

NO, GOD DID NOT MAKE YOU THAT WAY

**AN INDEPTH STUDY ON
THE SIN OF
HOMOSEXUALITY**

A man with a beard and short hair, wearing a dark blue suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is covering his eyes with his right hand, looking down with a somber expression. The background is a plain, light grey color.

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Lady Gaga said, “Gay marriage is going to happen. It must.” Joe Biden said he was, “absolutely comfortable” with gay marriage. In an interview in 2012, President Obama said: “I’ve just concluded that for me personally it is important for me to go ahead and affirm that I think same-sex couples should be able to get married.” In her book “Keep You a Secret,” Julie Anne Peters said: “Cut the ending. Revise the script. The man of her dreams is a girl.”

Want to destroy a nation? Then allow homosexuality to run rampant through the streets. This is what happened to Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:20-21; 19), and immoral Rome (filled with homosexuals) was eventually destroyed. While homosexuality is not a new sin, it is newly accepted as a whole in America. Some would remember that in the past, homosexual relationships were kept secret, else harassment and embarrassment would result. On June 26, 2015, victory for the homosexual community was obtained when the Supreme court, in a 5-4 ruling, decided that the Constitution allowed the same rights for homosexual couples as it did for heterosexual couples. This decision only fueled the fire for homosexual advocates to attempt to ruin God’s plan for marriage (Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6). Just seven years later (2022) President Joe Biden signed a new bill that voided the Defense of Marriage Act, which defined marriage between a male and female.¹ Truly, homosexuality is not a small influence in our current culture. Good leaders get rid of such a sin (1 Kings 15:12; 22:46), knowing that such causes nations to burn.

The homosexual trend is an ever-rising trend that seems to be growing. Protesters, activists, and business promote and defend such a sin, but Christians are to stand up against it. All sin should anger Christians, especially homosexuality (c.f. 2 Peter 2:6-8). However, sometimes sins “grow on us.”² We

¹<https://www.cnn.com/2022/12/13/politics/white-house-same-sex-marriage-signing-ceremony/index.html>

²Adam Cozort, *Studies in Genesis*, Basic Bible Truth Publications, 2009, p. 88.

may grow weary of watching a movie with certain characters in them, we may not grow too tired of certain tv shows which include certain agendas, and may even support (unwillingly or unknowingly) such movements by refusal to stand up to them. This study seeks to define and destroy modern agendas with ancient words. Moses records in Genesis 1:26-27:

And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over 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.

While the modern media, the powerful politicians, and mighty myriads seek to silence all opposers, we cannot be silent on an issue that is so destructive to our nation. We will seek to give Bible answers to contradict human sins.

What is HOMOSEXUALITY?

Etymological studies show that the word “homosexual” did not become a word until the 19th century. The word “homo” means same, and “sexuality” is a desire for sex. A quick online search of the word gives one a concise definition: “the quality or characteristic of being sexually or romantically attracted exclusively to people of one’s own sex or gender.” Today, homosexuality is the overarching word for someone’s attraction of the opposite sex. It is not often used in secular circles, instead people will often use its subsets like the acronym LGBTQ.

- *Lesbianism*. A woman’s sexual attraction to another woman.
- *Gay*. One said this word is used especially of men.³
- *Bisexual*. One who is attracted to both sexes.
- *Transgender*. One who ATTEMPTS to totally



³Online dictionary

become a person of the opposite gender, even maybe surgically having body parts removed or added, and even wearing clothing of the opposite gender.

- *Queer*. Merriam Webster said: “of, relating to, or characterized by sexual or romantic attraction to members of one’s own sex.”

While some sins are committed with new flavors (Romans 1:30), the base action is not new. History has shown that this sin, like others, has been committed since the ancient world. Let us track the history.

Homosexuality in the ancient world. Homosexuality did not begin when the six-colored rainbow was created or when LGBTQ was first named. Instead, it began millenniums earlier. In fact, the Bible records three possible instances of ancient homosexuality.

- *Ham* (Genesis 9:22). His father’s nakedness was exposed and Ham is said to have “saw” it. The word “saw” some have noted, means to intentionally gaze. Some have wondered if this was homosexual lust.
- *Sodom and Gomorrah* (Genesis 19:5). The men of the city were definitely homosexual for they desired to “know” the two angels. The word “know” is often used in Scripture for sexual relations (Genesis 4:1; Matthew 1:25). This was more than homosexual lust, it was taking an action to fulfill such an evil desire.
- *The Benjamite’s* (Judges 19:22). These wicked men were seeking to “know” the visiting man carnally.

Various articles have been written that show homosexuality did exist in the ancient world.

