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Explaining the prophecies and the scriptures to all who desire to hear them. (Mosiah 27:35-36)

Misplaced outrage

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I see a lot of people rightfully upset about revelations of pedophiles in high places and sex trafficking of children.

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First, it is my duty to inform you that things are much worse than they seem. As these things continue to come to light, please do not become so jaded that you stop caring. We ought to wear out our lives in bringing to light the hidden things of darkness. This surely includes praying earnestly to God to bring justice to all--the people who suffer and the people who make others suffer.

Secondly, to my main point, please realize how interconnected everything is. Please consider how principles work. Principles are foundations of our actions. We pretend like they don't exist, as if each situation stood independently from everything else it is connected to. You can't pick up one end of a stick without picking up the other end. Consider what goes together, and all

of the sudden you awake to our awful situation.

You can't be surprised at the pedophiles when you support same sex relationships. What principle allows you to do that? Age of consent, which is both clearly a social construct and also a relatively recent one? How long do you think the magical edict of 18 will last in a society that has already denied God's law, universal psychology [1], and basic biology?

You can't be surprised at child sex trafficking when you believe pre-pubescent kids should receive sex education and that they should be encouraged to have sex. You can't be surprised when young people taught about sex turns into young people having sex. You can't be surprised when cheap sex turns into paid sex.

You can't be surprised that almost every kid looks at porn at a very young age today when you send you kids to public school and give them cellphones. You can't be surprised when young people watching people have sex turns into young people having sex. You can't be surprised when young people having sex turns into young people having sex with not-so-young people, often for money.

You can't be surprised when cheap relationships turn into prostitution. Talk to any person under 30 today and ask them if the person they are dating is someone they would marry. You might be surprised to hear that their answer will almost never be "I don't know." It will almost always be "no." Young people today almost

universally believe it is not only normal but ideal to "park" yourself in a relationship that will not lead to marriage, at least until you turn 30. In most cases, these relationships are sexual. What principles define that line of thinking, and where else do they go?

Almost no one under 30 believes you should only have sex with someone you are married to, and most believe that sex is low commitment. If it is ok to give away sex for nothing, why should it not be ok to get something out of it, when in both cases you know you will not end up marrying this person?

You can't be surprised at child sex trafficking when you believe that a 6 year old can choose whether they are a boy or a girl or a 14 year old

girl can decide to have an abortion. If a young child can make such a decision, why can't a 14 year old decide to leave home? And will it be any surprise when that 14 year old decides that having sex for money is a better idea than returning home, when they have the option to do so?

Should it be surprising that a young person who receives weekly unsolicited texted pictures from people they barely know (ask young people how often that happens, you'll be sickened) accepts an offer to show their own for money? Should it be surprising that, from there, there aren't clear boundaries of what is or is not a good idea?

When we live in a society that teaches us that all

negative experiences are someone else's fault, should we be surprised when people decide to sell or buy sex? Should we be surprised when campaigns for anti-stigma result in no stigma?

Where is the outrage about hookup apps and the lifestyle that goes with them? Is there really a hard line between sugar daddies and sex trafficking? Or Tinder hook ups and sugar daddies? If people are willing to engage in no-strings sex for fun (and they are), why not get some money out of it if someone is willing to pay (and they are)? A popular website for arranging these meetings-for-money has over 10 million registered users in the United States, with 3 people offering for each one seeking.

Should we be surprised when regretted choices

are justified as "I couldn't help it because I was poor and I needed the money"? Where is the principle? Is a bank robber a victim when his poverty provided incentive to decide to steal, or a murderer when his anger incentivizes him to kill? Are the fraud charges against a CEO dropped when he explains how much money he got in return for his behavior? Is a stepdad vindicated when it is revealed that the child he beat was really disrespectful? Of course not.

And why is no distinction made between of age and underage, or pre-pubescent and post-pubescent? Why is there no distinction made between those who choose and those who do not? What percent of prostitutes were kidnapped at 12 and held at gunpoint for their whole career? Do they exist? Certainly. But is

that who we are talking about when we use blanket terms like "sex trafficking" (which includes, by the definition of those who make the websites, everyone whether of age or underage, consenting or not). There is a reason we aren't talking about "sex slaves". Slaves can't leave. Prostitutes choose not to.

You can't be surprised at powerful people committing crimes to subvert justice when you support expansive government power. Of course evil people will use every tool available to them to do evil things. The best available solution is to maintain systems of liberty that minimize government power so as to minimize the incentive for the worst among us to seek office and to minimize the damage they can do if they obtain it. That form of government was the

constitutional republic given to us by the founding fathers, which we have shredded to tatters through such things as: universal suffrage, the federal reserve, income tax, and direct election of federal senators. If you support government as a means to dictate human behavior (as opposed to a means to preserve individual liberty), you also support powerful people committing crimes to subvert justice. They are inseparable.

I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but these things are not going to go away. They will get worse. Many will become so enraged by the violations of justice that they will take matters into their own hands, which will merely fuel the fire.

These things will only go away when God himself sweeps these people off the land. It's something we ought to pray for. In the meantime, if you are going to get worked up about something, don't just go after the symptoms, go after the problems. Think about what you see and what causes it, and go after the cause. Don't let people do the things that cause the problems with impunity. You can't shift the direction of society (God will), but you can get on the Lord's side so that when he snaps everything back, you are rewarded instead of destroyed.

Prepare yourself for God's justice by living by the principles that God has given. They are the standard of justice, and they will be the deciding factor in what is to come.

27 For Zion shall be ransomed by justice,
those of her who repent by righteousness.

28 But criminals and sinners
shall be altogether shattered

when those who forsake Jehovah are annihilated. (Isaiah 2,
Gileadi Translation)

[1] - Homosexuals are significantly more likely to
kill themselves, have other mental issues, and be
less happy than heterosexuals.

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