

Philippians 2:9-10

⁹ Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth.

Today in our nation, an all out cultural war is raging against Christianity! The homosexual community is targeting the church, as their only true opposition. In San Francisco, promotional posters for the Folsom Street Fair Program are advertising a perverted and decadent Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. In it, men and women are sitting around a table in leather and bare skinned, while the bread and wine are replaced with sadomasochistic sex toys. This mini Sodom and Gomorrah is nothing less than an attempted slap in the face of our faith and our Savior. Yet as hard as many may try to emasculate Jesus Christ, a day of reckoning is advancing at light speed. The depths at which people are willing to go to destroy all that is wholesome, moral, and good, are at an all time low. How ironic it is to consider, that if the church or a Christian leader targeted homosexuals, in much the same way, the words "Hate Crime" would resonate from every liberal media outlet. Do you not find it amazing how so many people curse the name of a man who lived over two thousand years ago; how with absolute hatred and disgust, they seek to pervert all that He stood and died for? If truly Jesus is not the Son of God, then why bother with Him and His people? The truth is, Jesus Christ is the Son of God! Every demon in hell is fully aware of that fact, and I believe that somewhere within the hearts of every atheist and agnostic, that truth resonates.

How many of you are shocked or in awe of how the Living God is being affronted from every direction in this day in which we live? **Genesis 6:5** tells us, **Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.** Are we not living today in a culture that is not much different from the one in which Noah lived? In the last ten years alone, the attacks against Christianity have exponentially increased. Yet, what is the church doing to counter this offensive? Instead of coming together and corporately standing off these assaults, the church has chosen far too many times to do either nothing, or very little. Perhaps we believe if we do nothing, that those offended with us will eventually quiet down. The truth is, this battle will only end on the day when the eastern sky opens up, and the Messiah returns for His bride. Until that day, each of us needs to take a stand as the men and women in Nehemiah's day did, when they rebuilt the walls in Jerusalem. Today, we need leaders who will rally the body of Christ to take that stand! The people of God must become proactive if the church is to continue with the freedoms that we know and cherish. These freedoms came at a tremendous price from our forefathers, and they will only continue if the men and women of God continue to battle for them today. My prayer is that we will not wait until our religious freedoms are gone, before we recognize their value and worth. One fact remains; a day is approaching where every knee will bow at the name of Jesus Christ. Though men and women may curse that name today with arrogance and pride, a new day will dawn where they will bow and pay homage to the King of Kings. Until that day appears, I exhort each and every one of you to stand strong in the faith. May the watchman on the wall sound the alarm; but take heart, for the battle belongs to the Lord!!