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Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart apologized Wednesday for saying in a televised worship service that he would kill any gay man who looked at him romantically.

A complaint was filed with a Canadian broadcasting group, and Swaggart said his Baton Rouge-based Jimmy Swaggart Ministries has received complaints from gay groups over the remarks made on the Sept. 12 telecast.

In the broadcast, Swaggart was discussing his opposition to gay marriage when he said "I've never seen a man in my life I wanted to marry."

"And I'm going to be blunt and plain: If one ever looks at me like that, I'm going to kill him and tell God he died," Swaggart said to laughter and applause from the congregation.

On Wednesday, Swaggart said he has jokingly used the expression "killing someone and telling God he died" thousands of times, about all sorts of people. He said the expression is figurative and not meant to harm.

"It's a humorous statement that doesn't mean anything. You can't lie to God -- it's ridiculous," Swaggart told The Associated Press. "If it's an insult, I certainly didn't think it was, but if they are offended, then I certainly offer an apology."

Re: Evangelist Jimmy Swaggart apologizes after remark about 'killing' gay m - posted by theevangelist, on: 2004/9/28 1

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I believe him because I watched the service myself and found it rather humerous. What homosexuals will do to justify their sin...or try to justify it. It's all part of the coming persecution. They made it sound worse than it really was! Brother Jimmy is back and the Anointing of the Holy Ghost is there!

Re: - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/9/28 20:10

There is no excuse for anyone saying that they are going to kill someone. I don't care if the "someone" is gay or the worst kind of sinner. They don't need death- they need LIFE. They need THE life of Jesus. There is no compromising when it comes to our heart attitudes. We can't be pharisees. Religious folks are constantly praying as the pharisee did, "thank you God that i am not like that sinner over there". Pharisee. Let's pray that the sinner goes down on His knees and sees himself as he really is- UNWORTHY. Which we all are unworthy. How do you think we got to this place where we are at. By God's grace. Thank God he didn't smite me when I was at my worst in some bar drunk and unashamed. Thank you Lord, that you heard someone's prayer and saved me from myself!

In His perfect love, chanin

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/9/28 21:07**

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**1 John 3:15** - Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him

I couldn't agree more Chanin.

**Re: - posted by Janus (), on: 2004/9/29 3:03**

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I agree absolutely.  
But let us then also pray for him who outer those words.

I believe we as children of God should much more look at our words and the things we say. How many times did Paul not warn us about the things we do and say- that we should not offend others, especially not a brother in Christ. Jesus Himself said that we ought to put a guard before our mouth and that our words should be few, for we are on earth and He is in heaven.

Let us all look at our words. For how can out of the same mouth come praise to God and Condemnation for a brother??

Lord help me to keep my mouth shut when I shouldn't talk and to open it when Thou want to talk!

Love in Christ  
Janus

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/9/29 10:48**

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Yes rather we should be saying to brother Swaggart repent and do the first works, leave your haughtyness and pride. And we should pray for him also, what he did say is unacceptable to those who handle the words of life but at the same time if we had to preach and share the same things we might fumble a few times in different ways. Its killing me personally to see the words REPENT in each of the seven letters to the churches in revelation. The last words to the church were not the great commission but it was REPENT!, hold fast, do the first works, those who think they are something are really nothing. O Lord do a refining work in all our hearts even brother Swaggarts.

**Re: - posted by theeveangelist, on: 2004/9/29 12:03**

I think before any one of you have anything to say about Swaggart, you all should try watching the service at [www.jsm.org](http://www.jsm.org) & listen to what he actually said. And homosexuals cry "hate crime". If anybody should have screamed hate crime, it should've been the Aboriginal & Native American Peoples of the North American continent over the past 300 years. They were beaten, abused, and even killed by those who were supposed to be sharing the Gospel of Christ with them. Homosexuals hear a preacher say something about them and they're ready to scream "bloody-murder" as in the case of Brother Jimmy. They have never had to sit and listen to Jonathan Edwards preach. And if they did...Brother Edwards would probably be the first American Preacher imprisoned in many years. One thing I think needs to happen is that people need to repent for your unforgiveness and slander against this BROTHER IN CHRIST. He has repented...wait a sec. Let me say it one more time in case you never heard me. BROTHER SWAGGART HAS REPENTED! And for you or I or anybody t

o say he hasn't, we wouldn't be putting him on trial...we'd be putting the Blood of Christ on trial.

In Christ,  
The Evangelist.

**Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2004/9/29 12:35**

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Just because others misbehave doesn't give us permission to do such. No blood-bought person should ever say such a thing as Swaggart said. I don't have time to be joking about homosexuals and murder when they are busy going to hell. And those who do joke about such sins will never convert any of those of whom they jest about... especially those living in that sin who might hear you. If you can laugh over their sin, you will never weep over it. There is nothing funny about homosexuality, nor is there anything funny about murder. Instead of laughter, there should be mourning!

Isaiah 22:12 Therefore in that day the Lord God of hosts called you to weeping, to wailing, to the shaving of the head and to wearing sackcloth. 13 Instead, there is gaiety and gladness...

And you shouldn't liken Jimmy Swaggart to Jonathan Edwards, as I consider that blasphemey against such a saint as whom the world is not worthy. You and Swaggart both need to repent.

**Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/9/29 13:06**

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The main subject under which these postings go is Intercession and Current events, not scorn, contempt or sarcasm and current events, not glee or jocularly and current events.

Revival will only come one way, God's way.

Instead of scorn or laughter there should be tears and much prayer into current events, into each and every event. Priestliness finds a reason and finds a way to pray, pray life in every situation where sin is committed – 1 John 5:16.

Lars W.

