

## AND GOD SAYS . . .

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In recent weeks California seems to be leading the way in the homosexual legislation. Governor Jerry Brown signed a bill requiring schools to teach gay history. This bill ensures that public schools include the contributions of people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender in social studies curriculum.

A second bill that has passed committee protects children under 18 from ex-gay therapy because, they claim, the therapy is dangerous. According to LBGT, “Sexual orientation change efforts can be harmful. The risks include, but are not limited to, depression, anxiety, and self-destructive behavior.”

I don’t know about you but I have yet to read or hear of a single *legitimate* study validating these conclusions. But in contrast to all the hype supporting homosexuality are the newest studies by Mark Regenerus in the Social Science Review revealing the harmful effects to children raised in homosexual households. “Researchers found that respondents with parents involved with homosexuality were more apt to report being unemployed, less healthy, more depressed, more likely to have cheated on a spouse or partner, more sexual victimization, and were more likely to reflect negatively on their childhood family life, among other things” as well as “a less stable upbringing” World Magazine, June 30, 2012).

Maybe God knew what He was talking about when He commands His people not to participate in homosexuality but to punish it (See Leviticus 18:22, 29). The truth is, we seem to miss the point that God does not set down these laws to keep us from being fulfilled and happy but to protect us from harmful activities. He does this because He loves us and wants to share in our happiness. That is why He sent His Son into the world to die for us. He loves us that much. He simply asks in return that we believe in His Son, Jesus, and follow Him. He does this, not to limit our happiness but to enable us to experience abundant and eternal happiness. Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). You too can have that abundant life if you ask Him.

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