

Some Biblical Thoughts on Homosexuality

Regarding any particular subject, we must not rely on earthly sources or the opinions of men. But rather, we must go to the Bible, God's own Word, for the answers to all questions.

According to the Holy Word of God, we shall try to answer some of today's questions regarding the subject of homosexuality.

What Does God Think of Homosexuality?

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is an abomination" (Lev 18:22).

"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them" (Lev 20:13).

(Abomination: Something loathsome; something that is hateful and disgusting (to GOD)
—Webster)

"The abominable . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone" (Rev 21:8).

Why Is Homosexuality Wrong?

". . . for even their women did *exchange the natural use* for that which is *against nature*; 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*." (Unseemly: not decent or becoming
—Webster) (Rom 1:26, 27) Read Romans 1:18-32.

God created the woman for the man (Gen 1:18-25; 1 Cor 11 :8, 9), and by a sovereign act of creation placed a natural attraction within a man for a woman. To "exchange" this "natural use" which God has created, for the "unnatural affections" (Rom 1:31) of a homosexual relationship is to despise and reject the way that God has created man.

What Is God's Message to the Homosexual?

God's message to the homosexual is the same as it is to every person that breaks God's law, which includes each and every one of us, for: "all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23).

That message is:

"Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out" (Acts 3:19).

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31).

". . . repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ" (Acts 20:21).

"Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations" (Lk 24:46, 47).

The Good News (Gospel) that God has for all mankind is that each one of us should repent (turn from his sins—Acts 17:30), and believe that Jesus Christ, through His death on the cross of

Calvary, shed His blood for the remission (forgiveness) of our sins. For, "without the shedding of blood there is no remission" (Heb 9:22).

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (Jn 3:16).

What Is God's Message to the Converted Homosexual?

Since a man who is saved by God's grace is now a new creation; he will have a new outlook on God's law, for he is "not under the law, but under grace" (Rom 6:14). Instead of disregarding God's law, he will now gladly obey his Lord and Master.

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new" (2 Cor 5:17).

"If you love me (said the Lord Jesus), keep my commandments" (Jn 14:15).

According to the Lord Jesus' teachings on the heart and sin (Mt 5:27, 28), the converted homosexual will not only cease from outward acts of sin with other men, but he, by the power of God's Holy Spirit, will cease from lust in his heart toward other men.

In 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10 we read: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, *nor abusers of themselves with mankind* (homosexuals) . . . shall inherit the kingdom of God." But, praise be to God! Such ones can be saved from their sins (Mt 1:21).

Listen to the Apostle Paul's glorious proclamation in the following verse: "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" (1 Cor 6:11).

God's viewpoint on this subject isn't very popular in the world today. But then again, down through the ages, the majority of men have spurned God's law and His judgments against sin.

"Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and *many* there be which go in there at: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and *few* there be that find it" (Mt 7:13, 14).

Through repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, you can be one of those "few", who will not only enjoy the peace of knowing your sins are forgiven here on earth, but will, with all the redeemed, enjoy the eternal benefits of everlasting life in heaven.