

# THE GAY LIFESTYLE

## Is Same Sex Marriage Biblical?



### 1. What was God's attitude in the Old Testament toward the gay lifestyle?

**Leviticus 18:22:** "Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination."

**Leviticus 20:13:** "If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

### 2. What happened when two angels (Genesis 19:1) visited the city of Sodom?

**Genesis 19:4-5:** "But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them."

#### [Further Study]

**Judges 19:22** "Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial, beset the house round about, and beat at the door, and spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him."

*The term to "know them" means that they wanted to have sexual relations with them.*

**Genesis 4:1, 25** "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. . . . And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew."

### 3. How did God punish the inhabitants of Sodom and Gomorrah for their wickedness?

**Genesis 19:24-25:** "Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven; and he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground."

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### 4. What significance do the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah hold for us today?

**Jude 7:** "Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire."

**2 Peter 2:6:** "And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly."

#### [Further Study]

**Luke 17:28-30** "Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

**Revelation 20:9-10** "And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever."

### 5. If the gay lifestyle is practiced today, will it disqualify individuals from inheriting the kingdom of God?

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10:** "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

#### [Further Study]

**Galatians 5:19-21** "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God."

**Ephesians 5:5, 7** "For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. . . . Be not ye therefore partakers with them."

**Hebrews 13:4** "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge."

### 6. Because people were determined to live ungodly lives, what did God do?

**Romans 1:24, 26-28, 32:** "Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: . . . 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, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. 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 convenient; . . . Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

### **7. What does God think about a nation that protects and supports groups and individuals who practice homosexuality and lesbianism?**

**Leviticus 18:24-25:** "Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants."

**Psalms 9:17:** "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God."

#### **[Further Study]**

**2 Chronicles 19:2** "And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD."

**1 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."

**1 Timothy 1:9-10** "Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;"

### **8. What else does the Bible teach about unnatural or unlawful sexual relations?**

**Leviticus 18:6-20:** *Please read God's warning against sexual relations with relatives.*

**6** None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

**7** The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

**8** The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.

**9** The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

**10** The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness.

**11** The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

**12** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman.

**13** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman.

**14** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.

**15** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

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**16** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness.

**17** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

**18** Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.

**19** Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

**20** Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

**Leviticus 20:15-16:** "And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

### **[Further Study]**

**Exodus 22:19** "Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death."

**Deuteronomy 27:20-23** "Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen."

Just because these sins are not punished by death today does not mean that they go unnoticed by God or unpunished in the day of judgment.

### **9. What must happen in the lives of those who have been caught up in the gay lifestyle if they would have eternal life?**

**1 John 1:9:** "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

**Isaiah 55:7:** "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon."

### **[Further Study]**

**1 Corinthians 6:11** "And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

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“When Lot entered Sodom he fully intended to keep himself free from iniquity and to command his household after him. But he signally failed. The corrupting influences about him had an effect upon his own faith, and his children’s connection with the inhabitants of Sodom bound up his interest in a measure with theirs. The result is before us.

“Many are still making a similar mistake. In selecting a home they look more to the temporal advantages they may gain than to the moral and social influences that will surround themselves and their families. They choose a beautiful and fertile country, or remove to some flourishing city, in the hope of securing greater prosperity; but their children are surrounded by temptation, and too often they form associations that are unfavorable to the development of piety and the formation of a right character. The atmosphere of lax morality, of unbelief, of indifference to religious things, has a tendency to counteract the influence of the parents. Examples of rebellion against parental and divine authority are ever before the youth; many form attachments for infidels and unbelievers, and cast in their lot with the enemies of God.

“In choosing a home, God would have us consider, first of all, the moral and religious influences that will surround us and our families. We may be placed in trying positions, for many cannot have their surroundings what they would; and whenever duty calls us, God will enable us to stand uncorrupted, if we watch and pray, trusting in the grace of Christ. But we should not needlessly expose ourselves to influences that are unfavorable to the formation of Christian character. When we voluntarily place ourselves in an atmosphere of worldliness and unbelief, we displease God and drive holy angels from our homes.

“Those who secure for their children worldly wealth and honor at the expense of their eternal interests, will find in the end that these advantages are a terrible loss. Like Lot, many see their children ruined, and barely save their own souls. Their lifework is lost; their life is a sad failure. Had they exercised true wisdom, their children might have had less of worldly prosperity, but they would have made sure of a title to the immortal inheritance.”

***Patriarchs and Prophets, pages 168-169.***