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Net Findings

Troubling the Waters of Exclusionary Interpretations

For many evangelicals and other conservative Christians, the answer to this question is 'yes'. Their interpretation is that same-sex relationships are not able to reflect God's creative intent.

Source

The Human Rights Campaign is the largest LGBTQ advocacy group and LGBTQ political lobbying organization in the United States. Wikipedia

<https://www.hrc.org/resources/what-does-the-bible-say-about-homosexuality>

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Homosexuality: Not a Sin, Not a Sickness Part II "What The Bible Does and Does Not Say..."

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The Bible is a collection of writings which span more than a thousand years recounting the history of God's relationship with the Hebrew and Christian people. It was written in several languages, embraces many literary forms, and reflects cultures very different from our own. These are important considerations for properly understanding the Bible in its context. There are vast differences in doctrines between various Christian denominations, all of which use the same Bible. Such differences have led some Christians to claim that other Christians are not really Christians at all! Biblical interpretation and theology differ from church to church.

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What was the Sin of Sodom? – Scripture Study

Genesis 19:1-25

Some "televangelists" carelessly proclaim that God destroyed the ancient cities of Sodom and Gomorrah because of "homosexuality." Although some theologians have equated the sin of Sodom with homosexuality, a careful look at Scripture corrects such ignorance.

Announcing judgment on these cities in Genesis 18, God sends two angels to Sodom, where Abraham's nephew, Lot, persuades them to stay in his home. Genesis 19 records that "all the people from every quarter" surround Lot's house demanding the release of his visitors so "we might know them." The Hebrew word for "know" in this case, yadha, usually means "have thorough knowledge of." It could also express intent to examine the visitors' credentials, or on rare occasions the term implies sexual intercourse. If the latter was the author's intended meaning, it would have been a clear case of attempted gang rape.

Horried at this gross violation of ancient hospitality rules, Lot attempts to protect the visitors by offering his two daughters to the angry crowd, a morally outrageous act by today's standards. The people of Sodom refuse, so the angels render them blind. Lot and his family are then rescued by the angels as the cities are destroyed.

Source

The Religious Institute, Inc. is a progressive American multi-faith organization dedicated to advocating for sexual health, education, and justice in faith communities and society. Wikipedia

http://religiousinstitute.org/denom_statements/homosexuality-not-a-sin-not-a-sickness-part-ii-w-hat-the-bible-does-and-does-not-say/

Response

Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. And he said, "Now behold, my Lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square." Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. Before they lay down, (well after dark, not a time for sipping tea!) the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; 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 have relations with them.”

Genesis 19:1-5 NASB1995

<https://bible.com/bible/100/gen.19.1-5.NASB1995>

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Vincent Word Studies

Romans 1:26

Vile affections (πάθη ἀτιμίας)

Lit., passions of dishonor. Rev., passions. As distinguished from ἐπιθυμίας lusts, in Rom_1:24, πάθη passions, is the narrower and intenser word. Ἐπιθυμία is the larger word, including the whole world of active lusts and desires, while the meaning of πάθος is passive, being the diseased condition out of which the lusts spring. Ἐπιθυμίας are evil longings; πάθη ungovernable affections. Thus it appears that the divine punishment was the more severe, in that they were given over to a condition, and not merely to an evil desire. The two words occur together, 1Th_4:5.

Women (θήλειαι)

Strictly, females. This, and ἄρσενες males, are used because only the distinction of sex is contemplated.

1 Cor 6.9

Effeminate (μαλακοὶ)

Luxurious and dainty. The word was used in a darker and more horrible sense, to which there may be an allusion here.

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Robertson's Word Pictures

Jude 1:7

Strange flesh (sarkos heteras). Horrible licentiousness, not simply with women not their wives or in other nations, but even unnatural uses (Rom_1:27) for which the very word “sodomy” is used (Gen_19:4-11). The pronoun heteras (other, strange) is not in 2Pe_2:10.