Homosexuality in the first century. The first century A.D. showed many examples of this sin being practiced among Grecian cultures and Roman provinces. Miller wrote:

John Boswell depicted how Rome had a severe problem with homosexuality, contributing significantly to the glorification and proliferation of

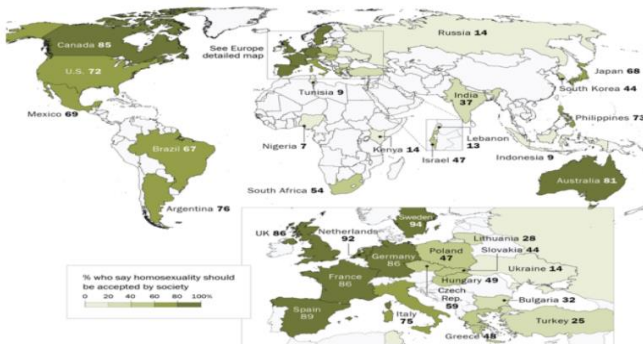
homosexual activity. He noted that 14 out of the first 15 Roman emperors were homosexuals and spent 25 pages detailing facts that prove Rome to have been a hotbed of homosexual activity. For example, during the Augustan reign, the government not only allowed male homosexual prostitutes to operate on her streets, but also taxed them and gave them a national day off from work.¹⁸ The Emperor Hadrian, called by some “the most outstanding of the ‘five good emperors,’” according to Boswell, “appears to have been exclusively gay” (p. 84). Dupont adds that “it was said of Caesar that he was the ‘husband of all women and the wife of all husbands,’” identifying his bisexual nature.^{19 4}

Jesus was confronted with it, Paul wrote against it, and it continued to be a threat no matter how small the numbers engaged in it were.

Homosexuality in the modern world. Today, such promotional attempts are seen everywhere. According to one Gallup poll, 7.6% of U.S. adults are affiliated with LGBTQ.⁵ A 2019 study by Pew Research found the following percentages in countries around the world who thought homosexuality should be accepted by society:⁶

The global divide on acceptance of homosexuality

% who say homosexuality should be accepted by society



Source: Spring 2019 Global Attitudes Survey, Q33.
PEW RESEARCH CENTER

⁴Jeff Miller and Dave Miller, *Homosexuality Scripture, Society, Science, and Psychology*, “Homosexuality and the New Testament” by Dave Miller, Apologetics Press, Inc., 2021, p. 39.

⁵<https://2024/03/13/1238262638/lgbtq-adults-us-gallup-poll-bisexual-transgender>

⁶Map and statistics come from: www.pewresearch.org/global/2020/06/25/global-divide-on-homosexuality-persists/

- Sweden: 94%
- Netherlands: 92%
- Spain: 89%
- France, UK, Germany: 86%
- Canada: 85%
- Australia: 81%
- Argentina: 76%
- Italy: 75%
- Philippines: 73%
- U.S.: 72%
- India: 37%
- Russia: 14%
- Indonesia: 9%
- Nigeria: 7%

Clearly, homosexuality is not only a nationwide phenomenon but a worldwide one. The population grows every day and with it, homosexual participants. Specifically, here in America, billboards, TV advertisements, movies, and books are marketing tools to promote such a belief. Since 1970, June has been recognized by the world as pride month. During this month, many companies, peoples, and sadly even churches, rise to the public, showing their support for such sinful steps. Facebook joined this stupidity, when they decided to add a neutral choice for those who do not want to choose male or female on their profile. Disney even has gay days in which over 150,000 people come to **celebrate** it.

Religious groups are not exempt from notation, for in April of 2024, the Methodist church reversed (in a 692-51 vote) the ban on homosexual clergy members. Joel Osteen (famous televangelist and millionaire) in an interview noted that it is not his calling to teach on homosexuality. While denying the right for marriage of homosexual couples, the Pope still allows for blessings to be given to them. At one pride festival in California, many different denominations were involved in giving out tattoos and handing out t-shirts with Jesus wearing a rainbow crown of thorns.⁷

⁷<https://www.npr.org/2023/06/07/1180648074/why-you-might-notice-more-religious-groups-at-pride-celebrations-this-year>

Not limited to adults or religion, homosexuality is especially being indoctrinated into young people so much that it has affected areas such as:

- *Medical.* This author heard of a mother who wanted to have her 18-month-old baby's parts changed because the baby was playing with toys of the opposite gender.
- *Movies.* The movie "Buzz Lightyear" became the first animated movie to include a homosexual kissing scene in 2022, and it is almost hard NOT to find a movie without some advocacy for the LGBTQ movement.
- *Books.* Leslea Newman wrote, "Heather Has Two Mommies" and Cheryl Kilodavis wrote, "My Princess Boy."
- *Education.* Homosexuality is being taught in schools.

