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Joel Beeke's attitude to sodomy inadvertently substantiated

An incident was related to me just yesterday which unwittingly serves to show how the influence of Joel Beeke's attitude toward sodomy, as exposed by Pastor Ralph Ovadal in his article "**The Downward Spiral of Dr. Joel Beeke's Ministries Continues**", is widely shared by so-called evangelicals.

I was told of a young Christian, some twelve months ago, being invited to a youth testimony meeting by a fellow Christian. Being a little anxious regarding the church in which the meeting was taking place, the person felt that because of the nature of the meeting, a testimony meeting, little harm would come of accompanying a friend.

However, one of those testifying spoke of herself as being a sodomite but nevertheless a Christian!

After the meeting, the young Christian was astounded to observe many of the congregation going forward to congratulate the 'sodomite' and shake her hand. Obviously, such a wicked and blasphemous stance was enthusiastically endorsed by the young people of that church.

Now it turns out that this particular church is, according to its previous endorsements, a supporter of Joel Beeke. I have no doubt that this apparently insignificant incident, thousands of miles away from Joel Beeke's home base, is indicative of the justification for this most wicked sin of sanitising the abomination of sodomy that Joel Beeke's activities, his associations and book selling, have provided.

The Free Presbyterian Church in North America and here in Ulster have those who have extolled Beeke and encouraged people to buy his books. In so doing they are foisting upon their flock one who has begun to embrace the very worst of the wickednesses of today.

OFFENDING GOD

This ostrich-like attitude toward Beeke's departure cannot continue without offence to God and subsequent retribution. I appeal to those ministers who have made no secret of their approval of Joel Beeke and of their disdain of Ralph Ovadal and my repeated witness to the man's deceptions, to face up to just where he is taking them and to decide like Israel of old, where they stand on the issue of this man's sin.

"And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies:) then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the LORD'S side? let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him," Exodus 32:25-26.

The issue is one of "WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?" No one can be on the Lord's side and back Joel Beeke's activities and associations.

HALTING

The halting must end as Elijah indicated in his famous challenge on Mount Carmel. "And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word," 1 Kings 18:21.

God help Free Presbyterians to SPEAK OUT and STEP OUT unashamedly on His side on this issue for the honour of His name.

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