

Biblical View of Homosexuality and Same Sex Marriages

Many of you have said that you are having a lot of people ask you about why we oppose homosexuality... May I give you a *brief* synopsis. These are non-negotiable, non-arguable facts.

1. The creation was “male and female, He created them.” (To make a homosexual first couple would not allow for a second)
2. Sodom, as in sodomy, was destroyed because of homosexuality and violence. (Gen. 19)
3. The Benjamites were destroyed because of homosexuality and rape and murder. (Judges 19-21)
4. The Old Testament forbids homosexuality by pain of death. (Genesis 19, Lev. 18:22, Lev. 20:13, Judges 19-21)
5. The Canaanites were destroyed because of various sexual perversions, among which was sodomy. (Lev. 18)
6. Jesus affirmed everything the Old Testament teaches. (Matt. 5:18) i.e. Jesus affirmed the immorality of which Moses spoke.
7. Paul condemned homosexuality and lesbianism. (Rom. 1)
8. Paul said homosexuality is contrary to the teaching of the gospel. (1 Tim. 1:8-11)
9. Paul said homosexuals (i.e. who *embrace* the lifestyle) will not go to heaven. (1 Cor. 6:9-11)
10. But Paul said homosexuals can be saved as any other sin. (1 Cor. 6:11)
11. The Old Testament condemned male (i.e. homosexual) prostitution, called “male cult prostitutes.” (2 Kings 23:7)
12. There *are* elements of the Old Testament that *are not* followed in the New. Homosexuality and moral law are not of these.
 - a. **Hygienic and dietary law:** But external cleanliness was fulfilled in internal conversion as fulfilled in Christ. (Col 1:16-17)
 - b. **Religious ceremony:** These also are fulfilled in Christ who was the final sacrifice.
 - c. **Civil law:** as in the stoning of law breakers. Israel was a *political* entity. The church is not—we are a *spiritual* entity that submits to the governments over us.
 - d. **Polygamy:** It was allowed in the Old Testament but always brought headaches to David, Abraham, and Jacob. The New Testament never sites a polygamous relationship and calls for leaders now to be “husbands of one wife.”

But the Old Testament moral law is *not* negated in the New Testament. It is *fulfilled*. That is why dietary, ceremonial, and civil laws are *not* mentioned in the New Testament but moral law is *endlessly* repeated.

Remember the Bible speaks of a change from Old Testament to New Testament, from the law to the Spirit, from Israel to the Church, from children to sons. In other words, you can change when the Bible both prophesies and tells you when to change. Thus we have the movement from law to grace but the moral law does not change; it is more dynamically fulfilled.

13. Thus no homosexual relationship, much less homosexual ‘marriage,’ is *ever* mentioned in the Bible from one end to the other.

If the reading of Scripture does not teach against homosexuality, then it cannot be relied upon for any teaching.

Something you can be assured of, the first couple was heterosexual. Secondly, all homosexuals arose from heterosexuals. Thirdly, if all the world becomes homosexual, then all the world will become extinct. Fourthly, any homosexual marriage will not be within itself a homosexual family. Fifthly, if a homosexual marriage wishes to become a homosexual family, it will do so by going to the heterosexual community. Sixthly, a homosexual union categorically removes either the father or the mother.

So immutable is the Bible's position that in the last epistle of the New Testament, Sodom and Gomorrah are examples to those who would live ungodly thereafter. (Jude 1:7)