While the modern tools to commit this sin has grown since the ancient world, it still continues to be a defiant action against the Most Holy God in the modern world.

On the other hand, homosexuality is not practiced by most. More people are heterosexuals than homosexuals. BBC's article in 2023 wrote that there are 64 countries that looked at homosexuality as criminal.⁸ While it is a rampant sin growing bigger and bigger, many exaggerate the followers to increase their awareness.

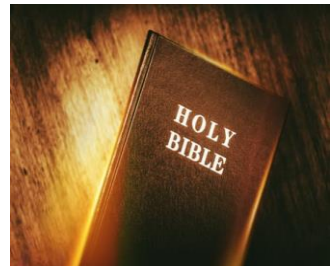
Now that we know what homosexuality is and the history of it, what does the Bible say about it?

What Does the Bible Say About HOMOSEXUALITY?

The Bible is very clear and specific on the sin of homosexuality. Only ignorant and biased persons must refuse such a thesis. The Bible condemns homosexuality in every dispensation in one or more of four ways:

By example (Genesis 9:22-24; 19:1-11; Judges 19:22-26). The Bible provides us with numerous

⁸<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-43822234>



examples on the horrible wickedness of homosexuality. In the three examples above, each involves an act of sin. Note also that words such as “cursed,” “wickedly,” and “sons of Belial” appear. No example in Scripture of homosexuality is shed upon with an accepting light.

By explicit condemnation. The Bible is not shy to show the explicit condemnation upon those who commit such atrocious acts:

- *Leviticus 18:22:* “Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it *is* abomination.” The word “abomination” is used to denote the disgust of this sin.
- *Leviticus 20:13:* “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.” This is unlawful sexual behavior.
- *Deuteronomy 22:5:* “The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman’s garment: for all that do so *are* abomination unto the LORD thy God.” Transgenderism was condemned under the Law of Moses.
- *Romans 1:26-27:* “For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into 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, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.” Note that Paul says homosexual behavior is “against nature.”
- *1 Corinthians 6:9:* “nor men who practice homosexuality” (ESV).
- *1 Timothy 1:10:* “men who practice homosexuality” (ESV).
- *Jude 7:* “Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, 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.”

The specific condemnation in Scripture is abundant. One is encouraged to note that God is careful to call homosexuality an “abomination.” While all sin is truly treason against the Most High God, homosexuality is disgusting. Sexual relations between two people of the opposite gender are natural but homosexual behavior is unnatural. We must also note that the Bible condemns those who promote homosexual allowances and liberties of expression, despite their refusal to engage in it. Following his condemnation of such choices, Paul would write that those who “give approval” (ESV) of such things are worthy of death too (Romans 1:32).

By implication. The third way the Bible condemns homosexual activity and advocacy is through implied statements regarding marriage and sexuality. While God does condemn homosexuality outright, He would not have to do so for it to be presently sinful. Before Moses and Paul wrote lawful words regarding it, God by creation condemned it (Genesis 1:26-27). The standard wedding was between one man and one woman, not two men or two women (Genesis 2:18-24).

By silence. One cannot find ONE approved marriage, ONE approved relationship, or ONE approved act in Scripture where homosexuality is allowed or accepted by God.

The Bible condemns homosexual behavior to a devil’s hell.

What are the common justifiers for HOMOSEXUALITY?

Homosexuality, like all sins, is followed with many justifications. Absurdities surround such excuses and illogical defenses are used to “allow” people to keep on sinning in this way. To change Abraham Lincoln’s words, “Homosexuality has many defenders, but no defense.” We will seek to look to the ancient words of the Bible (Genesis 1:26-27) to answer modern justifications for LGBTQ defenses. Here are seven “defenses” to homosexuality and the Biblical and/or scientific answers to them.



“There is no single definition for a woman.”

In 2022, Ketanji Jackson was nominated to fill a seat on the Supreme Court. During her hearings one senator asked her to define what a woman was, with which she responded: “I’m not a biologist.” Today, when asked what a woman is, many are hesitant to answer. Men can identify as women or even “become women,” such as Bruce Jenner or Lia Thomas. Illogically, when asked what a woman is, circular definitions⁹ seem to be the current answer to such a “hard” question. In one interview, one woman said that she wouldn’t know what a woman is because she wasn’t one, but she was not a man either! According to one article written in January of 2024, Francis Kuehnle wrongly wrote that there are, “68 terms that describe gender identity and expression.” She would continue by stating:

Although many are taught that there are only two sexes — male and female — that isn’t true. Some people are intersex or have a difference of sexual development (DSD).¹⁰

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One of the ways to justify a choice is to change the use or definition of words. The Cambridge Dictionary expanded their definition of woman in 2022 to, “an adult who lives and identifies as female though they may have been said

⁹From Matt Walsh’s “What is a Woman” Documentary.

