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I. Introduction

This sermon is largely some excerpts from Robert Haldane’s *Exposition of Romans*. But, I will start off with a random comment. Ben says that 1,000 people a week listen to the sermon off the website. I said, *Ben, are you reading that thing right?* (that is my first references to the movie Aliens). Is that even possible? Then, Ben rechecked his numbers and said it is 600. I will say this, every single one of you that listen to our sermons and who wish to serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear (Heb. 12:28) are welcome to come visit this little church.

II. Robert Haldane Biography

Robert Haldane (1764 – 1842, 78) was a Scottish preacher. He wrote what I consider to be the go-to exposition on the book of Romans. I know that Gramps felt the same way and realize that many things he taught us came from Haldane’s writings. Shirl and I have been reading it for quite some time in small bites, so we don’t miss anything. It is one of those books that you want to read really fast so you can get to the end, but then when you reach the end you realize you are done and you are disappointed because you can’t look forward to reading it anymore. If you do not have a copy of Robert Haldane’s *Exposition of the Epistle to the Romans*, in your personal library you should buy it – and the larger the print the better. It is a dense, but wonderful read. In the 350 pages we have read so far, I cannot remember him saying anything wrong or inaccurate. He and his brother James were born to Scottish nobility and he lived on his ancestral estate (Airthrey - near Stirling) into his early 30’s. He and his brother traveled widely setting up independent churches and preaching. In his mid-30’s he sold Airthrey and the castle he built there and instead, devoted his wealth and time to the spread of the Gospel. In the 1700 and 1800’s there were a lot of preachers in the Church of England and a lot of preachers in Scotland in the Presbyterian churches. Haldane didn’t seem to believe in that and instead set up independent churches. He helped establish 85 churches in Scotland and Ireland. Churches that Haldane’s setup practiced baptism by immersion, weekly communion, and autonomous government. Below are some introductory remarks to his Exposition of Romans.
III. Experts & Thoughts Re: Haldane’s Preface to His Exposition of Romans

All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. Every page of the sacred volume is stamped with Deity, and contains an inexhaustible treasure of wisdom, and knowledge, and consolation. …All (Scripture) ought to be earnestly and reverentially (with honor and respect) studied (with honor and respect). Every human should be in and out of the Scriptures every day. You should never take any one’s word for what the Scriptures say. If someone quotes Scripture – look it up. You have a nondelegable duty to have a personal command of the Scriptures.

The Scriptures give all people “guard rails” on how to properly live their life. The Scriptures are divine and wonderful. They are full of great wisdom that go far beyond what man can invent. Haldane says in his day (roughly 200 years ago), there was a spirit of speculation and novelty and he marveled that there was hardly any doctrine which had not been exposed to corruption and perversion, not by the enemies of Christianity, but by it’s practitioners. He says it was common for people to cavalierly (to show a lack of proper concern) write and expound Scripture with no knowledge and no light, with nothing more than their own scholarship and belief (i.e., Every Day is a Friday, Joel Olsteen, The Gospel Comes With a House Key, the God Who Plays and Christianity Today – a wretched hive of scum and villainy.) Wouldn’t Haldane be offended by Twitter!

If you are hearing my voice, you are going to die in the foreseeable future and you will be asked to give an account of every aspect of your life! Foreseeable: The ability to reasonably anticipate the potential results of an action, such as the damage or injury that may happen if one is negligent or breaches a contract.

Eccl. 12:13 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man (JFB – literally, the full ideal of man).
14 For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

2 Cor. 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. 11 Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.
Rev. 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev. 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Your body is right now in a state of degradation. It is on a path, and the end of that path is that you become dust. We all die and turn into ashes and dust. It is a great sin and a great miscalculation of the judgment of God to (as Haldane says):

Regard these scriptures as the production of ordinary men, treating of subjects of ordinary importance, instead of containing, as they do, the Message of the Most High God, revealing life or death to every soul to whom they come. Christians ought to be particularly on their guard against tampering in any degree with the Word of God. We should never forget that, when we are explaining any expression of Scripture, we are treating of what are the very words of the Holy Ghost, as much as if they had been spoken to us by a voice from heaven.

