

## HOMOSEXUALITY AND OUR PERMISSIVE SOCIETY

### INTRODUCTION:

1. Few sermons were preached on homosexuality from American pulpits since the founding of our great nation until the past fifteen years.
2. Now homosexuals fight for equal rights, elect fellow homosexuals to office, invade our school systems, have boys' ranches, gay bars, homosexual churches and homosexual marriages.
3. Mechanistic psychologists do their best to prove that it is an inherited trait where the genes are faulty, or prove that it is really a disease.
4. A number of national churches have ordained homosexuals to the priesthood and to the pulpit. Some traditional churches are on the fence.
5. Many prominent leaders of the Equal Rights Amendment are publicly avowed homosexuals.
6. When God's laws are flaunted, ethics and morality go out the window. We are part of a society that is rapidly repudiating God and sinking to its lowest level.

### I. THE BIBLE CONDEMNS HOMOSEXUALITY IN POSITIVE, EXPLICIT TERMS AND CALLS IT A SIN:

- A. The Old Testament condemns it:
  1. Genesis 19:4-5 – “But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, 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 so that we may know them carnally.”

Note: God detested the stench of this sin which had pervaded Sodom and Gomorrah and all the cities of the plain, and he rained fire and brimstone down upon them and destroyed them.

2. Deut. 23:17-18 - "There shall be no ritual harlot of the daughters of Israel, or a perverted one of the sons of Israel. You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the price of a dog (male prostitute) to the house of the Lord your God for any vowed offering, for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God."
3. Lev. 18:22 - "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman, it is an abomination."
4. Lev. 20:13 - "If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them."
5. 1 Kings 14:24 (Berkley) "And male prostitutes were found in the land; they followed all the abominations of the peoples which the Lord dispossessed for the Israelites."
6. 1 Kings 15:12 - "And he banished the perverted persons from the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made."
7. 1 Kings 22:46 - "And the rest of the perverted persons, who remained in the days of his father Asa, he banished from the land."

NOTE: The passages show that King Jehoshaphat was aware of God's attitude towards these men and he cleaned them out of the country.

8. 2 Kings 23:7 - "Then he (Josiah) tore down the ritual booths of the perverted persons that were in the house of the Lord, where the women wove hangings for the wooden image."

NOTE: King Josiah had to repeat the process in this passage years later. The price for a decent society is for God's people to stand up and be counted from the leaders down.

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This is one of the sins which helped destroy the fiber of the ten northern tribes and even Judah and led to their being carried into captivity. They had succumbed to the very sins that were to destroy.

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B. The New Testament equally condemns this sin.

1. Romans 1:24-27 - "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator - who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. 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, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due."

NOTE: The Roman world was weighted down with this sin and now America is going the same way.

2. 1 Cor. 5:9-11 - "I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. ...you must not associate with anyone who calls himself a brother but is sexually immoral ... not even to eat with such a person."
3. 1 Cor. 6:9-10 - "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ... will inherit the kingdom of God."

Malakio - passive partner

Arsenokoitai - active male partner

4. 1 Tim. 1:9-10 - Paul speaks of the "adulterers and perverts" which is contrary to sound doctrine.
5. Fornicator: from Pornos - a male prostitute.

A. Eph. 5:3-5 - "But among you there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality ....

B. Heb. 13:4 - "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."

Rev. 21:8 - "But the sexually immoral ... their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death."

Rev. 22:15 - "Outside the city gates of heaven, John says will be:

"dogs, (homosexuals), the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood."

NOTE: In these last four passages, the Greek text has fornicator from Pornos - a male prostitute with the plural form also including both male and female.

**CONCLUSION:**

1. This sin is condemned from the Book of Genesis through Revelation.
2. Those appealing to genetic causes, or a disease, or environmental justification are either ignorant of the teachings of the Scriptures or they have a flagrant disregard for the authority of God's word.

NOTE: We believe that most lesbians and homosexuals have no respect for God and His word.

3. The church must arm itself with the Christian armor of Eph. 6: and have enough courage to do battle: on the political front, on the social level, in the church, and in the schools.

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The homes of our land is the place where this needs to be driven home to our children.

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4. We are living in a period of time in which our proud nation is moving to Hell. The church must fly its colors high, and while trying to save the world not to let it permeate our ranks. The price is too high - the cost dear.

**THAT WHICH WILL KEEP A PERSON OUT OF HEAVEN AND CONSIGN HIM TO HELL SHOULD GIVE US ALL CONCERN.**