

**“THE SERIOUS EFFECTS OF SAME SEX MARRIAGE ON OUR CULTURE”**

**GENESIS 2:18-25**

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Recently United States District Judge John Jones III struck down Pennsylvania’s Defense of Marriage Act. A day later Governor Tom Corbett of PA indicated that he will not appeal the decision even though he personally is against same-sex marriage. Immediately same-sex couples began to apply for licenses and marrying each other across PA. How sad. All of this will have negative ramifications on our culture if the DOMA is not appealed. The refusal to appeal the decision of Judge Jones has a three fold effect on our culture.

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**I. THE LEGAL ISSUE**

NOTE: When John Jones III was seeking a seat on the Federal Bench he sought for support from among conservative PA State Legislators. He certainly has disappointed those who supported him in his campaign.

**A. The Pennsylvania DOMA**

1. In 1996 the people of PA created the **PENNSYLVANIA DEFENSE OF MARRIAGE ACT** which defined marriage as being between **A MAN AND A WOMAN ONLY**.

2. From that point until now it was illegal for people of the same sex to get married in Pennsylvania.

**B. The Act of Federal Judge Jones, III**

1. The recent decision of United States District Judge Jones to over turn the PA DOMA was an unconstitutional act in and of itself because he, as a Federal Judge, actually violated the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment of the US Constitution concerning States Rights where it says, **“THE POWERS NOT DELEGATED TO THE UNITED STATES BY THE CONSTITUTION, NOR PROHIBITED BY IT TO THE STATES, ARE RESERVED TO THE STATES RESPECTIVELY, OR TO THE PEOPLE”** In reading the responsibilities of the Federal Government in Article one, Section eight of the United States Constitution, one finds that there are just 18 areas of power granted to Congress, none of which have anything to do with the family or marriage. Thus in his decision, the Judge overturned the will of the people who established the PA DOMA back in 1996 in an act of tyranny.

2. In his decision, Jones writes that the PA laws banning same-sex marriage violate the Due Process and Equal Protection Clauses of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment. The text of his opinion is as follows:

*“The issue we resolve today is a divisive one. Some of our citizens are made deeply uncomfortable by the notion of same-sex marriage. However, that same-sex marriage cause’s discomfort in some does not make its prohibition constitutional. Nor can past tradition trump the bedrock constitutional guarantees of due process and equal protection. Were that not so ours would still be a racially segregated nation according to the now rightfully discarded doctrine of ‘separate but equal...’ In the sixty years since Brown was decided. ‘Separate has thankfully faded into history, and only ‘equal’ remains. Similarly, in future generations, the label ‘same-sex marriage’ will be abandoned, to be replaced simply by ‘marriage.’ We are better people than what these laws represent, and it is time to discard them into the ask heap of history.”*

**C. The Appeal of the Decision of Judge Jones**

1. The Governor of PA, Tom Corbett had 30 days from the time Judge Jones handed down his opinion to appeal, however his decision was not to do so even though he says he believes that marriage should be between a man and a woman only.

2. The PPN has asked Pastors all over PA to preach on the subject of Same-Sex Marriage today but also asked them to write a letter to Governor Corbett on their church letter-head that would include the following points:

- a. We are extremely disappointed at your choice not to appeal Judge Jones’s ruling.
- b. This decision indicates to us a lack of moral leadership on your part for the family.
- c. Moral leaders will always uphold moral principles, particularly those that apply the family.
- d. Strong families go to the heart of who we are as Pennsylvanians, as far back as our founder William Penn.
- e. Your decision not to appeal Judge Jones’ decision is, in reality, an endorsement of same-sex marriage.
- f. I and those I represent cannot by personal conviction vote for leadership that does not show the courage to stand for biblical, moral and traditional Judeo-Christian principles.
- g. More than ever, this is the time for moral leadership from you, our Governor, on an important foundational principle as the family.
- h. Please consider your decision and choose to stand for moral principles.

## II. THE FAMILY ISSUE

A. Scripture indicates that the marriage is to be based on the relationship between a man and a woman, and not to men or two women.

1. God clearly outlined what the INSTITUTION OF THE FAMILY is to be based upon – **The relation between a man and a woman – Genesis 1:27; Genesis 2:24,25**

2. The Lord Jesus Christ clearly confirmed what the INSTITUTION OF THE FAMILY is to be based upon – **The relation between a man and a woman.**

**Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:2-8**

3. The Apostle Paul clearly taught what the INSTITUTION OF THE FAMILY is to be based upon – **The relation between a man and a woman – Ephesians 5:22-33 (31)**

B. Social Science has explained that same-sex marriages are not good for raising children. (Read the Report from “Renew America” on “WHY SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IS BAD FOR CHILDREN.”).

C. Same-sex marriage creates confusion on which the leader of the home is. The Word of God says that the male is to be the head of the home, so what if you have two males, or two females?

D. Same-sex marriage prohibits the purpose of marriage from being performed – **TO BEAR CHILDREN – Genesis 1:28**

E. Same-sex marriage does not submit to proper physical function of the body.

**-Romans 1:24 – “Dishonor their own bodies”**

**-Romans 1:26 – “Change the natural use into that which is against nature.”**

**-Romans 1:27 – “Men with men working that which is unseemly.”**

## III. THE BIBLICAL ISSUE

### **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE VIOLATES EVERY TEACHING OF SCRIPTURE**

NOTE: ALL SEGMENTS OF GOD’S WORD TEACHES AGAINST HOMOSEXUAL PRACTICE OR UNION IN MARRIAGE

A. In the Old Testament

1. The Implication of Ham, the son of Noah – Genesis 9:18-25

2. The Establishment of God’s Standard – Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

B. In the New Testament

1. Romans 1:21-32

2. 1 Timothy 1:9,10 (“Them that defile themselves with mankind”).

3. Revelation 21:8,27 (“Abominable”)

### CONCLUDING THOUGHTS:

1) There are those in Christian circles who say that the “battle for marriage is over” and suggest we go on to dealing with other things. It will never be over as long as the same-sex matter is an issue.

2) There are Christians who refuse to follow the divine model of the family and are accepting homosexuality.

3) There are churches that are refusing to teach against homosexuality as being sin.

4) There must always be a resistance against sinful trends. Once the resistance ends, the sinful trend becomes a norm,

5) The attack on the family is an attack on God’s INITIAL INSTITUTION. No wonder Satan wants to destroy it in any way that he can.

6) The Church and every Christian must pray for and show the love of God to all who are involved in homosexuality.

7) The fact is that homosexuality has been around since the early days on the earth just like all other sins. Homosexuality can be overcome through faith in Christ as personal Savior like all other sins. The preaching of the Gospel is the answer the world needs to have concerning homosexuality and all other sin – Romans 1:16