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# GOD ALONE IS ABLE TO SET THE STANDARD

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It doesn't make any difference whether men believe it or not, God is the Creator of the human race and all things. Therefore, He alone has the right to say what shall be and what shall not be. It is quite clear that when God made man (and the animal kingdom as well), He made them male and female! He didn't make another man for Adam. (If He did, the human race would have soon died out). **"And God said, Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."** Gen.1:26,27. In Gen. 2 we have the description of how God did this. For Adam, he took some **"dust of the ground"** and for Eve he took a rib from Adam and it says, **"...made he a woman..."** God said, **"She shall be called Woman."** Furthermore, it says **"Therefore, shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife..."** Of course, it is abundantly clear that homosexual people do not believe God!

While the sin of homosexuality has long been in the world, there is no record that I can find in the history of mankind where people of the same sex ever sought to be united in marriage. While things were certainly bad in Sodom and Gomorrah, it seems to me that we have surpassed their wickedness in that, just for sheer numbers the sodomites of today far outnumber them.

**JESUS REPEATED IT!** The sinless Son of God reiterated what God stated from the beginning: **"Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh."** Matt.19:4,5. (Also Mark 10). Suppose homosexuality was normal and right, just another acceptable *lifestyle*. (By the way, they are not gay - I don't use that term; they are sodomites and homosexuals). Then, suppose that everyone decided that it was a good thing and entered into it. What would happen to the human race? But the basic issue is, it is unnatural and a sin in the eyes of God. God said that men were inventors of evil deeds and this is just one of them. However, it does have far greater implications and consequences than most if not all others.

**GOD'S PROHIBITION OF HOMOSEXUALITY.** Nothing could be more plain in the Bible than God's condemnation of sodomy! All one has to do is read the

Biblical account concerning Sodom in Gen. 18 & 19. Those who seek to justify this sin have invented several ridiculous explanations of the events. One that I read claimed the sin of the men in Sodom was only that of being inhospitable to the "strangers" that visited there. It says they wanted the men brought out to them that **"we may know them."** Gen. 19:5. That has nothing to do with friendliness or hospitality! That expression is used numerous times in Scripture and clearly it relates to sexual intercourse and it is obviously the meaning here. Is it not further proof of their evil intentions, in that the very name Sodom has come down through all ages as the name of the sin of men who cohabit with men? Did you ever hear of anyone defining sodomy as a lack of hospitality? God thought it such an evil that He said the city would have to be destroyed. God said this should be a warning to others! II Pet. 2:2 says: **"And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly."**

In Lev.18:22-24 it says, **"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. Defile not yourselves in any of these things..."** In fact, God so hates it that under the Law it required the death penalty. Lev.20:13: **"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them hath committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them."** With these Scriptures, and others that we will quote, how can anyone say that this conduct is just an alternative lifestyle, an acceptable one at that? This is not homophobia, this is simply taking the Word of God by faith and believing what it says.

## **REMOVING SODOMITES WAS COMMENDED.**

When speaking of the sins that the Israelites were committing, in I Kings 14:24 it says, **"There were sodomites in the land..."** On three other occasions kings are commended for removing sodomites out of the land. I Kings 15:11,12 it says, **"Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord...And he took away the sodomites out of the land."** In I Kings 22:46 it is recorded that Jehoshaphat, his son, put **"the remnant of the sodomites...he took out of the land."** Again in II Kings 23:7 we read that **"he brake down the houses of the sodomites."** To be sure, many of the kings did not take such action, but it doesn't take much study to see that most of the kings were not godly men and even godly men did

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not always do that which the Lord commanded. What many fail to see, I could say, do not want to see, is that this conduct is not merely a different lifestyle, it is a sin. God says that it is wrong, it is against His will, it is an abomination in His sight.

## THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACHES THE SAME.

The classic passage is Romans 1. Now, this is not bigotry nor homophobia, this is the Word of God. When men do away with a true knowledge of God, and cast off all restraint, God gives them up! That's what it says: "**God gave them up to uncleanness...to dishonor their own bodies among themselves.**" v.24. Then it says in v.26, "**God gave them up to vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 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....**" In v.31 it says they were... "**without natural affection...**" God says sodomy is "**vile affections**" - *disgraceful passions*; it is "**unseemly**" - *shameless*; it is "**unnatural**" - *contrary to nature*! In II Tim.3:1-5, we are told that "**without natural affection**" is one of the signs of the last days. Jesus warned us saying that the last days would be like the days of "**Sodom and Gomorrah.**"

## GOD'S CALLS HOMOSEXUALS - ALL SINNERS

God calls homosexual people and all sinners ("**All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.**" Rom.3:23) to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus Christ who died for their sins and rose again. One of the questions that is often brought up is "CAN HOMOSEXUALS CHANGE?" Some say it is not possible for them to change their *lifestyle*; it is all in their genes and there is nothing they can do about it. The plain truth is, that is a lie, and many would like to believe it because they don't want to change. The Bible declares that all souls, all individuals, are made by God; we are not just the product of the union of a man and a woman. In the light of the Scriptures, it would not be possible for God to make a homosexual. That surely would be confusion! These people do not want the truth; they want their sin. Many heterosexuals have been sold a bill of goods by the psychiatrists, etc., blindly adopting such a conclusion. The truth is, it is not in one's genes. Reputable scientists have shown that. In reality, it is a

learned behavior; no one ever came into the world a homosexual - somebody taught it to him.

The Bible declares that homosexuals can change, and indeed some have changed. They can repent of their sin and receive Christ as Savior. In I Corinthians 6:9, 10, some of the sins of the flesh are listed. Two have to do with homosexuality: "**effeminate**" which literally means *soft clothing* (on men). Evidently they had cross-dressers way back then. The other word is "**abusers**" (**of themselves with mankind**) which literally means *to cohabit with another male* - a sodomite. Now, in v.11 it says, "**And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**" At Corinth there were some homosexuals saved and washed from that and other sins. Unless you repent of your sins, no matter what they are, and receive Christ, you cannot "**inherit the Kingdom of God.**" v.8. If you have never been born again, we urge you to repent of your sins (whatever they are) and ask the Lord Jesus Christ to save you. He said, "**Him that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out.**" John 6:37.

AMERICA IS RIPE FOR JUDGMENT. It would not surprise me if the judgment of God fell upon our beloved land any day. The Bible says: "**Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.**" Prov.14:34. When one considers the religious, and Yes, Christian beginnings of this country and then looks at where we are today, it is absolutely amazing, and appalling. The founding fathers and those who followed them, if not true believers in Christ, they had a fear of God and a great respect for His Holy Word. Most of our law was based upon it! Consider where we are today: one and a half million babies are murdered each year, open lewdness and moral filth on radio and TV, the internet with unlimited immorality, magazines with semi-nudity on display in the super markets, etc. (to say nothing of the pornographic ones that abound), pornography is one of the fastest growing businesses, homosexuality openly flaunted and promoted, sex education in the public schools (where homosexuality is put forth as an alternative lifestyle and sexual activity is considered normal, even a good thing), etc. It is time for God's people to stand up and be counted. If you are not born again, it is time to repent and trust Christ. God warns: "**The wicked shall be turned into hell; and all the nations that forget God.**" Psalm 9:17.

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