

Disinviting Lou Giglio Ushers in New Era of Religious Intolerance

Editor's Note: *Family Research Council President Tony Perkins offered the following comments in reaction to the news that Pastor Lou Giglio was ousted from the inauguration program because he has expressed his biblical views of sexuality.*

This is another example of **intolerance** from the **Obama** administration toward those who hold to **biblical** views on **sexuality**. Why is the president surprised that an evangelical pastor would teach from **Scripture** on **homosexuality**? One would be hard pressed to find an **Evangelical** pastor who hasn't preached on what the Bible teaches about human sexuality.

Catholic, Evangelical Protestant and Orthodox churches all actively proclaim that sexual intimacy within the marriage of one man and one woman is the only biblically-sanctioned human sexual behavior. Are the scores of millions of Americans who affirm these teachings no longer welcome at the inauguration of our president?

What is shocking is the intolerance of the Obama team that put such a high priority on forced acceptance of homosexuality that they totally disregard Pastor Giglio's life work combating human trafficking. What we are seeing is the inauguration of a new era of religious intolerance in America.

However, I would remind the president that the Constitution does not guarantee us only **freedom of worship** but also the **freedom of religion**. The two are very different. Freedom of religion goes further by guaranteeing the right to live out one's faith not only in the privacy of their home but in the public square as well.

This president appears determined to stir division and create two Americas: One America that holds to a biblical view of sexuality and another that offers tolerance so long as you embrace its redefined view of sexuality.