

Why All The Outrage?

You likely know about the big event last week. No, not the Super Bowl, but the half-time show where Janet Jackson had her top pulled off for all the world to see. Television news programs have been filled with discussion about this. Many people are expressing outrage. My question is why?

Do not get me wrong. It IS outrageous for a woman to have her breast exposed publicly. It is immodest and stirs up lust in the hearts of men (1 Tim. 2:9-10; Matt. 5:28). Such actions are unclean and lewd (Gal. 5:19-21). Therefore, I understand that those who believe in modesty and upright behavior were shocked to see such a spectacle during a sporting event half-time show. What I do not understand is why so many people who disregard modesty in all other areas of life are upset.

One liberal news commentator stated it was not much different than what people see when they go to the beach. He's right. Both women and men essentially wear underwear for swimsuits. Hardly anything is left to the imagination. So, why is it people who do not object to the beach, but purposely go there, are so offended at the bare-breasted half-time show?

Further, some said the show was sexually suggestive. Again, I realize many people who do not believe in modern dancing, with heavy sexual overtones, were rightly offended. However, it amazes me that many people who will allow their daughters and sons go out dancing (at a school prom, a club, or elsewhere) are disturbed over seeing it on TV.

What comes down to is part-time morals. They are inconsistent in applying their values. They buy their daughters immodest clothing and Britney Spears' albums, but then get up set when Britney and Madonna kiss on TV. They buy the family swimsuits (father, mother, son, and daughter) and go to the beach, but then express disgust when they see it on Super-Bowl Sunday afternoon. The Lord has something to say to these people,

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth against those who practice such things. And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing

the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?...You, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that a man should not steal, do you steal? You who say, "Do not commit adultery," do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? (Rom. 2:1-3, 21-22).

For the record, I did not see the half-time "peep" show. I tuned in near the end of the third quarter. Still, the news was everywhere the next day.

It is right for people to be outraged at what happened. God is (Psa. 7:11). It is right for them to express anger to those in charge of the airwaves (FCC, CBS, MTV, etc.). All we are asking for is consistency. Immodesty and lewdness not only need to be removed from TV, but also from the lives of every man, woman and child.

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