Rom 1.26

Unnatural (para - against; phusis - nature)

(That which is against nature (tēn para phusin). The degradation of sex is what Paul here notes as one of the results of heathenism (the loss of God in the life of man). They passed by the Creator.

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Thayer (Greek Definitions)

Strange (Jude 1:7) heteros, “the other, another, other”

Passions (Rom 1:26) pathos, in the NT in a bad sense, depraved passion, vile passions

Unnatural (Rom 1.26)

- phusis - 1) nature; 1a) the nature of things, the force, laws, order of nature

Indecent (Rom 1.27) aschēmosunē;

- 1) unseemliness, an unseemly deed:
 - 1a) of a woman’s genitals;
 - 1b) of one’s nakedness, shame

Effeminate (1 Cor 6.9)

- Malakos;
 - 1) soft, soft to the touch
 - 2) metaphorically in a bad sense
 - 2a) effeminate
 - 2a1) of a catamite
 - 2a2) of a boy kept for homosexual relations with a man
 - 2a3) of a male who submits his body to unnatural lewdness
 - 2a4) of a male prostitute

Homosexual (1 Cor 6.9)

- Arsenokoitēs:
 - 1) one who lies with a male as with a female, sodomite, homosexual

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Strong (Greek Definitions)

Romans 1:26

Degrading = atimia; t-ee-mee'-ah; From G820; infamy, that is, (subjectively) comparative indignity, (objectively) disgrace: - dishonour, reproach, shame, vile.

Unnatural = para: par-ah'; A primary preposition; properly near, that is, (with genitive case) from beside (literally or figuratively), (with dative case) at (or in) the vicinity of (objectively or subjectively), (with accusative case) to the proximity with (local [especially beyond or opposed to] or causal [on account of]). In compounds it retains the same variety of application: - above, against, among, at, before, by, contrary to, X friend, from, + give [such things as they], + that [she] had, X his, in, more than, nigh unto, (out) of, past, save, side . . . by, in the sight of, than, [there-] fore, with. In compounds it retains the same variety of application.

Unnatural = phusis; foo'-sis; From G5453; growth (by germination or expansion), that is, (by implication) natural production (lineal descent); by extension a genus or sort; figuratively native disposition, constitution or usage: - ([man-]) kind, nature ([-al]).

Passions = pathos; path'-os; From the alternate of G3958; properly suffering (“pathos”), that is, (subjectively) a passion (especially concupiscence): - (inordinate) affection, lust.

Rom 1:27

Indecent = aschēmosunē; as-kay-mos-oo'-nay; From G809; an indecency; by implication the pudenda: - shame, that which is unseemly.

1 Cor 6.9

Effeminate = malakos; mal-ak-os'; Of uncertain affinity; soft, that is, fine (clothing); figuratively a catamite: - effeminate, soft.

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Additional Resources

WVBS

- The Truth About Same-Sex Marriage
 - <https://youtu.be/dBhd4RZsEfM>
- Jesus and Homosexuality
 - <https://video.wvbs.org/video/jesus-and-homosexuality/>

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GBN

- The Authentic Christian: Homosexuality
 - <https://gbntv.org/the-authentic-christian/the-authentic-christian-season-2-episode-1-7/>
- Answering the Error: What About Same-Sex Marriage
 - <https://youtu.be/OzzkyLqcox4>

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La Vista church of Christ

- Posts Tagged “Homosexual”
 - <https://www.lavistachurchofchrist.org/cms/tag/homosexuality/>
 - Includes posts titled:
 - What Should I Do About My Hidden Sexual Life?
 - How Should We Treat A Homosexual?
 - What Do You Do About An Adult Child Who Remains Homosexual?
 - Was “homosexual” mistranslated?
 - Natural Relations
 - Is Homosexuality Only Wrong If It Is Promiscuous?

