

Vicious Texans

by Bob Pulliam

No, I'm not talking about the football team. One could argue that they need to get a little more vicious on the playing field. Actually, I'm talking about citizens of the state of Texas. It seems they've earned a reputation as mean-spirited and vicious. Who says so? Several in the mainstream media, and the usual Hollywood types, along with others who go along with the thinking of that crowd. Not all Texans are this way, mind you. Only those who voted **yes** on Proposition 2. Since that was a little over three-quarters of the state, it seems we're overrun with hate mongers!

We just need to have more love, and be more understanding! Such was the sentiment on Thanksgiving Day, 2005, in a letter to the editor of *The Courier*, the newspaper in Conroe, Texas. This man was obviously incensed by the outcome of the election which defined marriage as being between one man and one woman. He went straight to his Old Testament and made great sport of passages in Leviticus, trying to discredit the scriptures on the sin of homosexuality.

Whatever one might think about homosexuality (which the Bible does list as a sin - I Cor 6:9f), let us consider for a moment how Jesus would have voted. If Jesus had been a registered Texas voter, would He have voted **yes** or **no** on Proposition 2? Don't answer that with an "I think..." Go to your New Testament and see what He would have to say on the subject. In Matthew 19, we read, "And He answered and said to them, >Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning "made them male and female," and said, "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh"?' " (Mt 19:4f) Jesus went on to say in the next verse that these were not to become separated (divorced). So Jesus said that marriage was to be one man and one woman for a lifetime.

Hmmmmmm... That sounds an awful lot like Proposition 2, doesn't it? And Jesus didn't make this determination based on the way society viewed things. Jesus went back to the creation of the world and told us what God intended. So, I suppose if God were a registered Texas voter, we could have expected Him to vote **yes**.

Aside from the fact that over three-quarters of the state of Texas voted **yes**, I believe I would be in the best of company when I vote the way God and Jesus would. How about you?...

*(The foregoing article was written while I was living in Texas. In fact, I sent a reply to that letter mentioned above. I edited the article to reflect an out of state reading (since many viewing this site are not Texans). However, I was proud to vote **yes** on that election day; and I will vote **yes** wherever I find myself able to do so. You can be sure the pro-homosexual crowd will be at the polls casting their vote. If you count yourself a Christian, you will stand up and be counted!)*