

## **Arrested For Preaching Against Sin**

A Baptist preacher was arrested in England April 20th for preaching against homosexuality. He was charged with using abusive or insulting language, contrary to England's Public Order Act, introduced in 1986. The Public Order Act, which outlaws the unreasonable use of abusive language likely to cause distress, has been used to arrest religious people in a number of similar cases.

After the police took fingerprints, a palm print, a retina scan, and a DNA swab, he was interviewed, charged with violating the Public Order Act, and released on bail on the condition that he did not preach in public. He pled not guilty at a preliminary hearing last week and is now awaiting a trial date.

The outcome of this trial ought to concern Christians, even though we live in a different country. This could be the beginning of less tolerance for biblical views among democratic countries. It may be that we have to stand for the truth in the midst of persecution, just like Christians did in the book of Revelation.

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