

## *Homosexual & the Bible*

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The issue of homosexual behavior has had a lot of publicity of late. Homosexuals say that the slaves have been freed and women have been liberated, so gay rights are long overdue. Society does seem to be moving in that direction. Many homosexuals are “coming out” and openly declaring their homosexuality. In many parts of the western world, homosexual couples receive the same recognition as heterosexual couples with regard to social security benefits. Some church leaders are giving their blessing to homosexual relationships, homosexual church members and even homosexual ministers.

**Intro:** We are taught at a young age that boy's like girls and girl's like Boys. This is the **Right Nature** of things, when we look at even the wild Beast of the field we see that there are Male & Female (A Mate) that is the Way God Made Them. We do not see the female laying with Female nor do we See the male laying with the Male. In the beginning, God made Man First then When he saw, the man needed a (Help Mate) partner he made "Fe" Male a "Wo" Man. Genesis 2:22-23 and the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, Made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now Bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because She was taken out of Man. Woman was taken out of man (Not a Man).

Mankind has **perverted** what God has made.

Now we must remember and understand that there were not Courts, Ministers to go to and be married there were no Marriage Certificates to get and have. Man & Woman stood before God and took each other to be Husband & Wife, and Not “Life Partners”. Marriage has to be by Gods’ law and not man.

The Biblical witness is clearly against the practice of homosexuality. God Did not intend for male and male, or female and female to have sexual Relations. As the popular saying goes, "God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve!" The OT clearly condemns homosexuality. The Law of Moses said, "You Shall not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination" (Leviticus 18:22; c.f 20:13).

The OT also condemns "sodomites," which were male temple prostitutes (I Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; II Kings 23:7). Some would argue that these male Prostitutes were for the female worshipers, but it was primarily the males Who involved themselves in the cultist worship of the **pagan temples**. The male Prostitutes were for the purpose of homosexual acts with other men.

Some now say that Jesus Loves all people no matter what their lifestyle is, Jesus does love but he does not love sin. If we look at what he says in Matthew 5:17-19 we see that he came into the world and did not do away with any part of the Law that was spoken of in the Old Testament.

Therefore, we do still have to take heed of it. Even in the last book of the Bible Revelations 22:18, John spoke the words of God which states "Do NOT add to or take away" from his word.

The NT is just as clear on this issue as is the OT. In Romans 1 Paul was demonstrating how the Gentiles have failed to live up to the revelation of God given them. He wrote of the many evils they did while suppressing the knowledge of God revealed to them (Romans 1:18-21). Such evils included idolatry, fornication, maliciousness, disobedience to parents, hate for God, inventions of evil things, and homosexuality.. Paul plainly declared, "Because of this [the suppression of truth resulting in idolatry], God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way, the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion" (Romans 1:26-27, NIV). Although homosexuality is not named as such here, the act of homosexuality is clearly described. It was in judgment that God allowed men and women to have sexual relations with the same sex, but they did receive in themselves their due punishment for such indecent acts.

We must also understand that even in a marriage between a man & woman no "homosexuality" act can be performed. And as we see in this verse, Heb 13:3-4 (KJV) marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge. Marriage even between a man & woman these acts of a homosexuality are forbidden by the word and law of God.

While listing those who would not inherit the kingdom of God, Paul noted that homosexual will not be saved: "Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 6:9-10, NIV). To further demonstrate that these things are not to be named among Christians Paul continued to say, "And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God" (v. 11).

The biblical evidence is conclusive that homosexual relations are ungodly, but the case against homosexuality is not limited to the biblical witness. There are also sound reasons to object to homosexuality as an acceptable

Behavior. Homosexuality is unnatural. Speaking as plainly as I can, all People have "in holes" and "out holes" in their body. Some holes are Designed to take things into them, and some holes are designed to rid things From the body. We should not confuse the obvious purpose of these holes. Nature argues against homosexuality as an "alternative" lifestyle.