¹⁰<https://www.healthline.com/health/different-genders#gender-vs-sex>

to have a different sex at birth.” Is there truly, no singular biological definition of a woman?

God consistently has made a distinction between the two sexes. Male and female are always noted to be separated in the Bible:

- God made male and female (Genesis 1:26-27).
- Men are NEVER said to conceive in the Bible (Genesis 4:1; 16:4; 2 Samuel 11:5).
- Men and women were identified by their clothing (Deuteronomy 22:5).
- The man is over the woman (1 Corinthians 11:3).
- Women are weaker physically than man (1 Peter 3:7).

Science agrees with Scripture’s distinction between male and female. For years, science has showed that man has XY chromosomes and women have XX chromosomes. While we cannot know what a person was thinking thousands of years ago, we can determine if they were male or female based off their DNA.¹¹ While some may have genital differences, this does not take away from their definite sex from birth.

“Homosexuality was not the sin of Sodom.”

In an article (on Baptist News Global) published in 2022 entitled, “What evangelicals won’t tell you about the actual sin of Sodom,” Rodney Kennedy would attempt to justify the actions of the men of Sodom claiming that the phrase “know them”

is not sexual activity; it is abuse. The men of Sodom want to exert their power over the two angels. One way they did this in ancient times was through the rape of men captured or taken prisoner. What happens here seems like an equivalent of a male spitting contest. Testosterone and ignorance mixed in a toxic brew. This is heterosexual rage and power. This is lording it over men who were now deemed to be weaker.¹²

¹¹Matt Walsh on the Dr. Phil Show.

¹²<https://baptistnews.com/article/what-evangelicals-wont-tell-you-about-the-actual-sin-of-sodom/>

He would continue by expressing that the sin was one of inhospitality, referencing Ezekiel 16:49:

There is evidence of another reason for the judgment of Sodom from the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel: “This was the guilt of Sodom: she had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease but did not aid the poor and needy.”

Sodom refused to show hospitality. The men of Sodom should have received the two angels as special guests and provided them with food, drink and shelter. Instead, they formed a mob and tried to rape them. Lack of hospitality is the source of Sodom’s evil.

Lot, on the other hand, takes hospitality to the excess. He offers up his own daughters to protect the two men of God because the law of hospitality was sacred. This really bothers me, because I can’t imagine a father turning his daughters over to a mob. Thank God it didn’t happen. But then again, we worship a God who gave his son over to crucifixion.

Do you see how messed up this story has become in the hands of small-minded, judgmental preachers who are out to spread hatred everywhere? This is not about God’s wrath; it is about the lack of hospitality that exists in our world.

The story of Sodom never has been about LGBTQ persons but always about hospitality. It would be wrong of us to judge the city of Sodom on the charge of homosexual activity.¹³

While such arguments in reference to Sodom and Gomorrah’s sins have been numerous defended by many, they are in laymen’s terms, wrong! The only perceived reason one would doubt that such a city was filled with homosexuality would be to push an agenda, the homosexual agenda. Why are Kennedy and countless others wrong?

- *Because pride alone doesn’t cause men fear from being in the streets* (Genesis 19:2-3). Why would Lot urge the two men to come inside? For pride? Fear of arrogance? Worried someone would pride them to death? No doubt

¹³<https://baptistnews.com/article/what-evangelicals-wont-tell-you-about-the-actual-sin-of-sodom/>

pride was a part of Sodom's downfall, but it is pride that pushes men toward other sins: "It is out of self-love that all other evil passions spring."¹⁴ Note that Kennedy does not quote the following verse in Ezekiel: "And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw *good*" (Ezekiel 16:50). Maybe Lot just was just being hospitable, but there was a danger of such a sin lurking in the streets.

- *Because no person compasses a house, continually urges a person to open the door, and attempts to break the door to get to know someone* (Genesis 19:5). The phrase "know them" is translated in the Apostolic Bible Polyglot as "intimate with them." This is a sexual act.
- *Because any sexual activity outside of marriage is wrong* (Genesis 19:5). Many assume that while the rape is wrong, a committed, homosexual relationship is acceptable.¹⁵ While rape is a transgression that should be punished quickly and severely, rape is not the only sexual activity condemned. All sexual intimacy outside of marriage is sinful (Galatians 5:19; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Revelation 21:8), and any homosexual relationship, committed or serious, is wicked.
- *Because a first century historian records that homosexuality was the sin.* Josephus records: "Now when the Sodomites saw the young men to be of beautiful countenances, and this to an extraordinary degree, and that they took up their lodgings with Lot, they resolved themselves to enjoy these beautiful boys by force and violence; and when Lot exhorted them to sobriety, and not to offer any thing immodest to the strangers, but to have regard to their lodging in his house; and promised that if their inclinations could not be governed, he would expose his daughters to their lust,

¹⁴Alexander Whyte.

