



## Letter: The Parable of the Talking Trees

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Editor, Gazette-Journal:

When I heard that the Supreme Court had ruled 5 to 4 against the Defense of Marriage Act, I was very distressed. Marriage has forever been defined as the act of uniting one man and one woman. The Supreme Court decision caused me to question the kind of leaders we have elected. Judges of the Supreme Court are not elected by the people, they are appointed by the president the Americans elect. Appointed judges usually reflect the same world view as the president who appoints them. Two liberal judges on the current court were appointed by a liberal Democratic president. The decision on the Defense of Marriage Act reflects their world view.

Recently I viewed a sermon titled "The Parable of the Talking Trees," taken from the Book of Judges, Chapter 9. The message clearly conveyed to me was that "we must be careful who we choose to lead us because there could be grave consequences." The scriptures reveal how Israel made the wrong choice in selecting a leader.

A parable was illustrated about four trees that represented the people of Israel. From those trees, the people were to select one that would lead them. Three of the trees were fruit bearing and would lead them in the right way. The fourth tree was a thorn bush which was known to cause pain. That was the one they chose and they suffered mightily for doing so. The point is that the message is applicable today as it was in ancient times.

Today, thanks to the Supreme Court, we have a "new" America. A court, not allowing for the Constitution to speak, legislates their morality upon us. A large number of Americans made their choice by choosing the wrong tree just as Israel did and we are suffering the repercussions.

America will not survive unless we, as a nation, repent for turning away from the God who has protected us from our beginning and seek His forgiveness and become again the nation we were intended to be ... one whose very foundation rests on the Judeo-Christian values.

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