

Homosexuality – Study 1

Thank you for joining me once again for “It’s a Good Life.” Today, we’re going to start a study and we’re not going to finish the entire study today. I would encourage you to tune in next week at this same time as we will continue the study. Today, I would like for us to look at the subject of homosexuality. I realize this is a touchy subject, and some people believe that there’s a gray area involved here with homosexuality. Some people are afraid to even mention the word, but there are no gray areas in the Word of God. The Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword. When it is brought in and we’re shown the things in our lives that shouldn’t be there, it’s like a sword. It starts cutting, and the Word of God wants us to realize today that there is a biblical perspective concerning homosexuality.

Homosexuality... what does the Bible teach? Homosexuality is contrary to God’s original plan for a man and a woman. It’s a serious deviation from what God originally designed and established for the good of mankind. As the Lord Jesus, Himself, said, from the beginning it was not so, Matthew Chapter 19. Homosexuality is a violation of what marriage is according to the Bible. The marriage partner must be the opposite sex. Throughout the Bible in both the Old and New Testaments, homosexuality is strongly condemned by the living God. If you do not believe the Word of God, then you’re not going to believe what I tell you as we look into the Word of God today.

A person, first of all, needs to be saved and know that they are on their way to Heaven. They need to trust Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. The Bible says that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. That means anyone in this world. There’s no

excuse for a person dying and going to Hell. If you don’t believe the Bible, then you’re not going to believe what we’re about to look at that comes directly from the Word of God.

Let’s look at some passages where homosexuality is mentioned in the Bible. First, we see the sin of sodomy. In Genesis 18:20, it says, *And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous.* If you’ve read the Bible, you know the story and the account of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Let’s read more. In Verses 4-9 of Genesis 19, it says: *⁴But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: ⁵And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them...* And this means in a sexual way.

Verse 6 continues by saying, *⁶And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, ⁷And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. ⁸Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. ⁹And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door.*

Now, the “new version,” the new perversion that the homosexual community has come up

with is called the “Queen James Bible.” Queen James, not the King James that I use, but the Queen James. They’ve turned things around. They say that this account that I’ve just read to you in Genesis 19 is not an account of a homosexual trying to get to these men as such. They will admit that these are homosexuals that want to rape someone, and they say that is what is wrong here. But the Bible teaches me that anything that is contrary to the Word of God is wrong.

The Bible, if we don’t look at it as a fairy tale, then we’re going to admit that the sin of sodomy is wrong in the sight of God, and we’re going to look further into this. And I’d like for us to look at some important observations here... God’s evaluation of the enormity and weightiness of the sin of sodomy. Genesis 18:20 says: *And the LORD said ... their sin is very grievous.* In other words, it’s very heavy. It’s really bad, according to what God said.

I also see that the sodomites, thinking the two angels were men, lusted after them. “Bring them out unto us that we may know them sexually,” is what they’re saying in Genesis 19:5. The sodomites were not interested in women, according to Genesis 19:8-9. Even Lot’s offer of his own daughters could not satisfy the unnatural desires of the perverts.

Then I also see that this terrible and dreadful sin was repeated in the land of Israel during the period of the judges when every man did that which was right in his own eyes, Judges Chapter 19.

I also see that judgment came to these people in Sodom. The sodomite men were struck with blindness, according to Genesis 19:11. And their city was burned by fire, Genesis 19:28-29.

Their pride and prosperity and abundance of idleness, as we look at this, the idleness and such things most often lead to moral looseness and lewd immorality. Ezekiel 16:49 says, *Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.*

And, folks, that’s where our country is right now. We are swelled up with pride. “There’s no one like us in the world.” We’d better get that out of our minds because we’re simply human beings like everybody else. Fullness of bread, that verse says in Ezekiel 16:49, fullness of bread, we have no need of nothing. We are full. We are very prosperous. That’s our country’s attitude today.

It also goes on there, saying, “the abundance of idleness.” We’ve got too much time on our hands according to what we see, and we look around. Everyone has an iPhone stuck to their ear. Everyone has a tablet that they’re looking at. The social networks are crowded with individuals, millions of people, who have too much time on their hands, too much time to read the Bible. I think not. People need to take the time to read the Word of God and we wouldn’t have so much confusion as homosexuality in this country.

I also see that the sin of the sodomites is mentioned twice in the New Testament as a warning to those who should live ungodly today. Second Peter 2:6: *And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly.* God says what they did was ungodly. God said their lifestyle was ungodly.

Jude 1:7 says, *Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, 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. We're sometimes told that the sin of the sodomites was not homosexuality, and I mentioned this earlier, but it was homosexual rape, according to some. Well, those who justify homosexuality try to argue that it is not wrong for a man to engage in sex with a man but it is wrong to force himself upon another man who is not consenting. Does God allow consensual homosexuality? "Consensual" means by mutual consent. Is it permissible and lawful for a man to engage in sex with another man? Consider this next point that I would give you.

Homosexuality, according to the Bible in Leviticus 18:22, is shameful. It says, *Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.* Homosexuality is an abomination. It's shameful, according to that verse. For a man to lie sexually with another man, or a woman to lie with another woman, is here strongly forbidden.

In the following verse, Leviticus 18:23, bestiality is forbidden because it is a perversion. These were the very sins being practiced by the heathen in the land of Palestine, according to Leviticus Chapter 18. Verse 22, that verse that we read, says, *Thou shalt not...* this is the strongest way in the Hebrew language to tell a person not to do something. This is the same formula found in many of the Ten Commandments. It's an absolute prohibition, and it could be translated like this: "Thou shalt never...." Literally, the verse says, "Never lie with a male as one lies with a female," that is, in a sexual way.

What does God think about homosexuality? The verse says it is an abomination. This means it is detestable, loathsome, repulsive, and heinous. It is one of the strongest words

to describe God's hatred of something. It is a stench in God's nostrils like the smell of vomit. It is something that is disgusting, nauseating, revolting, and sickening to God. The reason it is an abomination is that it is so contrary to what God has designed and established for the good of mankind. You don't agree? Take it up with God.

To understand more fully the seriousness of the sin of homosexuality and others like it, let's read Leviticus 18:24-30. There, the Bible says: *²⁴Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: ²⁵And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. ²⁶Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: ²⁷(For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) ²⁸That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you. ²⁹For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people. ³⁰Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.*

It's these very acts that defile the land, according to Verses 24-25 that we just read. Because of these abominable practices, God removed or vomited out certain nations from the land of Palestine, Verses 27-28. God warned His people that, if they should practice any of these abominations, they would be cut off from among the people, Verse 29.

My question to you today is do you know Jesus as your Savior? Anyone can be saved if they will simply call upon the name of the Lord. If you are willing to turn from your sin, let God take that sin. Let Him make you a new creature in Christ Jesus. Ask Jesus into your heart right now and He'll save you.

I encourage you to listen further next week as we continue this study about a biblical perspective of homosexuality.

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