The discussion that follows was triggered by an article on sermonaudio.com that documented threats by the National Football League to remove the opportunity for the state of Texas to host the Super Bowl because Texas has proposed a state law to ban transgender bathrooms. I have a friend in West Virginia named Rickey Hager who regularly visits Sermon Audio to read articles and download sermons and he keeps me posted via e-mail with updates on the articles posted there. What follows are my comments concerning the transgender issue as it relates to professional sports and to Christians who watch professional sports.

The National Football League is guaranteed to strong arm the state of Texas into supporting the vile transgender agenda because football is the idol of idols for most Americans including apostate, backslidden professing Christians. Many of those backslidden Christians are in so-called fundamentalist churches. The NFL's wicked tactics are very similar to the strong armed, blackmail tactics of the National Basketball Association when they tried to override the state of North Carolina's ban on making all bathrooms transgender. So far the National Basketball Association's wicked blackmail has not changed the law in North Carolina even big demonstrations were held in Raleigh during the week of February 5-11 of 2017. Make no mistake about it. The transgender agenda is not about gender rights. It is about ungodly sexual lust, sexual perversion, and child molestation. The next thing we could see is a demand to a constitutional right to publick nudity. Child molestation has been classed as a disorder by the American Psychiatric Association. That classification puts it on the same legal footing as sodomy was before it was legalized throughout the United States. There is a group of male reprobates in America that feel they have a right to have sex with your minor sons and grandsons. Just as sodomy is condemned in the strongest terms in the King James Bible, so also is the transgender agenda condemned in the strongest of terms in the word of God. Deuteronomy 22:5 says: "The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the LORD thy God". The key word in that verse is "abomination". Since God says that those who wear the garments of the opposite sex are an abomination, what do you think God thinks of someone who has a sex change operation?!? It will not be long before the vile sodomite and sodomitess hordes are pounding down the doors of our homes and demanding that we pass out our sons and daughters to them that they may know them (Genesis 19:4-5). The term sodomitess is found in your King James Bibles in a marginal note for Deuteronomy 23:17. Folks, in some quarters, we have gone way past the perversion of Genesis 19 because we have devil possessed individuals demanding that the government and private insurance companies pay for sex change operations. National and state governments are being forced to pay for sex change operations for reprobates in prisons and in the United States military. Young children are also being forced to take carcinogenic sex "therapy" drugs in preparation for sex changes. Note also the young "transgender boy" on the cover of National Geographic Magazine. What is National Geographic Magazine doing promoting the ungodly transgender agenda? Are they not supposed to be all about geography?

I believe there are three major reasons that we have so many effeminate boys to day. First of all, they have been raised by a duo of ungodly reprobate parents. The next reason is the absence of a father figure in many homes in America. The other reason is the electronic pollution in our society through

cell phones and computers. Many children have been proven to be catatonic as the result of addiction to cell phones and computers. Boys must be made to do boy things. Make them get outside and play. No offense is intended to you mothers, but boys need masculine men to be their fathers and girls need feminine women to be their mothers. The reason we have so many macho girls in our society is because their mothers are macho. Effeminate fathers and macho mothers may be politically correct, but they are an abomination to God.

People in America are doing what is right in their own eyes. If all the people who claimed to be Christians, were to boycott the National Football League and the National Basketball Association they would choke them to death in one season. Money talks. The problem is that the vast majority of the people who claim to be Christians are nothing but false, professing Christians who are still yet in bondage to their hell bound sin nature. They are as lost as the Devil is, but, thank God, not as hopeless as he is. They do not care what God thinks because they do not know Him. Therefore, there is no fear of God before their eyes. That is why they can take pleasure in the sins of others. The fact that the National Football League and the National Basketball Association are able to use such ungodly and sexually perverted blackmail should result in a death curdling scream that says: "Hey, America. Wake up. Your wickedness is consuming you! Satan is using the fist of wickedness to pound you to death (Isaiah 58:4)! Folks, righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God. Folks, hell is a real place that exists at the end of a Christ rejecting life. Nations go to hell and lost sinners go to hell!