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Word & Work (

- A Prayer for Mercy and Sanity re: Homosexuality
 - <http://www.wordandwork.org/2010/05/a-prayer-for-mercy-and-sanity-re-homosexuality/>

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Gospel Message

- Such Were Some of You
 - <https://www.gospelmessage.net/2016/06/such-were-some-of-you/>

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Christian Courier

- The Plague of Perversion
 - <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1443-the-plague-of-perversion>

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Rough Draft

Sexual
Orientation,
the
L-G-B-T-Q,
specifically

Anything marked as GREEN indicates the use of a "Green Screen" to highlight certain key words / phrases during the video.
Anything marked with YELLOW indicates the use of a slide, usually with the scriptures on it, so people can read the verses with me.
They are like "director's notes" for use in the editing process.
If you think of something (word/phrase) that should be used, please add to your comments.

Homosexuality is a hot topic in our society. And you need to know what God says.

130 It is not the intent of this video to bash or disparage anyone of a different sexual orientation that I am. And I am considered to be "straight".

100 I want you to know that I am not an authority on the issue. I do not have the right to condemn any behavior. Only God has that right.

130 There's 2 purposes for this video. 1. To let THE authority speak with 3 relevant scriptures. 2. Is to open the door to further PRIVATE discussion. If you would like to discuss these scriptures and thoughts, please use this email address. It is the same as the contact page at TimelessTalks.Net.

160 So, what does THE authority have to say about homosexuality?

INTRO 4

100 Let's look at the story of Lot and the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Let's read together **SLIDES** Genesis 19:1-3 "Now the two angels came to Sodom in the evening as Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed down with his face to the ground. (2) And he said, "Now behold, my lords, please turn aside into your servant's house, and spend the night, and wash your feet; then you may rise early and go on your way." They said however, "No, but we shall spend the night in the square." (3) Yet he urged them strongly, so they turned aside to him and entered his house; and he prepared a feast for them, and baked unleavened bread, and they ate."

130 Did you notice what time of day the angels met Lot? (**SLIDE WITH "IN THE EVENING BOLD**) Verse 1 says it was in the evening, as in late afternoon. Also, did you see how insistent Lot was that these men not "spend the night in the square"? What did Lot, a city leader, know about the locals that the travelers might not have known?

100 The answer is in verses 4-5 **SLIDE**. Genesis 19:4-5 Before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; (5) 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 have relations with them."

130 This scene takes place at bedtime. But the men of Sodom were not interested in sleeping. Young men. Old men. From every part of town they ganged up at Lot's house. Why? It was not for the purpose of hospitality. **SLIDE WITH BOLD**. Verse 5 says, "that we may have relations with them." The men were going to have sexual relations with the 2 male visitors. Lot even offered his 2 daughters as substitutes. It sounds disgusting to me, a parent, to think Lot would allow his 2 daughters to be gang-raped. But the men of Sodom were not interested in natural sex. They said, in ver 9 **SLIDE WITH BOLD**, Genesis 19:9 But they said, "Stand aside." ..." and attempted to push Lot aside to get to the men.

100 In the morning, the angels told Lot, **SLIDE** Genesis 19:13 for we are about to destroy this place, because their outcry has become so great before the LORD that the LORD has sent us to destroy it."

Later the same morning, **SLIDES** Genesis 19:23-25 The sun had risen over the earth when Lot came to Zoar. (24) Then the LORD rained on Sodom and Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven, (25) and He overthrew those cities, and all the valley, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.

Jude wrote about the same event **SLIDE** Jude 1:7 just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the cities around them, since they in the same way as these indulged in gross immorality and went after strange flesh, are exhibited as an example in undergoing the punishment of eternal fire.

130 Did you notice what the men did? It was described as **SLIDE WITH BOLD** “indulged in gross immorality”. They were overtly committed to chasing this type of immorality. Also, did you notice the men **SLIDE WITH BOLD**, “went after strange flesh”. That is flesh that is not normal. When God created men and women, he expected the married couple to have children. That would be a type of sex that God approved. We could call it normal. But the word used for “strange” in the Greek means “other, another” They wanted the unnatural type of sex. This is why God destroyed both cities.

