

Homosexuality

Is homosexuality something we should accept as an alternative lifestyle, or is it one of the lowest forms of degeneracy? Are homosexuals born gay, or do they choose to be gay? People have different opinions about this, but what really matters is what God thinks.

Homosexuality is an abomination to God. It is a Satanic attack on the divine institutions of marriage and family which form the foundation for humanity. When these institutions collapse, all that remains is chaos. The Bible tells us that God ordained marriage starting with the first man and woman.

Genesis 2:24 . . . a man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

This verse describes marriage as being the union of one man and one woman. Any union other than this is not marriage in God's eyes. God designed the male and female bodies to complement each other, to fit. He designed sex for recreation and pro-creation, but only within the boundaries of marriage.

Hebrews 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor among all and the marriage bed be undefiled; for fornicators and adulterers God will judge.

Homosexuality is totally offensive to God as demonstrated by His commandment to the Israelites to execute homosexuals.

Leviticus 20:13 - If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death.

Leviticus 18:22 - You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

Genesis 18:20 - And the Lord said, The outcry of Sodom and Gomorrah is indeed great, and their sin is exceedingly grave.

In Genesis chapter 19 we see that God Himself eradicated this sexual perversion by destroying the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah where homosexuality was rampant.

Two angels were sent to Sodom to rescue Lot, Abraham's nephew. The Sodomites wanted to have sex with the angels, but Lot offered them his virgin daughters instead. They insisted on having the angels and tried forcing their way into Lot's house until the angels struck them blind. The next day the angels escorted Lot, his wife, and daughters to safety, and God destroyed the wicked cities.

Genesis 19:24-25 . . . then the Lord rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven, and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Jude 1:7 - Just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these, indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

Abraham was many miles away when he described what he saw in verse 28 of Genesis 19.

Genesis 19:28 - And he looked down toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the valley, and he saw the smoke of the land ascend like the smoke of a furnace.

In 1924, archaeological expeditions by Drs. W. F. Albright and M. G. Kyle substantiated the Biblical account to the letter. The Dead Sea now covers the area where these cities were once located.

Again, we see God's attitude toward homosexuality in Deuteronomy 23:17-18. The Hebrew term **dog** is used for a male prostitute, sodomite or homosexual.

Deuteronomy 23:17-18 - None of the daughters of Israel shall be a

sons of Israel be a cult prostitute. You shall not bring the hire of a harlot or the wages of a dog into the house of the Lord your God . . . for both of these are an abomination to the Lord your God. I Kings 14:24 - And there were also male cult prostitutes in the land. They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

God has given each one of us free will; therefore, we are responsible for our own actions. While we are free to engage in homosexuality, the Bible warns that there are consequences for doing so. In the following verses, **God gave them over** means that He allowed, and still allows, free will to function, even to be lascivious.

Romans 1:26-27 - Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonored among them.

For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie... For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own bodies the due penalty of their error.

Notice the accountability required by God; to this day, He turns people over to their lusts so that they receive in their own bodies the due penalty of their error. Those who ignore this fact suffer divine discipline such as venereal disease or AIDS.

God does not create homosexuals; it is ludicrous to think that He would create something He abhors. It is unnatural for males and females to be physically intimate with others of the same sex. This is not a matter of opinion but of absolute truth, as clearly stated in the verses above.

It is sad to see our nation not only accept the homosexual lifestyle but celebrate it. Same-sex marriages are being performed across the land; gays are admitted into the military; actors, sports personalities and politicians are applauded for being gay; and some denominations are ordaining gay ministers. What insanity! What blasphemy! A word of warning; though shocked and/or sickened by these things, Christians are not to be hostile towards gays. "Gay Bashing" in thought or deed is absolutely forbidden. Christians are to love homosexuals but loving them does not mean accepting their degenerate lifestyle. To accept a homosexual is to condone homosexuality. God commands us to separate in order to protect ourselves from such degeneracy.

Romans 13:10 - Love does no wrong to a neighbor; love therefore is the fulfillment of the law. II Thessalonians 3:6 - Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you separate from every believer who leads an undisciplined life, that is not according to the tradition you have received from us.

II Thessalonians 3:14 - If anyone does not obey our teaching in this epistle, take special note of that person and do not associate with him, so that he may be put to shame.

It is difficult to separate from someone you care about, but to do less would encourage them to remain in a lifestyle that is self-destructive. To embrace them is to embrace the lifestyle that is destroying them.

Some people erroneously conclude that homosexuals are going to hell because of their sinful lifestyle. But, God's grace extends to everyone because His Son, Jesus Christ, died on the cross for all sins. Homosexuals, too, are saved the moment they believe in Jesus Christ.

John 3:16 - For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him, shall not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:36 - He that believeth on the Son has eternal life; but he that believeth not the Son, shall not see life but the wrath of God abides on him.

Acts 16:31 - Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.

Believers who engage in homosexuality defy God's authority; they continually grieve and quench the Holy Spirit. Their arrogance keeps them in a perpetual state of carnality so that they cannot grow spiritually. Sooner or later they experience the unbearable suffering of divine discipline.

What can such believers do to get out of this miserable state? God's grace provides the answer. By simply confessing their sin to God, they are totally forgiven and restored to fellowship with Him. Recognizing their sin before God the Father in prayer will make the filling of the Holy Spirit possible so they can receive spiritual nourishment from the Word of God.

The steps to recovery are simple:

Step 1 - Confession of sin

Step 2 - Consistent and persistent submission to accurate Bible teaching

Step 3 - Diligent prayer and trust in the promises found in the Word of God

The steps are simple, but not necessarily easy to follow. Should a lapse back into previous behavior occur, step number one is the immediate solution to get back on the road to recovery. Those who have succeeded have repeatedly relied on God's help.

1 John 1:9 - If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

God extends saving grace to every person, but He judges every nation that accepts homosexuality; ours will be no exception. If our nation is to survive, we must stand firm on the Word of God and refuse to accept homosexuality as a legitimate, alternative lifestyle.