The problem for most Christians today is that they believe they can serve God and mammon. The ultimate in American Mammonism is football, baseball, and basketball. We have rejected the God of the Bible for the gods and idols of the football field, the baseball field, and the basketball court. We have rejected the God of the Bible for a god of our own choosing. We will certainly do whatsoever things goeth forth out of our own mouths. When God is rejected, eventually all morality takes a back seat to sexual perversion and moral depravity. That train always derails in the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Today, sports is all about money and depravity. The love of money is the root of all evil. Furthermore, money talks where evil walks and stalks. There is an evil lurking in our presence that goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Christian beware! Satan hath desired to have thee that he may sift thee through the wicked sifter (sieve) of professional sports. The fact that the National Football League and the National Basketball Association would brazenly assume that they have the power to veto morality and common decency is proof that America is a reprobate nation and that our churches are full of spineless, apostate Christians. When we put sodomites and their perverted transgender partners in charge of Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops my conscience screams to me: "What is wrong with America?". In America, we are at the very end of the spiritual and moral perversion described in Romans chapter 1 because we are taking pleasure in the wickedness described in Romans 1:18-32. When America has degenerated to the point where a discussion of whether a man ought to be allowed in a woman's bathroom is considered to be a legitimate debate, then what we have is the perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, that are destitute of the truth. Jeremiah 6:15 says: "Were they ashamed when

they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, saith the LORD". Isaiah 5:20-21 says: Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! ²¹ Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight. Isaiah 5:8 says: "Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it". In rebuking the priests of Israel, the Lord said in Malachi 2:17: "Ye have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied *him*? When ye say, Every one that doeth evil *is* good in the sight of the LORD, and he delighteth in them; or, Where *is* the God of judgment?". For the lost, judgment is at the Great White Throne Judgment where they will be cast into the Lake of Fire for eternity. What about you Christian? Will your works be burned up at the Judgment Seat of Christ because you allowed professional and collegiate sports to steal your reward?

If you will not judge yourself, then God will judge you. Many Christians will not like what I am about to say, but here it is: Given the hell bent propensity of the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, and most other professional and collegiate sports to promote those things that are an abomination to the LORD, if you participate in, or watch those events, then you become a partaker in their sins. You may as well pick up your Bible and go down to the local beer joint or the local whorehouse and hold your church service there while you have a beer and participate in the fornication. Most folks today are drunken with the spirit of fornicating with professional and collegiate sports. I know that's strong folks, but where will you draw the line. Be not drunk with the wine of professional and collegiate sports, but be ye filled with the Holy Ghost. I am not just preaching at you folks because I have been guilty also. It is time for it to stop. At what point will you say enough is enough? Not to change the Scriptures, but to make a personal application of 1 Kings 18:21 we ask this question: "How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Satan, then follow him". Of course we do not want you to follow Satan, but that ultimately is the choice you must make concerning the transgender issue. If you are a Christian, then you cannot fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness. You will either serve the mammon of professional sports or the God of the Bible. You cannot do that which is right in your own eyes and fellowship with the LORD. Choose you this day whom ye will serve: whether the gods and idols of professional and collegiate sports or the God of the Bible who manifested Himself in the perfect sinless, flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask yourself this question: "Would the Lord Jesus Christ be able to sit down with you and watch the sporting event that you would put before his eyes?" The final question that I have for you today is: "When will the Lord Jesus Christ be restored to His rightful position of preeminence in your life above whatever it is that you entertain yourself with?" Folks, we are in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation and we need to brilliantly shine forth as glorious lights from the Lord Jesus Christ in the person of the Holy Ghost that dwells in us.

Anytime you quote Deuteronomy 22:5 and 1 Corinthians 11:10-16, you will always have someone ask you what is a man's garment and what is a woman's garment. They will also ask you how much hair is to long for a man and how little is to short for a woman. The Holy Ghost warned us that there would be contentions over this issue in 1 Corinthians 11:16. Folks, God did not give either me or your pastor a tape measure to go around measuring the length of people's hair, how much flesh someone has exposed, or the length of women's dresses and skirts. I have generally found that when people start asking those types of questions that they are already pushing the line between what they want and what the Holy Ghost wants for them. In other words, they are under conviction of the Holy Ghost. The real question is, are you going to be carnal and do what you want to do or are you going to be holy and obey the word of God under the direction of the Holy Ghost of God. Almost without fail in today's unholy cultural Christianity, if you bring up the issues that are pointed to by these verses, you are immediately attacked and branded for being a legalist, or even worse, a Pharisee. Now let me get this straight. If I point you directly to the verses that address your issue, then that makes me a legalist and a Pharisee?!? Then, it must blasphemously follow that the Holy Ghost is a legalist and Pharisee for having them recorded in the Word of God. God forbid!! The dress standards in the Word of God are there for a reason. They are there to protect us and warn us of the perverted minds of the reprobates among us. The cross dressing transgender issue is perfect proof of that.