The human mind is ever prone to soften the strong features of Divine Truth, and to bring them more into accordance with its own (wicked) wishes and preconceived notions.

When we were at 2019 World Pride (parade and celebration) last week in New York City this constantly occurred. The Bible says God condemns people and sends them to hell forever for their transgressions, the world says “God loves everyone and there are no exceptions.” (But there is never a Bible quote for that lie – because the Bible never says that, no, not one time). John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. If the wrath of God abides on you, that is not love. Isa 66:24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh. That is not love. Psalm 5:5 The foolish shall not stand in thy sight: thou hatest all workers of iniquity. That is not love. Four million people saying in unison “God loves everyone” and Jesus loves LGBTQ people, does not even for 1 millionth of a second change the strong features of Divine Truth or the Sovereign God.
Jesus says: that world will hate you... the world says “no it won’t.” John 15:19  If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Jesus says: love your enemies... the world says “no, that’s not reasonable, we must destroy our enemies and bomb them and such to protect our way of life.”  Mat. 5:44  But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.

Jesus says: He came to divide and put variance between all earthly relationships – the world says “No! Christ came for peace on earth.”  Mat. 10: 34  Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35  For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36  And a man’s foes shall be they of his own household. 37  He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

We Have No Continuing City Here (Heb 13:14)

Beloved, earth is not the prize. We have no citizenship here. If we have the option of taking it or leaving it, we leave it. We leave it all here. We give up all things and forsake all things for Christ.  Heb. 13:12  Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.  Christ suffered without the gate of Jerusalem, as an heathen and evil doer. He was put to death as a malefactor. He was the object of contempt and scorn. He was held up to derision (contemptuous ridicule or mocking) and was taunted and reviled on his way to die on the cross.

13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.  We too, like Christ, must suffer reproach. We must go out of the gate and be hated. The servant is not greater than the master (Mat. 10:24). We must bear the same shame and reproaches that he did. When He was led away, amidst scoffing and reviling, to be put to death, would we, if we had been there, been willing to be regarded as his followers, and to have gone out with him as His avowed disciples and friends? There are billions of “Christians” who profess to love Him, as long as there are no reproaches, no suffering, no shame, no mortification of their sin, no pain, no afflictions, and no chastisements. But, the verse says we must bear his reproach.
14 For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. We have no permanent residence here. We are in a foreign country that we desperately want to evacuate at any moment. We have one foot here, and the other one toward heaven. In our minds, we are packed and our feet are shod and we are ready to depart at any time – at a moment’s notice. The air quality is stifling and choking and we are looking for our way home. Gill: This world, and all things in it, are unstable and transitory – including its riches, honours, pleasures, profits, and persons in it. The fashion of it passes away: the saints have no settlement and abiding here; they are not of it, though in it; and though they are in it, yet it is but for a time;

15 By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Beloved we must prove we have no continuing city here. We must seek God always. We must continually offer to God the fruit of our lips. We must pray without ceasing (1 Thes. 5:17). Ps 84:2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the LORD: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the Living God. We must continually be thankful beloved for all things. We cannot complete the journey without this. We cannot overcome without this thing. Re 21:7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.

We Must Forsake all

Mat. 19:27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee; what shall we have therefore? What is our reward? What is our treasure in heaven? What awaits us at death? What promises do we have?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. For starters, you will sit with me on the throne of glory as it were in my court and be judges and have rank, privileges, power and responsibility.

29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life. You must be willing to sacrifice all of these earthly things to inherit eternal life – even your most cherished personal and familiar relationships. The truth is that you have not sacrificed much. The little you have is paltry compared to the riches of heaven.
30 But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first. In Luke 16 the rich man in his lifetime received his good things, and Lazarus received his evil things: but now Lazarus is comforted, and the rich man tormented. In this lifetime (while on earth), the true people of God are last in this world. They are nobodies. They are poor and blind and destitute in the coin of this realm. They stand amongst four million people at World Pride and are hated, despised, abused, and railed on. Listen, that event in New York City last weekend was the largest “gay pride” event in the history of the world. We were a tiny, de minimis island in a vast ocean of crazed sinful-humanity. The people of this world are first now, but will be last in heaven. The scribes and the Pharisees had the power in Christ’s day, but when they died they had no claim to the throne of God – now they are destitute and the people of God reign with Him. The people of God that were last (on earth) are now first in terms of heavenly gifts.