¹⁵<https://time.com/2842044/gay-christians/>

instead of these strangers; neither thus were they made ashamed.”¹⁶

These men only had homosexual activities on their mind, else they would have taken Lot’s offer with swiftness. It was Dave Miller who rightly wrote: “As astonishing and objectionable to us as it may seem for a father to sacrifice his own daughters in such a fashion, it verifies the fact that the unnatural lust of homosexuality was considered far more repugnant than even illicit heterosexuality.”¹⁷ Yes, homosexuality was surely Sodom’s straightforward sin.

“Jesus never condemned Homosexuality.”

Appealing to Jesus is good, but not when one attempts to justify sinful behavior. While Jesus never used the word “homosexuality,” (English word) He nonetheless condemned it. How?

- *Through implication* (Matthew 19:4-6). Jesus counteracted transgenderism by noting, “*them* at the beginning made them male and female” and impeded homosexual marriages by saying, “For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?” We use this same argument at restaurants, in business deals, and in legal cases.
- *Through specification* (Matthew 15:19). The word “fornications” comes from the Greek word *porneiai* and it refers to illicit sexual activity whether it be by incest, homosexuality, bestiality, or any form of intercourse outside marriage. The word “homosexuality” was unfamiliar to Jesus; however, the words *porneiai* and *arsenokoitēs*¹⁸ were not.
- *Through association*. Jesus never defied the Law of Moses (Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5) and therefore, would have been opposed to the same things the Law condemned (Leviticus 18:22; 20:13).

¹⁶Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, 1:11:3

¹⁷Jeff Miller and Dave Miller, *Homosexuality Scripture, Society, Science, and Psychology*, “Homosexuality and the Old Testament” by Dave Miller, Apologetics Press, Inc., 2021, p. 13.

¹⁸See 1 Corinthians 6:10.

Jesus would have been opposed to homosexuality just like all faithful Christians are today.

“I was born that way.”

Another attempted advocate for the acceptance of homosexual behavior and marriage is claiming “it is not a choice,” but rather genetical. Lawrence S. Mayer and Paul R. McHugh wrote a study entitled: “Sexuality and Gender: Findings from the Biological, Psychological, and Social Sciences,” and in it they say that people that are ‘born this way’ -- is not supported by scientific evidence.”¹⁹ Camille Paglia, noted: “No one is born gay. The idea is ridiculous. Homosexuality...not an inborn trait.”²⁰ Study after study have been done to prove that there is a “gay gene” so what does the evidence say? Note the following studies and refutations of them.

- Simon LeVay attempted to find this gay gene and “reported that a cluster of neurons in a distinct section of the brain (called the interstitial nuclei of the anterior hypothalamus, or the INAH3) were generally smaller in the homosexual men as compared to the heterosexual men. As a result, he **hypothesized** that the size of these neurons may cause a person to be either heterosexual or homosexual”²¹ (Emp. mine, NO). Miller would note five arguments as to why this study is not proof for the “gay gene.” (1) These results could not be reproduced. (2) The men in the study all had AIDS. (3) “Many scientists now argue that brain differences can be a **result** of certain behaviors, rather than the **cause** of them.” (4) LeVay was a homosexual himself. (5) LeVay said “It’s important to stress what I didn’t find. **I did not prove that homosexuality is genetic**, or find a genetic cause for being gay. **I didn’t show that gay men are ‘born that way,’** the most common mistake people make in

¹⁹[https:// apologeticspress.org/homosexuality-and-transgenderism-the-science-supports-the-bible-5350/](https://apologeticspress.org/homosexuality-and-transgenderism-the-science-supports-the-bible-5350/)

²⁰Quotes taken from Wayne Jackson’s article: <https://christiancourier.com/articles/progressively-aggressive-gay-movement-the>

²¹drpipim.org/homosexuality-contemporaryissues-47/70-popular-arguments-for-homosexuality.html

interpreting my work. Nor did I locate a gay center in the brain.”²²

- Another study done by J. Michael Bailey and Richard Pillard in 1991, was another attempt to justify homosexuality as genetical. They took persons who were identical twins and they showed that 52% of persons studied were homosexual. However, Dr. Samuel Koranteng Pipim shows how this study cannot be a proof for their argument. He offers the following facts if their research was going to be reliable:²³ (1) “There should never be a case when one identical twin is heterosexual and the other is homosexual, since both identical twins share 100% of the same genes.” (2) “The twins should be raised in different homes to eliminate the possible effect of environmental factors in their sexual preference. But all twins studied by Baily and Pillard were raised in the same home.” (3) “A later study on twins by other scholars yielded different results.” (4) They both likely came into this study with bias. Baily is a gay rights advocate and Pillard is homosexual.