100 I told you there were 3 scriptures. Here is the 2nd.

Paul was writing to the Roman church in chapter 1. 3 times in this chapter it says that **God gave people over (ref v 24, 26, 28)**. That is, They stubbornly kept rejecting God’s directives and God quit trying.

In verse 26, it says, **SLIDE** Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural,

130 Did you see the part about **SLIDE WITH BOLD** “degrading passions”? The word for “degrading” also means “dishonor, shame, vile,”

Did you notice how **SLIDE WITH BOLD** women had given up on natural sex. Natural, as we have already discussed, was male-female sex. So this unnatural sex has to be female-to-female, also described as “unnatural”, literally, “against nature”.

100 Then verse 27 continues. **SLIDE** Romans 1:27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

130 By now you are noticing the pattern. **SLIDE WITH GOLD** Men abandoning natural sex for the unnatural. The burning desire is for another man. **SLIDE WITH BOLD** “men with men”. And what are they doing? **SLIDE WITH BOLD** “Indecent acts” **Indecent is that which is shameful.**

100 And God, through Paul, ends this section in ver 32 when he adds. **SLIDE** Romans 1:32 and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them. He says that people who do the **unnatural, shameful, indecent** acts are worthy of death. It sounds like the same God who destroyed Sodom.

I said there were 3 scriptures. But this next one is quite different. This one has some hope built in. And because of the hope, it is much more pleasant to talk about.

Let’s read together 1 Cor 6:9. **SLIDE**. 1 Corinthians 6:9 Or 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 effeminate, nor homosexuals,” **130** I know you noticed that fornicators and adulterers are in the same grouping as effeminate and homosexuals.

But together these 2 key words, effeminate and homosexuals, are graphic descriptions of what each person does during unnatural sex. Effeminate comes from “malakos”. We get words like malleable from this word. The one that is “bendable” (DEMONSTRATE WITH PIECE OF WIRE) like a piece of wire. The other, homosexual, in Greek means “one who lies with a male as with a female”. I think the buzz words would be “submissive and dominate” One has the part of the female and the other has the part of the male.

160 And these were people in the church at Corinth.

But these effeminate and homosexuals had done something radical.

100 Let's read 1 Cor 6.11 SLIDE 1 Corinthians 6:11 Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

130 God is describing what they were. But these individuals have been slide Washed by the blood of Jesus in baptism. They are now sanctified, set apart for God's use. They were justified, just as if they had never been effeminate or homosexuals.

160 Are you listening? Homosexuals can change. Homosexuals can be forgiven by God.

130 Corinth had men & women who had changed. The congregation had, shall we say, “recovering” homosexuals.

How did they become “recovering” homosexuals? Someone told them about God's Son. Someone was Kind to them, like Jesus. Someone was patient with them, like Jesus. Someone listened to them, like Jesus. Someone loved them like God's Son loves everyone. And, Someone forgave them like Jesus forgives. Someone gave them a new purpose, a new direction, like Jesus does.

160 And “recovering” gay and lesbians can be a powerful soul winners for Jesus, like they were in Corinth. Jesus said SLIDE WITH BOLD Luke 7:47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

130 Again, this video is only given with the hopes of starting a private conversation with you on this topic. Use the email link provided, or use the contact page at TimelessTalks.Net. We want to help change attitudes of church members toward homosexuals. And, We want to start a private conversation with anyone with sexual orientation issues. Please allow us to just visit. Please.

100 I hope you will take a moment to watch 2 other videos on this same subject from World Video Bible School. They links are in the Addition Resource section at Timeless Talks.Net. (links are in the description).

We thank you for your time and considerations. We are waiting for your response. Until we can visit again, Goodbye for now.

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Gay Pride Flags from care-clinics.com

Overall I see this to be handled in as delicate of fashion as possible. If you would like to consider one more verse that could possibly be incorporated it would be Isaiah 3:9. It speaks of how God would remove the leaders of Judah, because “they proclaim their sin like sodom...”