



BIBLE TALK

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Question: How Does God View homosexuality?

Answer: He views it as any other sin, with disdain! Dostoyevsky said, "If God is not, then nothing is morally wrong." If God does not exist, then there is no standard of truth on this or any issue. It becomes simply a matter of what one might prefer over something else. The truth is that God does exist! We must look to Him for an answer on this moral issue and not to public opinion as our basis of judgment.

The destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah leaves no doubt as to God's attitude toward men who would want to "know" (KJV) or to "have relations" with (NASB) other men (Gen. 19:4-5). Our English word "Sodomy," which Webster defines as "carnal copulation in any of certain unnatural ways," is derived from this city Sodom. God in giving of the Mosaic Law emphatically stated, "*If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their blood-guiltiness is upon them*" (Lev. 20:13). In Romans 1, the deplorable condition of the Gentiles is discussed and stress is given to God's wrath, aimed at ungodly acts of men and women (v. 18). In verses 24 and 25, their actions were considered as futile and foolish, indicating a failure to honor God. They were blighted by "degrading passions" of which homosexuality was a part (vs. 26-27).

This behavior violates His plan for marriage for He planned it for one man and one woman (1 Cor. 7:2). This behavior is contrary to our biological makeup and can only be natural in a heterosexual relationship. It is stated in 1 Cor. 6:9-12 that homosexuals could not "*inherit the kingdom of God!*" Notice that verse 12 states that they had changed, repented, stopped this immoral practice, as a result were "*washed...sanctified...justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*" It is not a sickness but a sin.

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