

HOMOSEXUALITY and THE BIBLE

Int.

1. Aim: To show that the sin of homosexuality is condemned in God's Word.
2. Rom. 1:26-27 **"For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."**
3. Homosexualization of Society
 - a. We are in a battle over our attitude toward homosexuality.
 - b. In the last few years there has been a movement to make this an acceptable life style.
 - c. We hear about this in the news almost every day. There is discussion about Civil Unions, Homosexual marriages, Homophobia, and much more.
 - d. Attitudes have changed. In a Gallup Poll May, 2003
 - i. 60% of Americans think homosexual relations between consenting adults should be legal
 - ii. Concerning marriage, the poll split evenly with 49% for and 49% against granting gays the privileges and rights of marriage.
4. We Are told that 10% Of Population Are Homosexual
 - a. Based on 1948 Kinsey Research! But the Research is flawed
 - b. Database included a high percentage of prison inmates and known sex offenders
 - c. Convicted criminals comprised a full 25% of Kinsey's male sample, compared to less than 1% of the total U.S. population

d. The most widely accepted study of sexual practices in the United States is the National Health and Social Life Survey (NHSL). The NHSL found that 2.8% of the male, and 1.4% of the female, population identify themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual... This amounts to nearly 4 million openly gay men and 2 million who identify as lesbian." (Friend of the Court brief, 31 homosexual and pro-homosexual groups.

Lawrence VS Texas)

e. Census statistics of 2000

i. Total population of US is 285,230,516

ii. Total number of households in the US is 106,741,426

iii. Total number of unmarried same-sex households is 601,209

iv. Homosexuals represent 9.42% of those households. Less than one half of one percent.¹

f. What Does This Say? Not as many as we are told.

i. Yet, more and more think it is okay

ii. Push to be more tolerant

iii. News media is slanted toward homosexuality

5. We will notice:

a. Definition

b. What the Bible has to Say about this

c. This is an old problem

d. What is the Cause?

e. Conclusion: It is a sin

¹Reason and Revelation August 2004

Discussion

I. WHAT IS HOMOSEXUALITY

- A. Homo = Same - One who has sexual relations with one of the same sex
- B. Rom. 1:26-27
 - 1. Men with men
 - 2. Women with women

II. GOD HAS SPOKEN ABOUT THIS SUBJECT

- A. Gen. 19:1-28 - cities of Sodom and Gomorrah [NKJV]
 - 1. V. 4 & 5 "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 know them carnally."
 - 2. V. 24 & 25 "Then the LORD rained brimstone and fire on Sodom and Gomorrah, from the LORD out of the heavens. 25 So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground."
- B. Lev. 18:22 "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination." = something disgusting morally
- C. 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."
- D. 1 Kings 14:24 "And there were also perverted persons in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel." Perverted is translated Sodomites in the KJV

- E. 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. " Perverted = sodomites
- F. Rom 1:24-29
1. V. 24 & 25 "Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."
 2. V. 26 & 27 "For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. 27 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."
 3. V. 28 & 29 "And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,"
- G. 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, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. "

- H. 1 Tim. 1:9-10 "knowing this: that the law is not made for a righteous person, but for the lawless and insubordinate, for the ungodly and for sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, 10 for fornicators, for sodomites, for kidnappers, for liars, for perjurers, and if there is any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine, "
- I. Jude 7 "as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. "
- J. Biblical terms describe the moral nature of homosexuality:
1. Homosexuals - 1 Cor.6:9 NKJV = effeminate in KJV
 2. Sodomites - 1 Cor. 6:9 NKJV = abusers of themselves in KJV
 3. Perverted in Deut.23:17 and 1 Tim. 1:10
 4. Dog - Rev. 22:15 Deut. 23:18 **"Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God."**

III. A GREAT PROBLEM

- A. Old Problem - Gen. 19 - Sodom 18:20 "their sin is very grievous"
- B. Problem in society today
1. Advocate Groups
 - a. The Homophile Movement

- b. Gay Liberation Movement
 - c. New Alliance For Gay Equality
2. Accepted in Denominations: - Gay and Lesbian preachers
- C. Problem in the Church
- 1. Same as other sins
 - 2. Some argue - accept.
 - 3. As we hear others accepting this as an alternate life style it can cause us to also accept this sinful way as all right.

IV. WHAT IS THE CAUSE

- A. A Learned Behavior
- 1. Seen in that the Bible Condemns it
 - 2. Same with any sin (drinking, fornication) - people choose this way
 - 3. Testimony of Gay & Lesbian Community:
- B. There is no Gay Gene - not born that way
- 1. Article in Reason and Revelation August 2004 "This is the Way God Made Me" A scientific examination of Homosexuality and the "Gay Gene" by Brad Harrub, Bert Thompson and Dave Miller.
 - 2. Report on the completion of the Human Genome Project - which was completed in April of 2003.
 - a. This was a thorough mapping of human genetics.
 - b. One piece of information that never came from the Human Genome project was the identification of the so-called "gay gene".
 - c. There is no such gene. We are not born homosexual.

V. IT IS A SIN

- A. Fornication (1 Cor. 6:18)
- B. Specifically forbidden (1 Cor. 6:9)
- C. Against Nature (Rom. 1:26-27)
- D. Violates God's plan for sexuality
 - 1. Heb. 13:4
 - 2. Matt. 19:4-6

Conclusion

1. Summary
 - a. I. What Is Homosexuality?
 - b. II. Passages Addressing It
 - c. III. A Great Problem
 - d. IV. What is the Cause?
 - e. V. It Is A Sin
2. The Bible disallows same gender sex under all circumstances, at all times, in every place. Same gender sex is sinful in and of itself.
3. One reason for the down fall of Rome given by Gibbons was that homosexuality was so common, the birth rate was too low to repopulate the armies.
4. Homosexuality can exist only where there is no respect for God.
 - a. Rom 1:21-27
 - b. The farther America gets from God, the more favorable for homosexual activity.
 - c. Homosexuality is one of the fruits of rejection of God.

5. Homosexuality cannot be tolerated.
 - a. Even if legalized by government, accepted by all the world, the Christian cannot have fellowship with those who practice homosexuality.
 - b. The trend in America is to accept homosexuality as an alternate lifestyle.

6. We call for repentance of practicing homosexuals.
 - a. Homosexuality can be forgiven (1 Cor 6:11).
 - b. Love the person but hate the sin. Don't condone what the homosexual does. Don't judge the person, but share what the Bible says about it.

7. We are living in an age similar to the time of Isaiah when he delivered God's warning, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who put darkness for light, and light for darkness" (Isaiah 5:20).
 - a. Throughout our society there are many who are trying to force others to accept perversions of God's creation which God plainly calls sin.
 - b. It was God's design to create us male and female (Genesis 1:27).
 - c. From the very beginning, man was to "leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).
 - d. Ever since this beginning, homosexuality and lesbianism have been a perversion of God's purpose for His Creation.

8. Those involved in Homosexuality Can Overcome
 - a. If it is sinful you can overcome - Phil. 4:13
 - b. Requires repentance - Acts 17:30-31
 - c. The Corinthians did - 1 Cor. 6:9-11 NKJV "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, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."
9. We can live apart from sin if we make up our mind to live according to God's word.
 - a. Not perfect - but doing the best we can
 - b. Do not accept sinful ways - or look at the sin of homosexuality as OK.
 - c. Like any other sin it is wrong and must be condemned and resisted.