

*“If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God...” (1 Peter 4:11).*

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## EASTER SUNDAY

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Many believe that God has set aside a special day called “Easter Sunday”. Folks are being taught that on this day Christ resurrected from the dead and that God has commanded us to observe the Lord’s supper on that day in remembrance of that occasion.

**THE WORD “EASTER” IN THE BIBLE.** “*Easter*” appears only one time in the King James Version of the Bible. “*And when he had apprehended him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; intending after Easter to bring him forth to the people*” (Acts 12:4).

**“EASTER” DENOTES THE PASSOVER.** The Greek word “*pascha*” translated “*Easter*” in Acts 12:4 is translated “*Passover*” 28 times in the New Testament. Only this one time did the translators render it “*Easter*”. The American Standard Version renders it properly — “*Passover*”. The context of Acts 12:4 shows that “*Easter*” refers to the passover. Luke records, “*Then were the days of unleavened bread*” (Acts 12:3). The days of unleavened bread were ushered in by the passover (Ex. 12:18).

**NO AUTHORITY TO OBSERVE EASTER.** We are taught to observe all things commanded by Christ (Mt. 28:19). I have yet to find one passage where Christ has commanded us to observe a special day called “Easter”. Also, there is not a single example in the New Testament of Christians observing a special day called “Easter”. There is no passage of Scripture that necessarily infers a religious observance of “Easter”. Since there is no authority to observe “Easter”, we have no right to observe it religiously.

**THE LORD’S SUPPER IS IN MEMORY OF HIS DEATH.** The Bible teaches us to remember the death of Christ. As we partake of the Lord’s supper, the death of Jesus is remembered (1 Cor. 11:23-26). This is to be done weekly, not just once a year (Acts 20:7)!

Paul denounced all unauthorized religious days such as Easter, Lent, Good Friday, Ash Wednesday, and Palm Sunday. “*Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain*” (Gal. 4:10-11).

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## BIBLE LIPS

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The word of the Lord describes many different kinds of lips. Sins are often committed with the lips (Ps. 39:1). We must make sure our lips are pleasing unto God.

**FLATTERING LIPS.** Some folks have flattering lips. These lips utter words of excessive, insincere praise. The wise man said, “*...a flattering mouth worketh ruin*” (Prov. 26:28). Solomon declared, “*The Lord shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things*” (Ps. 12:3).

**FEIGNED LIPS.** Feigned lips are lips of deceit. The Psalmist prayed, “*Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry, give ear unto my prayer; that goeth not out of feigned lips*” (Ps. 17:1). The Pharisees honored God with their lips, but their heart was far from Him (Mt. 15:8). True prayer is that in which the lips represent the real feelings of the heart.

**LYING LIPS.** David exclaimed, “*Let the lying lips be put to silence...*” (Ps. 31:18). Solomon revealed, “*Lying lips are abomination to the Lord...*” (Prov. 12:22). We must have lips that speak words of truth (Eph. 4:25).

**JOYFUL LIPS.** The Psalmist stated, "...my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips" (Ps. 63:5). Are your lips full of joy? It is difficult sometimes to find folks with joyful lips! Paul commanded, "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice" (Phil. 4:4). The lips of a Christian should be filled with joy! Do you consider it a joy to praise God?

**RIGHTEOUS LIPS.** Righteous lips speak that which is right and just. It is written, "Righteous lips are the delight of kings; and they love him that speaketh right" (Prov. 16:13). Do you have righteous lips?

We will give account for our lips (Mt. 12:36-37). What kind of lips do you have?

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## **SAME-SEX MARRIAGE**

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Many today see nothing wrong with two people of the same sex being joined in marriage. Let's take a Bible look at this arrangement.

**GOD MADE US MALE AND FEMALE.** "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" (Mt. 19:4-5). God's law for marriage, from the beginning, is male and female becoming one flesh.

**THE WOMAN IS MAN'S SUITABLE COMPANION.** After creating Adam, God saw that his loneliness was not good (Gen. 2:18). So, God took woman from his side for a help, suitable for his needs (Gen. 2:21-24). God made a woman for the man, not another man!

**EVERY MAN HAVE HIS OWN WIFE, EVERY WOMAN HAVE HER OWN HUSBAND.** The apostle Paul said, "...let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband" (1 Cor. 7:2). The Bible couples man with woman and woman with man!

**GOD CONDEMNS HOMOSEXUALITY.** "If a man lie with mankind, as he lieth

with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination..." (Lev. 20:13). Paul taught that homosexuality is uncleanness, dishonorable, against nature, unseemly, error, not convenient, and that they which commit such things are worthy of death (Rom. 1:24-32). When God condemns homosexuality, He disapproves of same-sex marriage.

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*"Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness" (Ps. 41:1-3).*

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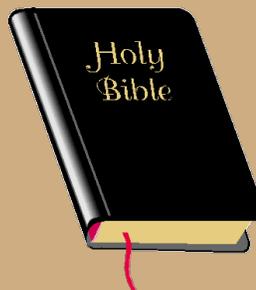
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