

## HOMOSEXUALITY

Sexual Orientation, the L-G-B-T-Q, specifically Homosexuality is a hot topic in our society. And you need to know what God says.

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”.

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

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. Our discussion will be discrete.

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

Let's look at the story of Lot and the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. Let's read together Genesis 19. “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.”

Did you notice what time of day the angels met Lot? 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?

The answer is in verses 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.”

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. 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, "But they said, "Stand aside." ..." and attempted to push Lot aside to get to the men.

In the morning, the angels told Lot, "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, "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. "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.

Did you notice what the men did? It was described as "indulged in gross immorality". They were overtly committed to chasing this type of immorality. Also, did you notice the men "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.

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. That is, they stubbornly kept rejecting God's directives and God quit trying.

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

Did you see the part about "degrading passions"? The word for "degrading" also means "dishonor, shame, vile,"

Did you notice how 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".

Then verse 27 continues. "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.

By now you are noticing the pattern. Men abandoning natural sex for the unnatural. The burning desire is for another man. "men with men". And what are they doing? "Indecent acts" Indecent is that which is shameful.

And God, through Paul, ends this section in ver 32 when he adds. “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. “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,” I know you noticed that fornicators and adulterers are in the same grouping as effeminate and homosexuals.

But together those 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” 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.

And these were people in the church at Corinth.

But these effeminate and homosexuals had done something radical.

Let’s read verse 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.

God is describing what they were. But these individuals have been 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 homosexual.

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

And “recovering” gay and lesbians can be powerful soul winners for Jesus, like they were in Corinth. Jesus said "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."

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.

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

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