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# The Messenger



*"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15*

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## The Sin of Homosexuality

*(Part 2 of 2)*

Homosexuality was also strongly condemned in the Law of Moses. In Lev. 18:22 we read, *"Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind; it is abomination."* The Bible sets forth the death penalty for this sin: *"If a man also lie with mankind, as he lie with a woman both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them"* Lev. 20:13.

The word "abomination" suggests something "disgusting; an abhorrence." For a man to lie with a man to practice homosexuality is disgusting; it is something that God hates! The concept that God hates anything is foreign to some, yet, there are some things that are hated and abhorred by God and homosexuality is one of them.

Homosexuality is also forbidden in Deut. 23:17, *"There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a Sodomite of the sons of Israel."* Sodomy was one of the evils in Judah during the reign of Rehoboam. As given in I Kings 14:24, *"And there were also sodomites in the land; and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the Lord cast out before the children of Israel."*

Good kings of Judah brought about spiritual and moral reform. It was said of King Asa, *"And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, as did David his father. And he took away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his father had made"* (I Kings 15:11).

Of good King Josiah it was written, *"And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the Lord . . ."* (II Kings 23:7).

In the New Testament, this perverted way of life is described at length in Romans 1:18-32. Verses 24-32 are very specific: *"Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. 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 (committing what is shameful and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do*

*those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness.” Romans 1:32 states, those who practice such things are “worthy of death”.*

In I Cor. 6:9, 10 Paul states, *“Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.”*

Some try to excuse the sin of homosexuality by saying it is just a sickness and these people cannot help themselves. But when we search the Scriptures as the noble Bereans, we do not read of homosexuality as a sickness. We read of numerous sicknesses in the Bible including palsy, issue of blood, leprosy, etc. but we never read of homosexuality as a sickness. I know of no sickness mentioned in the Bible that would cause one to be damned in eternity. The Bible teaches that homosexuality is a sin, not a sickness. It is a sin that will keep a person from going to heaven.

Our nation needs to wake up and see the direction we are headed and the kind of creatures leading us down that path. God’s attitude towards homosexuality is plain – He abhors it! No amount of Hollywood redefinition or changes of terminology will change His mind on the subject. The so-called “Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus” will not manage to get God’s law condemning sodomy overturned. All of the denominations on the face of the earth may vote to accept homosexuals into their fellowship, but God’s standard will remain unchanged. God will not tolerate one to practice homosexuality and still approve Him. It is just that simple. Neither will He tolerate those who give comfort to those who practice homosexuality be excusing or approving it.

Can the homosexual be saved from this and other sins? The answer to this question is yes. Anyone can be saved that will comply with the law of God on salvation. Some of the Corinthians had been guilty of homosexuality but were saved from that sin. Paul said, *“And such were some of you, but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, by ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God”* (I Cor. 6:11).

Note Paul said, *“such were some of you”*. A homosexual, like any other person, can be saved from their sins, but they must repent. In Acts 2:38 Peter commanded, *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”*

The homosexual must repent of his sin in order to be saved (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30). When one truly repents he will make the needed changes in his life. Paul instructed men to repent and turn to God, and do works meant for repentance (Acts 26:20). A homosexual could not continue to practice that sin and be pleasing to God. Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity (II Tim. 2:19).

Despite the gravity of the sin and the severity of the consequent punishment, the good news is that the Lord will grant forgiveness to those who repent and obey God.

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## **News and Notes:**

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

*“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.” James 5:16*