Most people who argue for homosexuality will tend to believe in evolution Also. You could point out to these individuals that even evolution argues Against their practices. Evolution teaches the survival of the fittest. Since homosexuals cannot reproduce offspring, they cannot continue in the Fight for survival, and thus are an inferior "species." I'm sure that no Homosexual would like to think of himself / herself in this manner, but their Own philosophies would lead them to that conclusion. There is no denying it That their lifestyle contradicts the natural order of things.

### **Homosexuals' claim that**

- 1.They are made that way. (No one is made that way, keep reading)**
- 2. Homosexuality is of no harm to the participants or to anyone else. (It is harm to them self's and their own body, keep reading)**
- 3. If it feels right to those involved, it is nobody else's business. (It should not feel right to them, keep reading to see why)**
- 4. Homosexual relationships and Heterosexual relationships are equally valid. (Never was meant to be, keep reading) (Some even claim that the Bible condones homosexual relationships.)**

Since other groups who have been discriminated against (such as women, blacks and the disabled) have been given equal opportunity, homosexuals claim that they, too, should be liberated. However, as one Christian expert has said ...

“Gender, race and impairment all relate to **what a person is**, whereas homosexuality relates to **what a person does**.” homosexuals claim that scientific studies have shown that there is a biological basis for homosexuality. Three main studies are cited by “gay rights” activists in support of their argument Hamer's X-chromosome research, LeVay's study of the hypothalamus, and Bailey and Pillard's study of identical twins who were homosexuals.

In all three cases, the researchers had a vested interest in obtaining a certain outcome **because they were homosexuals themselves**. More importantly, **their studies did not stand up to scientific scrutiny by other researchers**. Also, “the media typically do not explain the methodological flaws in these studies, and they typically oversimplify the results”. There is no reliable evidence to date that homosexual behavior is determined by a person's genes.

To the extent that biological or social factors may contribute to a person's bent toward homosexual behavior, this does not excuse it. Some people have a strong bent towards stealing or abuse of alcohol, but they still choose to engage or not engage in this behavior the law rightly holds them accountable. I was told once by a homosexual (Man) that he was not attracted to Women as a younger man, so he became Gay just based on that Felling and train of thought and with so many stating that in today's world to be "Gay" is the cool thing to be, or try it you might like it, no wonder he became gay. I did not have any thoughts until after I was 19 years old and it did not even enter into my mind that I was Gay. The world today has put so much pressure on men and women in their sexuality that they say "I" have to have sex with some one. And even have pills to help you along, to make sure you do!

"The Bible is clear that sin involves choice, and it unequivocally condemns homosexual behavior as sin. 1 John 3:4 whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

The Human body was made by God in a way that was meant for Man & Woman "Copulation" (Intercourse) we see this in (1 Corinthians 6:13) Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. **Now the body is not for fornication,** but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body. The mouth and Stomach are made for "Speaking" & "Eating" not for Fornication of any kind, and God made the body's functions in a way that is meant for life. God did not make the body to do some of the thing that man is doing with it, it was just not meant to be!

We were created to a plan, male and female complementing each other. That is, God Made man in his Likeness and made woman FOR! The Man and goes on to say "For A help Mate"( Genesis 1:26) And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. (Genesis 1:27) So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (Genesis 1:28) And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,** and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. We do NOT! See that God made Man for Man or Woman for Woman, if this was so in the Beginning the Human Race would no longer be here today. I have even heard homosexual say that the **heterosexual** are Breeders, I guess just to breed more male & females for their use. Some of their minds have become so defiled that they can no longer see or fell any morality (1 Timothy 4:2) Speaking lies in hypocrisy; **having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

Genesis also teaches that God instituted and designed marriage between a man and a woman (Genesis 2:18-25)

The complementary structure of the male and female anatomy is obviously designed for the normal Husband & Wife relationships. Clearly, design in human biology supports heterosexuality and contradicts **homosexuality**. The combination of male and female enables

man (and the animals) to produce and nurture offspring “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth.” This command is repeated to Noah after the Flood (Genesis 9:7) And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply there in. Thirdly, God gave man and woman complementary roles in order to strengthen the family unit.