These scientific studies show that homosexuals do not have a gay gene. Miller gives a wonderful observation highlighting the reality of claiming one is born that way:

Even if a “gay gene” were found—or a “pedophile gene,” “rape gene,” “murder gene,” “lust gene,” “liar gene,” or “theft gene,” for that matter—what would such discoveries ultimately mean? Would one argue that individuals with those genes have no choice as to whether or not they **act** on their predispositions? Should we allow murderers and rapists to roam the lands pillaging and plundering unhampered since their “genes made them do it,” or do we understand that they **can** control themselves? Are homosexuals to be viewed as animals—automatons that act purely on instinct with an inability to choose

²²Jeff Miller and Dave Miller, *Homosexuality Scripture, Society, Science, and Psychology*, “Homosexuality and the Old Testament” by Dave Miller, Apologetics Press, Inc., 2021, p. 67.

²³drpipim.org/homosexuality-contemporaryissues-47/70-popular-arguments-for-homosexuality.html

whether or not they may act upon their inclinations?²⁴

If people were born with a “gay gene,” then there are many Scriptural implications. If no person could help being gay, or if homosexuality was not a choice, then there are a handful of implications. How so?

It would contradict Scripture’s claims about the unnaturalness of it (Romans 1:26-27; Jude 7). Man has searched for the natural practice of homosexuality by looking to genetics, but the Bible has confirmed it is unnatural for centuries. In writing to the Romans, Paul opens the second section of the book with a note on the Gentile world. Filled with idolatry and atheistic thinking, he refers to the homosexual behavior that happened in the Gentile world, which would have been explicitly experienced even in the city the audience to which he wrote resided. He wrote,

For this cause God gave them up unto **vile affections**: for even their women did **change the natural use** into 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**, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet (Romans 1:26-27) (Emp. mine, NO).

Jude, in writing to the “preserved” (Jude 1) writes about Sodom and Gomorrah’s behavior noting that,

Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, 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 (Jude 7) (Emp. mine, NO).

Instead of “diverse behavior,”²⁵ such is “**per**-verse behavior.”²⁶ Since both passages reference the sin of homosexuality, a careful examination of these

²⁴Jeff Miller and Dave Miller, *Homosexuality Scripture, Society, Science, and Psychology*, “Homosexuality and the Old Testament” by Dave Miller, Apologetics Press, Inc., 2021, p. 71.

²⁵Tom Wacaster, *Studies in Romans A Commentary on Paul’s Letter to the Romans*, 2005, 2016 Edition 2, p. 47.

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words show us that to God such actions are against the natural order.

- “*Vile affections.*” This is different than *epithumeo* (lust). The phrase comes from two Greek words *atimias* and *pathe*. The word *atimias* means disgraceful or dishonorable.²⁷ While heterosexual behavior is an affection Scripture supports in marriage (Hebrews 13:4), homosexual behavior is odious.
- “*Unseemly.*” The ESV translates this as, “committing shameless acts” and the ABP has it translated as “manufacturing indecency.”
- “*Strange flesh.*” Jamieson-Faussett-Brown note that this is, “departing from the course of nature, and going after that which is unnatural. In later times the most enlightened heathen nations indulged in the sin of Sodom without compunction or shame.”²⁸

Overall, homosexuality according to God is something against that which humans were intended to do. If it were a trait, a genetical part of man, or psychologically built in men and women, then the Bible contradicts science, which we know not to be true. If homosexuals could rightly say, “I just couldn’t help it,” then why would God condemn such? Would not such condemnation be unjust for individuals who could truly not help it? Wayne Jackson wrote,

no **genetic** problem is ever condemned in the Bible as sinful. Being left-handed is not wrong. Having red hair is not a sin. Baldness is not a form of evil. On the other hand, **homosexuality is explicitly condemned in the Scriptures.**²⁹

Truly homosexuality is an unnatural **choice** men and women participate in, not a genetical component found in their DNA.

It would prohibit man from changing. If homosexuality were something of which no one could change, then Paul’s written record is a lie for he penned,

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit

²⁷Thayer, eSWORD Module.

²⁸Jamieson-Faussett-Brown, eSWORD Module.

²⁹<https://christiancourier.com/articles/the-sexual-orientation-controversy>

the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, **nor abusers of themselves with mankind**, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 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 Corinthians 6:9-11) (Emp. mine, NO).

