

## **NINE LESSONS IN CAROLS...JUDGEMENT**

Today, in Australia, 60% of some 12 million people have voted “Yes” in a survey to legalize same-sex marriage. And given that the Australian Government has promised to legislate this into law just in time for Christmas, perhaps it would be appropriate at this time for the true disciples of Jesus Christ to lift their pre-Advent eyes this year to Nine Lessons in Judgement and remember:

- 1. Our present situation is not new**
- 2. Standing for truth and righteousness can be lonely**
- 3. The faithfulness of a few is no guarantee the nation will turn to God**
- 4. A nation can reach a tipping point**
- 5. God values the human heart not buildings and institutions**
- 6. When a nation is judged, the righteous suffer with the wicked**
- 7. God uses evil nations to judge His own people**
- 8. The Lord gives us promises to live by in a pagan culture**
- 9. We must not be passive because we have work to do**

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