In addition to diseases associated with heterosexual promiscuity, homosexual actions facilitate the transmission of anal herpes, hepatitis B, intestinal parasites, Kaposi's Sarcoma and AIDS.' Research on the life expectancy of a group of homosexual men in Canada in the early 1990s indicated that they could expect 8-21 years less lifespan than other men could.

Secular psychologists assure us that 'children raised in lesbian and gay households are similar to children raised in heterosexual households on characteristics such as intelligence, development, moral judgments, self-concepts, and social competence and gender identity'. The humanists have, however, forgotten one important ingredient.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it” (Proverbs 22:6). You **cannot** faithfully teach God's Word to your children while living a lifestyle specifically condemned by the word of God living in a homosexual relationship constitutes habitual, unrepented sin. How can you teach a child to live by the word of God when you are not doing it your self?

Gay activists claim that homosexual activity is nobody's business other than those involved in the relationship. However, this is not true. God, our Designer and Creator, has authority over all aspects of our lives. He makes the rules, and He quite specifically forbids homosexual behavior. “You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination” (Leviticus 18:22; see also Leviticus 20:13).

Disobedience of such a clear command indicates rejection of God's authority.

Some people argue that the Old Testament law (including Leviticus 18 and 20) was superseded with the coming of Christ. However, the teaching of Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 was certainly reaffirmed in the New Testament.

Some people claim that homosexual behavior was only condemned in the Bible because it was associated with Idolatry (1 Kings 14:24). However, it is clearly condemned apart from idolatry as well (Leviticus 18:22). It is described in Scripture as an **Unnatural, Immoral Perversion.**

“For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is **against nature.** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another...” (Romans 1:26-27).

The Greek word arsenokoitai used in 1 Timothy 1:10 literally means “men who sleep with men.” It is the same Greek word used for “homosexual offender” in 1 Corinthians 6:9, variously

translated as “abusers of themselves with mankind” (KJV), homosexuals (NASB) or homosexual offender (NIV).

Some people claim that the sin involved in Sodom was rejecting hospitality customs or selfishness rather than homosexual behavior. Certainly, the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah was great and their reported sin was grievous to God (Genesis 18:20). God sent angels to Sodom and...

“Now before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may have sex with them” (Genesis 19:4-5). These men of Sodom & Gomorrah wanted the Men and not the **Virgin Daughters** of Lot

“While it is true that the Hebrew word yadha does not necessarily mean 'to have sex with,' nonetheless in the context of Sodom and Gomorrah, it clearly had this meaning. ...It means 'to know sexually' in this very chapter when Lot refers to his two daughters not having “known” a man (19:8).” You would not offer virgins to appease a mob if their sin was lack of hospitality, **but only if their desire was sexual.**

**Although Ezekiel 16:49 condemns Sodom for its selfishness with regard to poverty etc., this does not contradict its condemnation for homosexual practices. “The very next verse of Ezekiel (v. 50) calls their sin an ‘abomination.’ This is the same Hebrew word used to describe homosexual sins in Leviticus 18:22.” 10**

It is also used in Scripture to describe such things like the practice of offering children to Moloch, but never such things as mere selfishness or lack of hospitality. Even in legal parlance, the word used to refer to one aspect of homosexual practice is 'sodomy'.