IV. Haldane – Excerpts from Romans I

Rom 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Mr 8:38 Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Beloved you know it is as easy as pie to be ashamed of Christ. These doctrines of Christ implicitly conjure up hatred in the hearts of unbelieving man. We witnessed this first-hand in New York last week. The crowd of millions could not stand for anyone to plainly say that God doesn’t bless LGBTQ. God does not bless the Sodomite lifestyle. Jude 7: Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. You would have thought we were engaged in treason, to hear the awful, filthy and truly hateful things they said about us.

Haldane: The natural man receiveth not the things of the spirit; for they are foolishness unto him (1 Cor. 2:14). They (the doctrines of Christ) run counter to his (man’s) most fondly cherished notions of independence; they abase in the dust all the pride of his (man’s) self-reliance, and strip him (man) of every ground of boasting and demand
implicit submission (to God). They (the doctrines of Christ) awake all the enmity of the
carnal mind. Even they who have tasted of the grace of God, are liable to experience,
and often do yield to, the deeply rooted and sinful feeling of being ashamed of the things
of God. So prevalent is this even among advanced Christians, that Paul deemed it
necessary to warn Timothy respecting it.

2Tim 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his
prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of
God.

No other religion is so offensive to the pride of man as this pure word of God that we
preach ... The more the Gospel is corrupted, and the more its peculiar features are
obscured by error, the less we do observe of the shame it is calculated to produce. It is,
in fact, the fear of opposition and contempt that often leads to the corruption of the
Gospel. It is one of Satan’s favorite and most effective tools. This world revels in mocking
and scoffing about Christ and His people. Peter and Jude made a special note of the fact
of it. Jude 1:18 How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who
should walk after their own ungodly lusts. 2Pe 3:3 Knowing this first, that there shall
come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, ... Beloved, this generation
has exalted mocking to an art form and it is used to making all ashamed of Christ.

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen,
being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so
that they are without excuse.

God is invisible in Himself, for He is a Spirit, elevated beyond the reach of all our senses.
He is exempted from all composition of parts. The truth is that by the general providence
of God, including His inherent work of creation, in the things that are made all mankind
can clearly see that God exists and they are therefore without excuse.

God can be fully recognized as the Creator of heaven and earth, and these, His natural
attributes may be inferred... This visibility of the invisible perfections of God, which began
at creation, has continued ever since... and includes 1) the work of creation and 2) the
government of the universe. Both in the one and the other (the creation and the
government of the universe), the Divine perfections very admirably appear. Paul
addresses himself to the philosophers and Atheists of his day to the effect that there are
sufficient proofs of the existence of God.
Richard Dawkins is the most famous Atheist of our day. He is 78-years old, is on his third-wife, and he takes one step closer to eternity and his Maker with every passing day. In 1986 he published *The Blind Watchmaker* where he argues against the watchmaker analogy (Paul’s argument here – that you can infer God from his creation – if you have a watch, you can infer there was a watchmaker). Dawkins says the evolutionary process is analogous to a blind watchmaker in that reproduction, mutation and selection are unguided by any designer. This totally begs the question of where the evolutionary process came from – who designed the evolutionary process. In 2006 he wrote *The God Delusion*, where he convinced himself that a supernatural creator “almost certainly does not exist and religious faith is a delusion.” Mr. Dawkins, you will shortly stand at the judgment seat of Jesus Christ and give an account for your many, varied and long-standing hard speeches and accusations against the providence and sovereignty of God!

Rom 1:21 *Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

Man (i.e., Richard Dawkins) replaced original and accurate notions of God with superstition, erroneous notions, and phantoms of their imagination. *This so entirely bewildered their minds and added so many errors to the truth that they were in reality living without God (Eph. 2:12).* They replaced the one, True God, the Living God with idols and rhetoric. Jer 10:10 *But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth shall tremble, and the nations shall not be able to abide his indignation.* In error thought that the term “mother nature” was something the media coined in the 20th century given their propensity to use the term ad nauseum when there is a so-called “natural disaster.” Not true. Mother Nature (or Mother Earth) is a Greco-Roman personification of nature that focuses on the life-giving and nurturing aspects of nature by embodying it the form of the mother. The term dates back to 1266 and was widely popular in the middle ages (1100 to 1400).

