

IS CHRISTIANITY ANTI-GAY?



Bill Donohue comments on the way the media have covered the story on the decision by Pastor Louie Giglio to back out of giving the benediction at the inaugural ceremonies:

A left-wing website, Think Progress, attacked Pastor Giglio for remarks he made in the 1990s affirming Christian teachings on homosexuality. It cited as proof of Giglio's bigotry passages from the Bible that brand homosexuality as sinful. Now anyone is free to disagree with the Bible, but it is unprofessional of the media to simply adopt the Think Progress agenda. More than that, it shows an egregious bias.

To be specific, media outlets that tagged Giglio's orthodox Christian remarks as anti-gay include: ABC News, CBS News, NBC News, MSNBC, the *Washington Post*, *Investor's Business Daily*, the Associated Press, and UPI. Those that reported the story professionally by offering a descriptive account include CNN, Fox News, the *New York Times*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Los Angeles Times*.

The distinction is critical. To say that Giglio backed out because of his "previous anti-gay comments" is tantamount to saying Christianity is anti-gay because it sees homosexual behavior as sinful. It also sees adultery as sinful. Does that mean Christianity is bigoted against heterosexuals?

With regard to homosexuality, the teachings found in Christianity were taken from Judaism. Moreover, Islam also sees homosexuality as sinful. Are we to believe that the adherents of all these world religions are "anti-gay"? It is more likely that those who think this way have lost their bearings. They should lose their jobs, as well.