

The Man Who Asked Lauren Daigle if Homosexuality Is a Sin Defends Himself

Hey friends,

Last week, I wrote an open letter to Lauren Daigle after her ambiguous comments regarding homosexuality. To my surprise it has been read more than 100,000 times. We sought to treat the issue with great compassion, while not compromising. Yesterday, the radio host, Domenick Nati, who asked her the question “Is homosexuality a sin?”—who claims to be a believer—reached out to me, asking if I would post his press release. I won’t, but you can read it here.

Below is my response to his press release, which I found full of compromise and disdain for the word of God. To be clear, I will not be as gentle with Mr. Nati as I was to Lauren Daigle. His words are in *italics*.

Dear Domenick,

Below is my response to your press release. Please read to the end, because the Lord is speaking to you. While I am bold in my response to your questioning of the word of God, my heart is really breaking for you. The Lord is seeking to pull you back.

I know that Moses thought [homosexuality] was a sin and I know Paul thought it was a sin, but Jesus didn’t speak on it. And Paul and Moses didn’t always get things right in their writings nor was it always recorded, copied and translated correctly.

First, can you tell me where Paul and Moses didn’t get things right in their writings? Sure, they were men and imperfect,

but in the role of writing the word of God, they were inspired by the Holy Spirit—flawless. Just show me one case where they erred ... and can you show me one place where there are mistakes in the transmission of Scripture from one generation to the next that has a consequential change in how we understand God or sin? My experience is that most people who make such absurd claims are just repeating what they have heard from others, but have no actual evidence.

You see, Domenick, there is a difference of 1,000 years between the Dead Sea Scrolls and the next oldest manuscript. And there is no difference between the texts, other than some spelling errors. You are wrong!

Friend, if we can't trust Paul on homosexuality, how can we trust him on justification by faith? His teaching on salvation is far more extensive than that of the Messiah Himself. Do you think Paul's teachings are a buffet, whereby we pick and choose what we like? Are the Ten Commandants a la carte?

You claim to be a believer, and I hope you are, but you discount Moses, who brought forth, not the word of man, but the Law of God from Mount Sinai, something upon which all modern civilization is based. Making light of Moses and Paul in order to defend homosexuality is dangerous. Playing cut and paste with the Word of God is the most slippery of all slopes.

If you are going to discount Paul and Moses because you think we may not have their actual words, how can we even know what Jesus taught? Maybe He did teach against homosexuality, but it was removed? If we can't trust that God has protected His Word throughout the centuries, how can we trust any of it? How can you be sure the words of Jesus really are the words of Jesus and not made up by Matthew or Mark? Either we trust the whole Word of God or we assume that these are just 66 books, no different than any other set of history books. In which case, our faith is in vain.

Lastly, for everyone that is accusing me of “setting a trap” for Lauren. I want to clarify two things. Number one, I have had a relationship with Jesus for eighteen years, however, The Domenick Nati Show is not a “Christian” show; it is a pop culture/entertainment show that happens to be hosted by a Christian.

The evidence says otherwise. I mean come on Domenick, just look at the title of your YouTube post of the interview: “Lauren Daigle Doesn’t Know if Homosexuality Is A Sin.” I am in the media as well, and headlines are all about getting people to read/listen. You completely threw her under the bus with that title. And it worked. People now know your name. You used your sister for your own gain.

Yes, you set her up for backlash. When you asked a 20 something-year-old on national radio the most loaded question you can—come on—it was a no-win situation for her. If she tells the truth about the Word of God, the media slams her. If she compromises, the church slams her. Brother, you hung her out to dry! Yes, maybe that is your style and how your show rolls, but the fact remains that it was your question on national radio that opened her up to this attack. Your loyalty to your pop culture show outweighed your devotion to Jesus.

... but Jesus didn’t speak on [homosexuality].

To be clear, Jesus did condemn homosexuality. Did you ever notice that Jesus said, “But I tell you that whoever looks on a *woman* to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart”? (Matt. 5:28, emphasis mine). You notice he did not say, “But I tell you that anyone who looks at a *man* lustfully has already committed adultery with him in his heart.” He didn’t say *man*, because he knew that his audience already knew that same-sex sexual relations were condemned by Moses (that is, God in the Torah.) And what did Jesus say about Moses just a few verses before?

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to abolish, but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one dot or one mark will pass from the law until all be fulfilled (Matt. 5:17-18).

Jesus clearly upholds Moses, which destroys your argument that it was merely the opinion of Moses.

In Mark 10:3, in answer to a question from the Pharisees, Jesus asked, "What did Moses command you?" The only time Jesus contradicts Moses is when He *intensifies* the commandment. Lust becomes equal to adultery (Matt. 5:27-28); calling your brother a fool is like murder (Matt. 5:21-22); divorce is no longer tolerated and is as adultery (Mark 10:1-12). He never lessens a commandment. The laws of Jesus are more intense than the laws of Moses; Moses condemned the action while Jesus says just *thinking* about it is as if you have done it.

So if Jesus' law was more intense than the Torah, let's look at the Torah.

You shall not lie with a man as one does with a woman. It is an abomination (Lev. 18:22).

If a man lies with another man as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood guilt shall be upon them (Lev. 20:13).

In that same chapter where Jesus forbids divorce, a rich young ruler asks how to obtain eternal life and Jesus points to Moses.

You know the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother (Mark 10:19).

In other words, Dom, If Moses said it, Jesus affirms it.

Jesus identifies sin as not believing in Himself. Not our sexual preference or wrongdoings but rather our unbelief.

This is taking one verse and building a house, while ignoring hundreds of other verses that identify sin—something that is forbidden in rules of biblical interpretation. Jesus said lust was a sin; hatred was a sin; calling your brother a fool was a sin; judging hypocritically was a sin; being greedy was a sin and divorce was a sin. He upheld every one of the Ten Commandments. He identified pride as a sin and said that being ashamed of Him *and His words* was a sin.

So it's possible that someone doesn't know what is considered a sin and what isn't, and neither does anyone else. Not Moses, Paul, you, me or Lauren Daigle because they're "not God".

No, my friend—not someone who is familiar with the Bible.

If I asked you if adultery was a sin, you would say yes.

If I asked you if lying was a sin, you would say yes.

If I asked you if rape was a sin, you would say yes.

If I asked you if jealousy, rage or pride were sins, you would say yes.

And in light of the #MeToo movement, if I asked you if a man using his position of authority to seek sexual favors from young women was a sin, you and all of Hollywood would say yes.

So, it turns out that you *do* know what is sin and what is not. Just as long as calling those sins sin doesn't offend any of your Hollywood friends, right?. So, to be clear, the *only* sin you are not willing to call a sin is the one that is controversial, homosexuality. If you told the truth, it would end your career.

Lauren was the first Christian artist we've ever had on the show and she does not deserve the backlash that she received.

That we agree on. But you, sir, for your own reasons, set her up.

Domenick, my brother. This is a wake-up call. It is time is time to return to the real Jesus, the one in the Bible. I will be praying for you. I know you think that you stance is one of compassion. Indeed there are many cold-hearted Christians out there who scream the Word of God without the heart of God. But the answer is not to distance yourself from God's Word but to embrace it even more. It is time to re-embrace the real Jesus!

Your brother,

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