*And neither were thankful – We should constantly remember that God is the source of all that we are, and of all that we possess. In Him we live, and move, and have our being.*
One of the principal parts of our worship is to acknowledge our dependence and to magnify him in all things by consecrating (declare) ourselves to His service.

And their foolish heart was darkened – This generation absolutely insists that they are the smartest, the greatest, the best, the most advanced, etc. Without the truth of God, they are void of spiritual discernment. Their speculations, instead of leading them to the truth, or nearer to God, were the means of darkening theirs minds, and blinding them still more than they were naturally. Their hearts are like a snow ball on a huge snowy mountain, rolling down hill and the longer it travels down hill the further it gets from the truth where it started and as it rolls it becomes larger and darker and it goes faster away from the truth. Beloved, this snowball of sexual sin, has been rolling a long time. It has been rolling so long that the whole nation is just fine to say that fornication and adultery are good (no sin here); it is ok to be gay; same-sex marriage is great and trannies are the bomb. We are rolling swiftly to normalizing pedophilia and bestiality – LGBTQ-PB. It will happen.

Rom. 1:22 – Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools.

Paul aims this verse at the philosophers of his day that claimed to be wise and knowledgeable. This is the greatest unhappiness of man, not only not to feel his malady, but to have great pride for what ought to be his eternal shame. Their superstitions were in themselves absurd; and instead of worshipping God, they actually insulted him in their professed religious observances. How wonderfully was all this exhibited into the boundless extravagances of skepticism, doubting or denying what was evident to common sense. All the ancient philosophers considered that - consummate virtue and happiness were attainable by man’s own efforts; and some of them carried this to such an extravagant pitch, that they taught that the wise man’s virtue and happiness were independent of God. Such was the insanity of their wisdom. No power, either human or divine, could deprive the sage (man) of his virtue or happiness. How well does all this prove and illustrate the declaration of the Apostle, that professing themselves to be wise, they became fools!

Rom 1:23  And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things.
Here Paul produces proof of the excess of the folly of those who professed themselves wise. Their ideas of God were embodied in images of men, and even of birds and beasts, and the meanest reptiles. The ideas of His spirituality, His immateriality, His infinity, His eternity, and His majesty, which are His glory, and distinguish Him from all creatures. All of these incorruptible features are debased and destroyed in the mind of man when the Creator is represented under human or other bodily resemblances. For, these lead to conceptions of God as material, circumscribed (restricted – within limits), and corruptible, and cause men to attribute to Him the meanness of the creature, thus eclipsing His glory, and changing it into ignominy (that is, public shame or disgrace). God does not want to be represented by earthly idols and images because His essence and glory surpasses all of that. Such earthy representations are offensive to God because they demean Him.

Ex. 20:3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

It is impossible to conceive of anything more deplorably absurd, further removed from every semblance of wisdom, or more degrading in itself and dishonoring to God, than the idolatrous worship of the heathens; yet among them it was universal. The debasing images to which the Apostle here refers, were worshipped and feared by the whole body of the people, and not even one among all their philosophers, orators, magistrates, sages, statesmen, or poets, had discernments sufficient to detect the enormity of this wickedness, or honesty enough to reclaim against it. On the contrary, every one of them conformed to what the Apostle Peter calls “abominable idolatries.” 1Pe 4:3 “For the time past of our life may suffice us to have wrought the will of the Gentiles, when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, revellings, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.”

This supposed painting of Jesus is attributed to Leonardo da Vinci, it is called Salvator Mundi (Leonardo), 1500. It has the record for the most expensive painting ever sold at
auction at $450.3 million in 2017. The “Christian” churches of this world are full of blasphemous and idolatrous pictures of Jesus, crosses, statutes, and the rest.  

*Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:*

*Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God.*

Rom 1:24  *Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:*

So, we were standing at World Pride and New York and a man with his male lover on his arm said “Come to the dark side.” (insert smoky pie finger here). I said, No, get away from me Chancellor Palpetine slave, I will not be seduced like Anakin, get away from me.” I have never felt like a heterosexual-minority before, but I did in New York City last weekend. I have never seen anything like it. Never. It felt like, every single person I saw was either a homosexual or a supporter, literally. They strive to make the unnatural natural. They strive for total world domination and world acceptance and it looks like to me they have achieved it. We were standing in our little island of sanity at the parade (and I mean little) and Steve said to me Do you feel like Lot yet? Yes, sir, I do.

The whole city was bathed in the sodomite rainbow flag. It was EVERYWHERE – UBIQUITOUS. It was all over huge digital billboards in Times Square and throughout the city, including our own hotel. It was on light polls, signs in every business, flags galore, and worn on clothing throughout the city in every imaginable way. It was on New York City trucks and vehicles. It was painted on people. It was on products like Vodka and beer labels. I saw a policeman wearing a rainbow button and a policewoman with one over her badge. I got an email even before the event from Eddie Bauer saying “Celebrate Pride Outside.” Last week Elizabeth Warren (2020 Presidential Candidate) announced she supported Gay Reparations to repay LGBTQ people because they had to file separate tax returns before same-sex marriage was the law, and she assumes they paid more taxes than if they were able to live together and file a return as married people. Gramps used to say that the air was getting so sinful and the spiritual environment so bad that it was difficult to breathe the air of this place. When I was a
boy, I could never have imagined the things I would see and how far we have declined spiritually. A couple of weeks ago I noted that 40 years ago the Lord put it in my heart to sojourn here with you all and I am mighty thankful for each of you and your long patience with me and my sin.

The impurities into which the Gentiles were plunged, sprung from their own corrupt hearts. We must therefore distinguish between their abandonment by God, and the awful effects of the abandonment. Sin is indeed the consequence of this abandonment, but the only cause of it is human perversity. Thus, was His justice manifested in giving up those who had dishonoured themselves, in a manner that is most degrading and revolting. Haldane would not even specifically acknowledge and name the specifics of the sin it was so damnable to him.

Rom 1:25 Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

They changed the nature and essential attributes of God in their thinking and then practiced superstition and idolatry. The heathen changed the truth of God, and the true idea of God exhibited in the works of creation, into false representations made of Him in their superstitious idolatries. Who is blessed for ever - ... We ought to honor and adore God alone, and are not permitted to take away from Him ever the smallest ray of His glory. When people attribute the condign wrath of a sovereign God to “mother nature” they steal His glory. It denotes that we should never speak of God but without profound respect, and that this respect ought to be accompanied with praise and thanksgiving. Isa 42:8 I am the LORD: that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise to graven images.

Rom 1:26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

The Apostle having awfully depicted the magnitude of Pagan wickedness [which is now Christian wickedness], and having shown that their ungodliness in abandoning the
worship of the true God was the reason why they had been abandoned to their lusts, here descends into particulars, for the purpose of showing to what horrible excesses God had permitted them to proceed. This was necessary to prove how odious in the sight of God is the crime of idolatry. Its recompense was this fearful abandonment. It was also necessary, in order to give a just idea of human corruption, as evinced in its monstrous enormities when allowed to take its course, and also in order to exhibit to believers a living proof of the depth of the evil from which God had delivered them; and finally, to prove the falsity of the Pagan religion, since so far from preventing such excesses, it even incited and conducted men to their commission. As the impiety of the Pagans respecting God reached even to madness, it was also just that God should permit their corruption to recoil upon themselves, and proceed also to madness.

In the move Aliens, bad aliens that use humans as hosts to birth their young in the host’s stomach have infested a human colony and planet. The humans are trying to decide what to do next. Ripley, the main character says I say we take off and nuke the entire site from orbit. It’s the only way to be sure. The inconvenient truth is that this is exactly what God did to Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities of the plain. He destroyed it all, men, women, children, the elderly, industry, etc. Our duty is to love our enemies. Our duty is to love our neighbors. Our duty is to pray for them and do good to them that despitefully use us. Our duty is to do unto others as we would have them to do to us. Under great stress at the World & NY Pride events, I never heard a single unkind or inappropriate word uttered by any of our people amidst the worst and filthiest language and conducts from the LGBTQ community. Thank God, who has taught us a better way. I love you all. Amen.