Instead, like Paul's letter noting the change of the Corinthians, studies have shown that past homosexuals have changed their lives for the better. "Masters & Johnson, well-known researches in human sexuality, reported in their book *Homosexuality In Perspective* a 67% success rate in their helping homosexuals revert to heterosexual behavior."³⁰ In "an article published in the *American Journal Of Psychiatry* (December, 1980), E. Mansell Pattison, M.D., and Myrna Loy Pattison, from the Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior, Medical College of Georgia, documented eleven cases of men who claim to have changed their sexual orientation from exclusively homosexuality to exclusive heterosexuality through involvement in church fellowship."³¹ One past homosexual claimed, "There is no contingency factor in any scriptural reference to any kind of sin, in either the Old or New Testament. We never read anything like: "Thou shalt not do thus and so!" ("Unless, of course, you tried hard to change, went for prayer and counseling, and found you just couldn't stop wanting to do thus and so. If that's the case, then thus and so is no longer sin. Its an inborn, immutable gift and you can...well [feel free to] indulge in it!)"³² No person is genetically disposed to practicing homosexuality. Instead, even after such practicing such a defiled lifestyle for years, he or she can decide to change. If one **chooses** to stop practicing homosexuality, then one can certainly **choose** to engage in it.

Homosexuality is a choice, not a trait, a practice, not a gene. Only advocates of such an atrocious agenda seek to prove that such is something of which they could not help.

³⁰<https://southsidechurchofchrist.com/sermons/homosexuality-what-does-the-bible-teach.html>

³¹<https://southsidechurchofchrist.com/sermons/homosexuality-what-does-the-bible-teach.html>

³²drpipim.org/homosexuality-contemporaryissues-47/70-popular-arguments-for-homosexuality.html

“Homosexuality does not hurt anyone.”

The dangers in the homosexual community are higher than that of the heterosexual community in MANY areas. Homosexuality is the degradation of a person’s mind, one of the most abominable acts he could commit; a travesty of the natural itself. While heterosexuals are not exempt from pain and suffering, homosexual lifestyles see an increase in pain in the following areas:

- *Psychology.* Miller quotes Mayer and McHugh who said, “Members of the non-heterosexual population are estimated to have about 1.5 times higher risk of experiencing anxiety disorders than members of the heterosexual population, as well as roughly double the risk of depression.”³³ Miller also quotes another as having said that homosexuals are more three times more likely to develop mental disorders than heterosexuals.³⁴
- *Physical.* AIDS and STD’s are passed on by homosexual peoples. In fact, studies show that these lives are shorter than heterosexuals. One article published in 1998, noted “that homosexual activity may be associated with a lifespan shortened by 20 to 30 years.”³⁵ Paul mentions the outcome of such a lifestyle (Romans 1:27).
- *Homes.* Children who had same sex parents are more likely to be suicidal, be raped, and attend therapy.³⁶
- *Sexual acts.* Proportionally, more sex crimes are committed by homosexuals than heterosexuals.³⁷ It was the homosexual men that sexually abused the Levite’s concubine (Judges 19:25)!

To assume that homosexuality does not harm anyone is to speak against simple, concrete, and evident evidence. No person engaging in homosexuality is innocent, and no person practicing homosexuality is only hurting himself.

³³<https://apologeticspress.org/homosexuality-and-transgenderism-the-science-supports-the-bible-5350/>

³⁴<https://apologeticspress.org/homosexuality-and-transgenderism-the-science-supports-the-bible-5350/>

³⁵Cameron P, Cameron K, Playfair WL. Does homosexual activity shorten life? Psychol Rep. 1998 Dec;83(3 Pt 1):847-66. doi: 10.2466/pr0.1998.83.3.847. PMID: 9923159.

³⁶<https://apologeticspress.org/homosexuality-and-transgenderism-the-science-supports-the-bible-5350/>

³⁷<https://video.wvbs.org/video/the-truth-about-same-sex-marriage/>

“God Wants Me to Be Happy.”

Another common justifier among the homosexual community regarding the acceptance of such a practice is an emotional argument—happiness. If God is a God of goodness and kindness, He would not do anything to disrupt one’s happiness, as they so allege. Therefore, if two men have never been happier than to be in their relationship God must accept it. If two women have happily lived for 30 years together then God must look down with favor upon them. Audrey Hepburn’s statement seems to overshadow most practices for people: “The most important thing is to enjoy your life—to be happy—it’s all that matters.”

There are three implications with this argument. First, while it is true that God wants people to be happy (Psalm 1:1; Matthew 5:3-12), He values holiness over happiness (1 Peter 1:13-16). If we can have both, wonderful, but if one must go, happiness must see its way out the door.

