



LESSON 3

SWEET LAND OF LIBERTY

For a deeper study, read Chapter 11 of Rev. William Monday's book: [Rainbow Savior](#), pp.121-138.

1. Which of the following are spiritual issues and which of them are political issues: freedom, equality, civil rights, and the institution of marriage?
2. Slavery in this country was abolished over 100 years ago. As terrible as it was, one could argue that America has fallen back into a kind of slavery that was worse than the first: Moral decay. How could this form of slavery be worse?
3. Scan through Isaiah 5. What happens to a nation that uses its freedom as a license to sin? How does Scripture itself contradict the approach of zealously and publicly condemning all homosexuals? (see also Mark 2:17, Luke 18:9-14, and all of Matthew 23)

READ JOHN 8:32

³¹ To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³² Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

4. What is the only way to escape the slavery of sin?
5. The Christian is admittedly in a difficult spot when it comes to our approach to addressing LGBTQ equality as part of the present day civil rights movement. Why must we tread carefully?
6. What can we do as Christian citizens of this country? What can we do as Christian people in general?

READ MATTHEW 10:16

¹⁶ I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

7. How can the following examples from Scripture help us understand and put those words into practice?
 - a. 1 Samuel 16:1-2 Samuel's concern about Saul

- b. 2 Kings 5:18-19 Naaman's concern about assisting his king
 - c. Daniel 3 Three men and a fiery furnace
 - d. Jesus' response the many times he faced entrapment
8. Who has been tasked with the mission of keeping and spreading the gospel? How does this truth help guide the words of a Christian politician?
 9. Can you defend biblical marriage through reason (apart from using God's word)? When might you need to do so?
 10. When might we, as Christians, need to appeal to the government over the issue of civil rights? What would be our purpose in doing so?
 11. How do we respond as a Christian when we see someone from the LGBTQ community being bullied?
 12. How do we ourselves respond we are bullied for speaking the truth in love?