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Introduction

Sex has become a common place talk; after all, it is a gift from God for our pleasure. Sex and/or sexual perversion are commonly used to sell any product and/or get attention in TV adverts, movies, internet to mention a few. That which was meant to be preserved, protected, private, and sacred, has become so unprotected, public, and profane.

Homosexuality

Unfortunately, homosexuality is a rapidly rising “new normal.” Governments and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) are strongly advocating for gay rights around the world. Many countries of the world have already passed bills in favor of homosexuals, granting them all rights as heterosexual couples. It is becoming a

trend to profess pro-homosexual rights if you really want to be “politically correct” and widely accepted.

Think about it for a moment: do I need to publicly declare my sexual orientation in order to be accepted or is it simply a natural process? Sexual orientation is natural, it does need any external influence to assert itself, except if it is unnatural.

There are about twelve references/allusions in Scripture to homosexuality and it is noteworthy that ALL of these references and/or allusions in the Bible CONDEMN the behavior. The first reference to the act of homosexual behavior was in Genesis 19:1-29. In this context, the cities of Sodom, Gomorrah, and the surrounding cities were destroyed for engaging in

homosexuality. The second is in Leviticus 18:22 in which God declared thus: “you shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.” The third reference appears in Leviticus 20:13 and it reiterates: “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.” However, while we do not advocate death penalty for the act, the penalty does indicate how much God hates the behavior. The fourth reference occurs in Judges 19:22-25. However, in this case the men of Gibeah were prevented from engaging in the homosexual act and raped the concubine of the Levite instead. The fifth mention is with regard to male and female prostitutes in 1 Kings 14:24 during the reign of king Rehoboam who was adjudged a leader that

did evil in God's sight. The sixth appearance is in 1 Kings 15:12 in which king Asa in keeping with the will of God banished all the male and female prostitutes from Judah. The seventh allusion appears in 1 Kings 22:46. In this case Jehoshaphat king of Judah also banished all the remaining male and female prostitutes in Judah. The eighth reference shows up in 2 Kings 23:7 in which Josiah destroyed the male and female prostitutes centers. The ninth mention shows up in Romans 1:26-26. In this context, Paul condemns the practice as an unnatural, shameful act for which those who engage in it reap the consequences. The tenth occurrence is recorded in 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 in which Paul listed homosexuality among the sins that will prevent people from being in the kingdom of God. The eleventh reference

appears in 1 Timothy 1:9-11. Here, homosexuality is listed as one of the lawless acts for which the law was given. The twelfth reference occurs in Jude 7 as allusion to Genesis 19: affirming God's displeasure with the behavior.

Common Sense Reasoning

Sometimes, especially when we have drifted too far from ideal, common sense reasoning can be very helpful in bringing us back on course. Reflect on the following common-sense reasoning for your appraisal:

(1) if as humans we have become confused with regard to our sexuality, at least we can turn to nature and learn from animals that sexual intercourse is between a male and a female;

(2) if I have to publicly declare and solicit sympathy about my sexual orientation (as most homosexuals now do), then it suggests that something about it is not acceptable or normal;

(3) ironically, homosexuals are beginning to clamor for and insist on rights to adopt children that are product of heterosexual relationship; if homosexuality is a natural sexual orientation, it should naturally or normally reproduce offspring;

(4) there has never been nor will there ever be a pregnancy as a result of homosexual intercourse (all the claims of homosexual births were cases of women who underwent some plastic surgeries to alter their external genitalia while in fact, their brain and internal sexual organs are still feminine and so they could conceive);

(5) why all the push around the world for people to accept and normalize homosexuality? Perhaps, we need to sincerely inquire about what is not acceptable or normal about homosexual orientation.

(6) Why do homosexual (gays and lesbians) partners always have one party playing a male role and the other playing a female role, if male and male or female and female can supposedly become couples?

(7) Why is there not even one Bible text that commands or recommends homosexuality?

God Loves Homosexuals

It is easy based on how Scripture and society looks on homosexuals to forget that God loves them as much as He does any sinner. Homosexuality is part of the sin for

which Jesus Christ was crucified. As with any other sinner, God hates the sin (whether idolatry, killing, adultery, sorcery, stealing, bearing false witness and so on) we commit, but loves us. God loves homosexuals as much as He does love sinners of other sorts. All the biblical texts that express God's love and the plan of redemption indicate that God is able and has indeed forgiven humans of all manner of sins throughout human history including homosexuality. God loves homosexuals even though He hates the sin of homosexuality and so must we.

How Should We Deal with Homosexuals

To this point, it may seem that homosexuals should be treated as outcasts. On the contrary I say NO. Homosexuals deserve love. They are equally humans, created in

the “image” and “likeness” of God as heterosexuals (Gen 1:26-27). Here are some ways in which heterosexuals and especially believers in Christ should deal with homosexuals:

- Love them. Love was Jesus’ strategy for winning sinners and its efficacy remains. Jesus did not isolate sinners; instead He mingled with them and loved them (John 1:14; 3:16-17).
- Pray for them. Prayer changes things and God is eager to answer the sincere intercessory prayers of His children in behalf of the sinners (James 5:16-18).
- Point out their error in love. When people know that they are loved, even the fiercest criticisms are

easily absorbed (Matt 16:23; 2 Sam 12:7-15).

- Do not judge them. Judgment is exclusively a divine prerogative (Matt 7:1-2).
- Encourage them that they can overcome their homosexual behaviors through the power of Jesus Christ (Phil 4:13; 2 Cor 5:17).

Conclusion

Homosexuality is not a natural sexual orientation as some people claim; rather, it is sin-made, a departure from the natural order—a rebellion against God. When God created the first humans (Adam and Eve) as recorded in Genesis 1:26-28, among other things, they were commanded to reproduce offspring and fill the earth; **NO HOMOSEXUAL UNION/MARRIAGE**

CAN ACCOMPLISH THIS COMMAND TO PROCREATE AND FILL THE EARTH.

God's plan from the beginning was heterosexual relationship between a man and woman (Gen 1:26-27; 2:24; Mark 10:6-8). The destiny of many (including sincere people who have been misled) is at stake. This is a matter in which none should seek to be politically correct. It is required of every believer in Christ to be biblically faithful. Sin must be called by its right name irrespective of who is involved. Homosexuality is a SIN, an abominable sin (Lev 20:13). But THERE IS NO SIN THAT GOD IS NOT WILLING TO FORGIVE. The Scriptures declares: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to

forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” 1 John 1:9.

God expects His children to be like Him in dealing with homosexuals—loving and redemptive. God’s children must be careful not to hate homosexuals (the people), but to hate homosexual practices (the act).

Homosexuals are legitimate component of God’s plan of redemption and ought to be given opportunities to experience the grace and goodness of God.

Beloved, there is hope for you whether you are a passive or an active homosexual. The Scripture informs us that where there is sin, the grace of God is even more present (Romans 5:20). Sincerely ask God to forgive you of all your past sins (including all related with LGBTQIA+) and prayerfully invite

Him into your life as your LORD and personal Savior. Ask for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit to be manifested in your life. Perhaps, you have never done this before and wondering how and where to begin. Just begin right where you are. God is present and waiting for you. No special preparation or form is needed, just talk to Him by faith (believing He is) as you would to a friend, and you're already on the way into a journey of everlasting joy and fulfillment. Please, do not procrastinate, **DO IT NOW** and be blessed for the rest of your life.