

Is Homosexuality Really All That Bad?

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When discussing how God views homosexuality, we must first consider what God's will for mankind was. Speaking to Adam and Eve, we read, "*God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply! Fill the earth and subdue it! Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and every creature that moves on the ground.'*" ([Genesis 1:28](#))

It is self evident that God wanted the first man and the first woman to "be fruitful and multiply!" With human beings, that would be impossible if they were of the same gender. When we read later in Paul's letter to the Roman Christians about "natural relations" ([Romans 1:26-27](#)), this is what he is referring to. Note the following before we look at the word "bless" used in [Genesis 1:28](#):

*"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." (King James Version)*

*"Because of this, God gave them over to **shameful lusts**. Even their women **exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones**. In the same way the **men also abandoned natural relations with women** and were inflamed with lust for one another. **Men committed shameful acts with other men**, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error." (New International Version)*

*"Because of this did God give them up to **dishonourable affections**, for even their females did **change the natural use into that against nature**; and in like manner also the **males having left the natural use of the female**, did burn in their longing toward one another; **males with males working shame**, and the recompense of their error that was fit, in themselves receiving." (Young's Literal Translation)*

So, we have yet to look at the numerous other references, and it is already abundantly clear that according to God's word, homosexuality is a vile, shameful, and dishonorable lifestyle. It is unnatural as opposed to the natural act of intercourse between a man and woman.

Now, the verb "bless" (**barak**) at [Genesis 1:28](#) means "to endow with the capacity to reproduce and be fruitful," as the following context indicates. As in [Genesis 1:22](#), the statement directly precedes the command "be fruitful and multiply." The verb carries this same nuance in [Genesis 17:16](#) (where God's blessing of Sarai imparts to her the capacity to bear a child); [Genesis 48:16](#) (where God's blessing

of Joseph's sons is closely associated with their having numerous descendants); and [Deuteronomy 7:13](#) (where God's blessing is associated with fertility in general, including numerous descendants). See also [Genesis 49:25](#) (where Jacob uses the noun derivative of **barak** in referring to "blessings of the breast and womb," an obvious reference to fertility) and [Genesis 27:27](#) (where the verb is used of a field to which God has given the capacity to produce vegetation). Almost everyone is familiar with the story of Lot in Sodom, when God rained fire and brimstone on Sodom and Gomorrah.

[Genesis 19:1-11](#) reads, *"Now the two messengers came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground. And he said, 'Here now, my lords, please turn in to your servant's house and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way.' And they said, 'No, but we will spend the night in the open square.' But he insisted strongly; so they turned in to him and entered his house. Then he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. Now before they lay down, **the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, 'Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.'** So Lot went out to them through the doorway, shut the door behind him, and said, 'Please, my brethren, **do not do so wickedly!** See now, **I have two daughters who have not known a man; please, let me bring them out to you, and you may do to them as you wish; only do nothing to these men, since this is the reason they have come under the shadow of my roof.'** And they said, 'Stand back!' Then they said, 'This one came in to stay here, and he keeps acting as a judge; now we will deal worse with you than with them.' So they pressed hard against the man Lot, and came near to break down the door. But the men reached out their hands and pulled Lot into the house with them, and shut the door. And they struck the men who were at the doorway of the house with blindness, both small and great, so that they became weary trying to find the door."*

Now, let's look at this. The messengers were sent to Sodom to destroy the city because the sins of Sodom were so grave. Whatever they were doing, God saw it as abundantly sinful. God promised Abraham that if He even found just ten righteous people in Sodom, He would not destroy it! Well, we all know what happened. It did not turn out well for Sodom.

Anyway, notice that the men wanted to have sex with the two messengers. Lot knew that it was wicked and tried to protect the men by offering up his own two daughters!

[Leviticus 18:22](#) reads, *"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an **abomination.**"* You can't get any clearer than this. The Hebrew word **tow'ebah**, here translated "abomination," means "a disgusting thing." For anyone who

would chose to argue that this does not mean that homosexuality, which is exactly what this reference is speaking of, is bad, simply is not interested in adhering to God's word. His word is piercingly clear!

[Leviticus 20:13](#) reads, ***"If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall surely be put to death; their blood is upon them."***

This is exactly what happened to Sodom! Notice that again, this is "an abomination," i.e. a disgusting act! Also notice that "both of them," shall be put to death. This Scripture reference is clear and decisive. Homosexuality is immoral, disgusting, and detestable.

[Revelations 21:1-4](#) reads, ***"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.'" This is what God planned from the beginning when He created Adam and Eve and placed them in a paradise that was supposed to fill the earth. Thankfully, even Satan, through the serpent, will not thwart God's plan. However, look who will not be a part of God's kingdom:***

"And he who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.' And he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son. But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.'" (Revelations 21:5-8)

"Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood." (Revelations 22:14-15)

Now, let me state that we should certainly not treat a homosexual with contempt, but rather, we should pray for them. We should pray that God touch them in such a way that they come to know and understand that their actions are, in fact, disgusting and immoral. We should pray that God give them a mind to cease such detestable behavior.

Notice what Paul wrote to Timothy:

*“We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the **sexually immoral**, for **those practicing homosexuality**, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.” (1 Timothy 1:8-11)*

Also, notice what Paul wrote to the Christians in Corinth:

*“Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor adulterers nor **men who have sex with men** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.” (1 Corinthians 6:9-10)*

There is not even a shade of doubt that homosexuality is not natural; it is detestable; and it is an abomination in God’s eyes.

*“Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the LORD at one **time delivered his people** out of Egypt, **but later destroyed those who did not believe**. And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their proper dwelling—these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, **Sodom and Gomorrah** and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to **sexual immorality** and **perversion**. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.” (Jude 5-7)*