

AND GOD SAYS . . .

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Congressman Ron Kind wrote, “I support marriage equality because if two people want to make a lifetime commitment to love and care for one another, then the government shouldn't stand in the way.” Kind also wrote on Facebook “As the Supreme Court deliberates the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act and Proposition 8, I’m reminded that throughout history, discrimination has never worked. I have never voted for discrimination, and I look forward to supporting legislation like the Respect for Marriage Act that will help committed same-sex couples gain the same rights as everyone else.”

I must take issue with Congressman Kind. The issue is not about discrimination, it is about morality. Homosexuality is an unnatural act. It is against nature itself.

Secondly, it is destructive, resulting in a average life span shortened by at least 10 years. It puts people at a much greater risk of certain diseases which are life-threatening and expensive to treat, among other things.

Thirdly, and most importantly, it is an act condemned by God. One has only to read Romans 1:16-27, to realize that homosexuality is a consequence of neglecting to recognize God as our Creator and Lord (Romans 1:21). God says that as a result, “their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened.” Thus begins a downward spiraling in a greater rejection of God by worshiping the god’s created by of our imaginations, to all kinds of sexual immorality, and finally to homosexuality, which the apostle Paul refers to as a “perversion” (Romans 1:27).

The note in my study Bible says, “Sin often means not only denying God, but also denying the way we are made. When people say that any sex act is acceptable as long as nobody gets hurt, they are fooling themselves. In the long run (and often in the short run) sin hurts people— individuals, families, whole societies. How sad it is that people who worship the things God made instead of the Creator so often distort and destroy the very things they claim to value” (NIV Application Study Bible, Zondervan, page 20290). This is exactly why we must defend and esteem traditional, biblical marriage.