

# The Fine Line

## Destroyed By Deception

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Daniel 6

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### Satan's historic attacks on the people of God

**Genesis 3:** Adam and Eve and Satan – sin entered the world

**Genesis 6:** Sinful unions – flood destroyed the earth.

**Genesis 21:** Ishmael attacks of Isaac – the son of Promise

**Exodus:** Jews enslaved – male children killed

**Esther:** Jews threatened

**Daniel 3:** Religion made illegal – Fiery furnace

**Daniel 6:** Religion made illegal – Thrown in lions den

**Matthew, Mark, Luke, John:** Jesus killed for His religious conviction.

**Acts 4-5:** Preaching Jesus illegal – Thrown in prison and beaten and thrown in prison.

**Acts 8-9:** Paul – Persecuted believers persecuted

**Acts 21-28:** Preaching Jesus illegal

1. Live a life           blameless           before your enemies.

Daniel 6:5-9

2. Establish a prayer           custom          .

Daniel 6:10

**AWCIPA Prayer Model** (Note: Spend an equal amount of time for each letter.)

**A**     **Admire and Thank God. Psalm 8:9**  
Thank God for everything you can think of.

**W**     **Wait Quietly Before God. Psalm 46:10**  
Sit quietly and listen to God speak to you and write it down.

**C**     **Confess Your Sin. 1 John 1:9, Psalm 103:12**  
Confess your sins to God

**I**     **Intercede for Others. 1 Chronicles 4:9**  
Pray for other people.

**P**     **Petition for yourself. Psalm 51:10-12, John 14:12-14**  
Ask for a pure heart. Ask for your house to sell.

**A**     **Admire and Thank God. Psalm 8:9**  
Thank God for everything you can think of.

3. Seek           innocence           before God.

Daniel 6:22

### Social Impact

In Colorado, Bill 200 allows transgender people to use whatever bathrooms they want.

[http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics/2008a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/bd7a295eb6f4460e872573f5005d0148?open&file=200\\_enr.pdf](http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics/2008a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/bd7a295eb6f4460e872573f5005d0148?open&file=200_enr.pdf)  
<http://www.humanevents.com/article.php?id=26781>

"Bride" and "groom" will return to California marriage license applications starting November 17 after couples complained of being forced to use "Party A" and "Party B."  
<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/state/20081006-1653-ca-gaymarriage-licenses.html>

### Parenting And Children's Education

'Mom' and 'Dad' was effectively banished from schools by California SB 777. Schwarzenegger signed the law outlawing terms perceived as negative to gays.  
[http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?article\\_id=58130](http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?article_id=58130)

In Massachusetts a father refused to leave a school board meeting where he was protesting that his kindergartener son not be taught about homosexuality, and was arrested for trespassing when he wouldn't leave a school board meeting that was unresponsive to his request. [http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?article\\_id=46945](http://www.wnd.com/news/article.asp?article_id=46945)

The University of California has rejected classes taught in Christian schools, thereby making it difficult for Christian students to enter the university system.  
<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/aug/08081306.html>

See pro gay-marriage books such as *King & King* by Linda Dehaan and Stern Nijland (Tricycle Press, 2002), and *King & King & Family* (2004).

California Legislature sent Gov. Schwarzenegger a bill establishing May 22 as Harvey Milk Day, after a slain gay leader, and requiring schools to honor him. Luckily, he vetoed it. <http://www.cnsnews.com/public/content/article.aspx?srclid=36740>

### Freedom Of Speech Threatened

On May 8, 2008, a African American administrator named Crystal Dixon was fired from the University of Toledo, Ohio, for objecting to the comparison of racial discrimination to same-sex marriage.

[www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/may/08050605.html](http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/may/08050605.html), [www.gaypeopleschronicle.com/stories08/may/0516082.htm](http://www.gaypeopleschronicle.com/stories08/may/0516082.htm), [www.toledofreepress.com/?id=7609](http://www.toledofreepress.com/?id=7609)

A San Jose professor was fired for answering a student's question on the relationship between homosexuality and heredity.  
<http://www.lifesitenews.com/ldn/2008/jul/08071801.html>

### Professional Licenses Threatened & Workplace Tensions

The California Supreme Court has ruled that California doctors who have religious objections to artificially inseminating same-sex couples can no longer refuse to treat them. <http://www.protectmarriage.com/article//advocates-of-same-sex-marriage-continue-to-force-compliance-against-the-will-of-californians>

A Christian photographer is being tried under state anti-discrimination laws for declining to photograph same-sex "commitment ceremony".  
[www.alliancedefensefund.org/main/general/print.aspx?cid=4369](http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/main/general/print.aspx?cid=4369)

Four San Diego firefighters sue the city after being sexually harassed at a gay pride parade they were forced to attend. The case ended in a mistrial.  
<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20081007-9999-1m7verdict.html>

### Freedom Of Religion Threatened

Christian doctor fired after city officials learn of his membership with pro-family organization "Psychologist's affiliation with Illinois Family Institute causes Minneapolis to cancel his contract, ADF files civil rights lawsuit on his behalf". <http://www.alliancedefensefund.org/news/pressrelease.aspx?cid=4240>

Catholic Charities was forced out of the adoption business for the first time in 100 years because it will not place children with a homosexual couple.  
[www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/10/catholic\\_charities\\_to\\_halt\\_adoptions\\_over\\_issue\\_involving\\_gays/](http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2006/03/10/catholic_charities_to_halt_adoptions_over_issue_involving_gays/)

In Ocean Grove, New Jersey, a Methodist group was stripped of part of its state real estate tax exemption for refusing to permit a civil union ceremony at the beachfront pavilion it owns. [www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyid=91554986](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyid=91554986)

### Other

A Lutheran school in Riverside county has been sued for expelling two allegedly lesbian students. <http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2006/september/6.20.html>

### Canada

The Human Rights Tribunal of Saskatchewan fined a Regina marriage commissioner \$2,500 when he declined to perform a same-sex ceremony. The commissioner referred the couple to another commissioner and said his Baptist beliefs kept him from performing the ceremony. [www.zenit.org/article-23134?l=english](http://www.zenit.org/article-23134?l=english)

A Catholic Priest is under criminal investigation under a "hate crimes" law for quoting from Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church of the Catholic Church, and Pope John Paul II's encyclicals during Canada's same sex debate. [www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=page.printable&pageld=66247](http://www.wnd.com/index.php?fa=page.printable&pageld=66247)

### Gay Strategy

Now that we've won marriage in CA, should we be bringing cases in other states or suing the federal government? If not, what can we do to help secure the freedom to marry nationwide? [http://www.aclu.org/pdfs/lgbt/camarriage\\_joint\\_20080609.pdf](http://www.aclu.org/pdfs/lgbt/camarriage_joint_20080609.pdf)

### Domestic Partnerships

The state Supreme Court ruled in the Koebeke case that registered domestic partners have all the rights and benefits of marriage. The Court essentially said that the only difference was in the name. See California Family Code, Section 297-297.5.

### Gay Marriage Rates

In the European countries that have legalized same-sex marriage, the marriage rates run between 2 percent and 5 percent of the homosexual population.  
<http://www.marriage Debate.com/pdf/imapp.demandforssm.pdf>



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