Another argument is that Jonathon and David were homosexuals as 'Jonathan loved David (1 Sam. 18:3), that Jonathan stripped in David's presence (18:4), [and] that they kissed each other (20:41)'.<sup>11</sup>

However, “David's love for Jonathan was not sexual (Eros) this is the love between a man and a women, sexual love. But a friendship (philoc) love. The other types of Love are (Phileo) love which is a lesser than Godly love. (John 21: 15-17), and the highest type of Love (Agapao) this is Godly love. And Jonathan did not strip himself of all his clothes, but only of his armor and royal robe (1 Sam. 18:4).”<sup>12</sup> Also, a kiss was a normal greeting in that day, such as when Judas kissed Jesus. In several cultures today, men normally greet each other with a kiss, too. All so in (Romans 16:16) Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss. Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.

(1Thessalonians 5:26) **Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss.** We use this today to greet our brothers and sisters of the Faith, it is no more than a handshake with one hand and a one-arm hug. {I could go into at this point, that to the defiled everything is defiled, that could take a little word like “Kiss” and make it into something (erotic)}but further, David's love for his wives,

especially Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11), clearly reveals his heterosexual orientation. (And no, he was not Bi-sexual).

Isaiah 56:3 states that eunuchs will not be excluded from God's presence ("my temple"), but practicing homosexuals are not eunuchs. **Eunuchs have no sexual relations at all. And no Desire for Sex. Most** are Eunuchs for the Gospel sake

Other scriptural arguments for homosexuality can similarly be easily refuted. It is clear that heterosexual marriage is the only form of marriage sanctioned in the Bible and that **homosexual practice is always condemned.**

The Bible not only describes homosexual behavior as detestable, but it also calls for the punishment of those involved (Leviticus 20:13). Their unrepentant attitude caused God to destroy Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 19:24-25). (Romans 1:26-32).

(Jude 1:7) Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of **eternal fire.**

Just as homosexual conduct has been punished in the past, so it will also be punished by God in the future.

"...Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortion(ers) will inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

However, there is hope for the homosexual. God forgives and cleanses a person who repents and turns from their sin, including the sin of homosexual behavior God's grace brings with it the power to live a life that is pleasing to God (Romans 6:6-7). If repentance and a turning from the sin are made, "Liberal" churches espouse tolerance of homosexual behavior in the name of "love." They plug for the acceptance of homosexual conduct as normal, "because they can't help it." They are not only wrong about the latter, but they are actually not being at all loving towards homosexuals, because, contrary to the Bible, they reduce the homosexual person to the level of an animal, driven by instinct. In removing moral responsibility from the person, they dehumanize them, whereas the Bible says we are made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27), with the power of moral choice. They should point out the sin and help that person "Repent" (Turn from) the sin and not just cover it up and say it is OK you just cannot help it. However, many a person has been gloriously "Delivered" from the bondage of homosexual sin (and other sin) by the power of the Holy Ghost, but only if they 1) see that they are in Sin & 2) Repent and turn from that sin and are Baptized in the Name of Jesus and Receive the Holy Ghost (Acts 2:38) the Church (Body of Christ) is full of "Repentant" Homosexual's they are saved by the Grace of God, but they can NOT be apart of the body of Christ and still live in sin, because God can not

and will not have a part of himself that is not living in his word and free from Homosexual Lust or any type of Sinful lusts.

### *My Summary*

With all moral issues, our beliefs about our origin determine our attitude. If we believe that we arose from slime by a combination of random chance events and the struggle for survival, or from Apes from the trees, it is understandable to say that there is no higher authority, and we can make our own rules. Or if your beliefs are that when we die we just go into a nothing or some void ( and I pray you do not) However, if your beliefs are there is a loving & Merciful God who planned us and gave commands (Laws) for us to follow, then we must do so. God has set forth His standards in the Bible, beginning with the foundational teaching in the book of Genesis.