**Re: - posted by theevangelist, on: 2004/9/29 14:20**

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Hmm..that's interesting. Very quick to judge those you know nothing about. Brother, I know where I stand with God, and Like i said before...I nor Brother Jimmy are on trial here...what you are putting on trial is the Blood of Jesus Christ. That precious blood that has atoned for me, Brother Jimmy and those who are also walking under it. I have no hate in my heart

art toward gays, and Brother Jimmy most certainly doesn't either. While you all were casting stones and judging the Brother for something that's been under the Blood, people have been saved and delivered from the bondage of sin under both he and his son Donnie's ministry. I'd rather listen to a preacher who had fallen THEN REPENTED AND now has found VICTORY in THE CROSS of Christ, than to listen to somebody whose never been anywhere! I'd rather listen to somebody who's been to the Top of the Mountain, and the Backside of the Desert than somebody who has never been there! Look at the Apostle Paul...what I had mentioned with Swaggart, maybe not under the same circumstances but the same process until he found victory(Romans Chapter 6 through Romans Chapter 8). Blasphemy? Hmm...yes, Jonathan Edwards was an awesome man of God...but...he's not Jesus. If I compared Swaggart to Jesus, then I consider it blasphemy. I perceive you're putting this guy on quite a high pedestal, for a man. John the baptist said of Jesus, "Of whom's shoes I am not even worthy to unlatch." In my opinion, Swaggart is a Godly man, and God has used him to bring in multitudes of people into the kingdom of God (probably more than you've ever seen, KingJimmy) but he's not Jesus...yet the point I'm trying to make is..."Paul Planted, Apollos Watered," But WHO gave the Increase? Yes God did!

**Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/9/29 14:30**

Now, dear saints, the aim of this thread is intercession. Its purpose is to generate and stimulate prayer, focussed prayer. Discussion and dialogue should hold a considerable amount of substance leading to concentrated prayer pleasing to God.

Please, dear brethren, do consider correcting the handling of this subject.

Lars W.

Minor moderator

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/9/29 19:35**

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Jimmy I do think your comments are rash and lacking the commandment of slow to speak. Yes I dont think that swaggart is at all near the level of an edwards. Jonathan Edwards lived a live sublime and had a tremendous impact for the kingdom of God in such a **potent** way that its hard to even compare such a life of ministry in our day and age. God has mercifully allowed me to gather speakers that have and potray the mind of Christ in a way that is unusual and demands full obsevrance to grow in our spirits. That being said men not found on this site are all not unfruitful or not worth listening to. But God in His grace is allowing me to gather men that have a message that is demanded to hear by ears of those who hear the spirits call to our day, the unique calling of revival and a burden for the lost.

I think it was Keith Daniel who is an evangelist from South Africa that has re-called in some ways and stories how very prominent men of God fell while preaching in the pulpit of God. Some into fornication, adultery, etc. He stated quite bluntly that in His country those men would never be respected again, yes Jesus blood cleanses from all sin but the fact is that the consequences of sin in the ministry cannot be swept under the carpet.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/9/29 19:36**

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I fully agree with brother Lars and a large part of the discussions in these threads should be promises of God and scripture to share so we can help each other pray for this minister and those who hear his teachings.

**Re: - posted by ArcAngel, on: 2004/10/2 16:32**

Firstly, let's get back to our senses. It's wrong to murder someone by law in the United States. If Jimmy Swaggart were a murderer, he'd be in jail. I know the man personally. He is genuine. He preaches the word of God. However he is human . If any of you had listened to that sermon, you would know that he was in fact being figurative. Even while, and after the statement, he made the serious note that they need salvation just as much as any of us.

Im going to take it a step further. They need more than salvation. They need to be freed from demonic oppresion. God s  
ays it is an abomination. It is an abomination. And I for one am not going to have pity on the discusting practices of such  
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Perhaps you are willing to call the Most High a murderer. Well then, be my guest. But according to the Book, and the Wo  
rds written therein, homosexuals will be given to a reprobate mind by God himself. They will have their reward for p  
erving what the Lord has warned against. Revelation says that they will be thrown into an eternal lake of fire, there to t  
aste of eternal "death" and damnation. Homosexuals don't appear to be too worried about the Law of God, but they will k  
ick over 90 turns of what a mortal says, and some of you take pity on them. The homosexual community wants to mur  
mur about that one thing offensive that Jimmy Swaggart said...why dont they listen to the whole message. They wouldnt be a  
ngry at the end, they would be rejoicing.

Just remember that every human has a choice. The physical organs of mankind worked properly in general at birth. Wha  
t mankind has chosen to do with them since that moment of innocense is not God's, Jimmy Swaggart's, or anyone else's  
fault. Those people will burn for their own actions, according to Romans chapter 1. If you've got a problem with that, take  
it up with God. Remember next time you say, "the woman's choice"...or "gay rights", that the time of prophecy is upon th  
e world. Make sure your house is in order before you try to clean someone else's.

Although Jimmy's timing and mannerisms have been questionable, God's arent. And it will come to pass.

**Re: - posted by theevangelist, on: 2004/10/3 17:38**

AMEN!!! Preach It!!! Now if that isn't true, I'm spiritually dumb! However, I don't think I am!!! Sin is sin, and true love is  
telling the truth whether it hurts or not...true love is sparing a soul from the fiery flames of an eternal hell. I thank God for  
Brother Jimmy and Donnie and others who are willing to preach THE TRUTH. Atleast they aren't trying to be  
"seeker-sensitive" by watering down The Gospel or "tippy-toeing around The Truth! How are they (homosexuals) going  
to know that it is sin and that it's going to damn their soul to hell if nobody is saying anything. I love this post ArcAngel.  
Praise God! God bless you...

The Evangelist

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What's wrong with his teachings? I haven't found anything unscriptural about it...It's sound doctrine. The anointing is up  
on this brother. Do you mind telling us?