Yet, through the worship of Baal-Peor, Satan was able to ensnare the nation of Israel and he is still trying to do the same today. Are you part of the problem or part of the cure?