Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has asked a judge to allow homosexual and lesbian 'marriages' to resume in California by lifting the stay on his recent declaration that Proposition 8 is in violation of the US Constitution. Proposition 8, approved by a majority of the electorate in the 2008 state elections, would have strengthened marriage by requiring its legal definition to be written into the state constitution. The amendment would still have allowed for civil unions of men or women, despite defining marriage as between a man and woman. But now a US federal judge, who is openly homosexual himself, ruled that Proposition 8 discriminated against homosexuals and lesbians by denying them equal rights and protections under law. The defence are planning to appeal the decision, and requested a stay of judgement, fearing that legal chaos would ensue if the state legalised homosexual and lesbian 'marriage'. But Governor Schwarzenegger, and others, have come out in favour of the judge's ruling, and are calling the stay to be lifted immediately.

Quote: *"California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger quickly welcomed the ruling. "For the hundreds of thousands of Californians in gay and lesbian households who are managing their day-to-day lives, this decision affirms the full legal protections and safeguards I believe everyone deserves," he said in a statement. "At the same time, it provides an opportunity for all to consider our history of leading the way to the future, and our growing reputation of treating all people and their relationships with equal respect and dignity."*

Of course if you are going to legalize homosexual and lesbian marriage on the grounds that you cannot discriminate against any person based on their sexual persuasion, there is no telling what other types of 'relationships' will be sanctioned by the governments of this world. For a start you will have to legalise bigamy for the sake of the Mormons and Muslims, who both teach that it is lawful for a man to have more than one wife. And what about paedophiles? And what about bestiality? If we can no longer discriminate, if we can no longer say what relationships are 'right' and 'wrong', what can we say? And that's not to mention anything about the emotional and physical repercussions that such 'relationships' produce. The children that will not have the 'right' to a father figure in their lives, or the 'right' to a mother who loves them. Or the mental confusion for children who will now be taught in school that it is somehow 'normal' for a man to love a man or a woman to love a woman. Has anybody bothered to count the cost of the psychiatrists that will be needed for the kids who will no longer know who they are, or for the counsellors that will be picking up the pieces when these 'marriages' break down? What a mess we are creating! And we are doing it all, without thought for any of this, in the name of 'political correctness'. Aren't we smart! God forgive us for what we have done! Will we surely reap what we sow.

When the Pharisees demanded of the Lord when the kingdom of God should come, He referred them back to two passages in the Old Testament Scriptures. The Lord said that the conditions that would prevail in the world at the time of His coming to set up His kingdom would be similar in character to those that existed during the days of Noah and the days of Lot. The days of Noah were characterised by corruption and violence. The whole earth was filled with it (Genesis 6:11), and the heart of man was only evil continually (Genesis 6:5). And God destroyed the whole earth with a flood (Genesis 6:17). The days of Lot were characterised by sexual immorality and promiscuity, dare I say homosexuality (Genesis 19:5). The whole city, from the oldest to the youngest, were affected by it (Genesis 19:4). The entire city was destroyed by fire from heaven (Genesis 19:25). Of course in both these stories, a few were saved out the judgement. Noah believed God, and as a result he and his family were saved (Hebrews 11:7). Lot and his two daughters believed the warning that was given by the angels, and were saved (Genesis 19:14). In both stories, men were given an opportunity to repent, before the judgement fell. The people in Lot's day heard the preaching of Noah for over 100 years, and they rejected it and perished in the flood (Job 22:15-17). Lot's sons-in-law were warned by Lot to flee the city. They were given an advance warning of probably just a few hours. They laughed at him. In both stories, the judgement came at a time when unbelievers were least expecting it (Luke 17:27-29). In the same day that God closed the door of the ark, the rain came down (Genesis 7:16). In the same day that Lot went up out of Sodom, the fire fell (Genesis 19:23-24). There won't be time for you to repent when the Lord comes. Then it is too late. Today the whole earth is filled with violence and sexual immorality. World governments are legalising things now that we never would have imagined, in arrogant rebellion against God. If God intervened then, will He not do so again? If He does not, then He is not a God of justice.

But He is also a God of mercy. God would have spared the entire city of Sodom for the sake of ten righteous people in it (Genesis 18:32). The bad news is, there weren't even ten. But He did spare the lives of the three that believed in Him. And while the Lord did not spare the earth in the flood, nor the unrighteous in it, He did spare the eight souls of those who trusted in the ark of His salvation. For 2000 years the message has been going out of man's need to repent and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation. For 2000 years this world has had a 'stay of judgement' from the Almighty. But nobody knows exactly when that stay of judgement will be lifted. And there are no appeals with God. If you want to escape the judgement, if you want to get right with God, then now is the time (2nd Corinthians 6:2). Jesus Christ bore God's judgement for your sin when He died upon the cross. He paid the penalty that you deserved according to the law of God. He gave His life for yours. And whoever trusts in Him for the forgiveness of sins shall escape the wrath to come, and shall not come into judgement, but shall pass from death to life (John 5:24). Why don't you turn away from your sins, and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation today.

John 5:24
Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath

everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

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