God made them Male & Female / Adam & Eve and thus was the first Marriage and the first husband and wife, they had no marriage License but God approved their union. He took the dust of the earth that he just made and man became a “Living” soul he took a rib from that Man and made unto him a Woman to be his wife and his helpmate. Gods Law has and will stand, man can never change that, they can change the law of man to please the (Gay) homosexual behavior but they can never change the word of God. Man has become so afraid of “Groups” and man made causes, but not God, and it is God who they (We) should be pleasing (Romans 1:25) who changed the truth of God into a lie, and Worshiped *and served the creature more than the Creator,* who is blessed forever. And see (Matthew 10:28) and *fear not them, which kill the body,* but are not able to kill the soul: *but rather fear him, which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.* Man has been trying to change the word of God for years and it can not be changed, man has been saying they know what god was trying to say, God has said what he has said and it has not changed, man has been trying to bring God Down to their level and he can not be, we must go up to him, by living the word he has given unto us. He will let us go on for a while, as he did the very angles of Heaven, he waited to see just how many was going to follow Lucifer then he kicked them out of heaven. He has given Man a Choose to make to live by his word or die by his word, make sure you make the right choose to live by his word. To die by his words is Hell it’s self that was made for Lucifer and his followers. God has given us the way out we must see it and use it, that way out is through that door which is the name of Jesus (John 10:9) *I am the door:* by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture. If God knocks on the door of your heart and you feel and see that this homosexual life is not only against nature but the very word of God, (Revelation 3:20) Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. It is not too late to *Repent* and turn to God for Help and it is not until we see that we need help that we can receive it, I hope and pray you will make the right Choose (Joshua 24:15) And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, *choose you this day whom ye will serve;* whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: *but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.* If you will see, the Lord says *This Day,* for we may not have another Day to make that choice! Serve the Lord. Homosexual Lust is against the very law of Nature, every Animal God made has a “Female” for “Male” for a “Family” Structure for their young, NO! Where in the nature of Man or Beast do we see a Male for a Male or Female for a Female!..



## Conclusion

The sin of homosexuality is debasing, but homosexuals are in need of salvation as are all other sinners. We are to love the sinner, but hate his/her sin. All people are valuable and should be loved simply because they are created in God's image, and had their sins paid for by Jesus Christ at Calvary.

We must respect homosexuals as human beings, but never condone or accept their ungodly behavior. There is a difference between our positions as to the moral nature of homosexuality, and our personal feelings towards homosexuals. Some Christians have confused these two issues, allowing their position to influence their feelings toward the homosexual person in a negative, hateful manner. Such an attitude is **unchristian**. Let us make it clear to our world that we love all people because they are created in God's image, but have perverted his word turning the word of "Truth" into a Lie, Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshiped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. (Rom 1:25) We must stand in opposition to their sin against our loving Savior.

Remember, Hate the sin but Love the Sinner, I have heard where some have said and done (Not letting a homosexual Person in their church) this is **NOT!** The right Attitude, and I cringe at the thought of this thinking. This is **NOT!** The right thing to do. We know that man is trying to change the word of God to fit their need, but the word / Law of God will stand and can never be changed. God Say's "I" Change **NOT!**, **for I am the LORD, I change not**; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. (Mal 3:6) , Man can change "Mans'" Law but can never change "Gods". But we have to remember that we were all sinners at one time, and all sin **stinks** in the nostrils of God, They say in today world that if you say anything agents the homosexuals that you are a hater and it is a hate crime, But that is far from the truth of the matter. The church is a Spiritual Hospital we all came to it to be saved and Healed, We do this out of Love and not hate, and we would do this for any sinner, such as a Lier, Thief, but these group of people do not make a picket line or say you hate us. We do not go to a "Natural" Hospital when we are not **SICK**, The same is for the Spiritual Hospital "Church" We go to it because we are Sick and need Healing, we cannot get well with out a **Physician** and we know that God is the greatest one of **ALL!** We must remember that Jesus Sat down with the Sinners And it came to pass, that, as Jesus sat at meat in his house, many publicans and sinners sat also together with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and they followed him. (Mark 2:15) And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, how is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? (Mark 2:16) When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, they that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. (Mark 2:17), so we my friends need to show and point out the "Sin" and condemn the "Sin" and not the **Sinner!** No matter what the sin may be!