Second, if acceptance was defined by happiness than if murder, terrorism, rape, or genocide made one happy, would he be allowed to practice such under the umbrella of happiness? Would these actions be justified because they were done in the name of being “happy?” Since happiness is a feeling based on outward situations, the standard for happiness is constantly changing, and thereby, the standard of actions. Jesus would have denied this argument firmly when He said,

But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies (Matthew 15:18-19).

It is said that one NFL quarterback said about his soon to be ex-wife after he had an affair, “God just wants me to be happy.” Happiness is not everything.

Third, such a lifestyle cannot bring true happiness. Sin brings temporary pleasure (Hebrews 11:25), but not eternal pleasure. Peter’s outlook on life looks quite different from the homosexual community (1 Peter 3:10-11) and Solomon said, “Happy is the man *that* findeth wisdom, and the man *that*

getteth understanding” (Proverbs 3:13-18). Is one really happy being homosexual? Temporarily—perhaps; eternally—never.

“You Can’t Judge Me.”

This argument is as old as Sodom. After Lot had refused the Sodomites’ entrance into the house, they responded with “This fellow came to sojourn, and he has become the judge” (Genesis 19:9, ESV). In modern terms, they said, “you think you can judge us?”³⁸

Do humans have a right to judge another’s lifestyle? Can fellow humans express their disgust and disgrace of such a practice? There are three questions to ask to see if Christians have a right to speak out against homosexuality.

Is it sinful? After a deep dive into passages like Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9; and Jude 7, we can absolutely assert that such an action is atrocious.

Does it hurt others? Sexually, psychologically, emotionally, socially, and ultimately spiritually, homosexuality is harmful. If an action were known to be harmful wouldn’t others want it to be verbalized and public?

Am I within my rights as a citizen? The U.S. Constitution says “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”³⁹ No politician, society, or group can silence those who seek to show how the Bible condemns homosexuality. If such a right is threatened, one has the Scriptural authority to defend such a right (cf. Acts 16:36-39; 22:26-26; 25:11).

If a Christian can answer yes,⁴⁰ then he can shout “no” to accepting homosexuality. The assumption that Jesus condemned judging is unbiblical

³⁸Aaron Cozort.

³⁹[https:// constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-1/](https://constitution.congress.gov/constitution/amendment-1/)

⁴⁰The first question alone gives Christians the authority to speak out against this sin. Even if the final two were answered in the negative, the Christian would still be required to speak out against it.

(John 7:24). Any lifestyle that contradicts the Biblical model is subject to condemnation and comments by faithful Christians.

Homosexuality cannot be defended by science or Scripture. It is an abomination before God and a harm to society.

What should a Christian's answer be, toward HOMOSEXUALITY?

Many are extremists who take either side of issues. It is when we begin to get mixed up into extremity that we find ourselves unbalanced and either radical or liberal. It is the world who has taken the liberal approach and some Christians who have taken the radical approach to homosexuality in being rude, hateful, and Pharisaical to these people. What is our responsibility as Christians to the homosexual agenda?



Preach against it (2 Timothy 4:2). Preaching still works, even with abominable sins (cf. Jonah 3). Christians cannot be silent. They must be salt (Matthew 5:13), not sugar⁴¹ (2 Timothy 4:3-4).

⁴¹Another source.

Remember that it is a sin like others. We would not belittle someone who struggles with alcohol or be hateful to a sister who deals with gossip. Homosexuality is a real sin and a **real temptation**. We must not bat our eyes to such a truth for even some Christians struggle with this type of temptation today. We must not grow so obsessed with this sin that we begin to think those struggling are the worst offenders and unforgiveable. We must be patient, loving, but ready to rebuke in order to save their soul (1 Corinthians 5:1-6; James 5:19-20).

Love homosexuals' souls. Homosexuals are sinners who have souls. It was Jesus who came to seek and save the lost, not the saved (Matthew 9:12-13). Homosexuals are in a deep pit—be the rope that pulls them out of it (1 Peter 4:8).

Treat homosexuals with kindness. Many run away from homosexual individuals like they have the plague. This is Pharisaical and unbiblical. How can we convert if we do not converse (c.f. Mark 2:16; 1 Corinthians 5:10)? Treat them like you would treat a gossip, social drinker, or gambler. Jesus was kind enough to heal an ear of one who was there to imprison Him, we can be kind enough to talk, help, or aid homosexuals in order to bring them the Gospel.

The sin of homosexuality is an ever-rising advancement in our current culture. Like all sins, we must speak out against it, for sin destroys nations (Psalm 9:17; Proverbs 14:34). This specific sin is speedily destructive and all of those involved in such must repent of it before it is too late. God loves homosexual people and wants them to be saved (2 Peter 3:9). He will not save them in their sin, but He can save them from it. Any person can turn from any sin to turn to the Savior who loves everyone.

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