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"... 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 1 of 2)

We are hearing more today about the sin of homosexuality than ever before. Children are even bringing home textbooks from school which mention homosexuality as one of the choices people can make in sexuality. In most of these books nothing is said about homosexuality being a perversion or something that is morally wrong. Rather it is presented as an accepted alternate life style. Our children are being told increasingly that negative views of any kind toward homosexuality are evidence of bigotry on a par with racial prejudice.

The entertainment industry has played a significant role in attempting to transform public attitudes towards homosexuality. The movies and television shows, which depict homosexuality, do not view it as a case of immorality or negative in any way, but rather it is simply a case of civil rights.

Homosexuals have not only come out of the closet in many cities throughout the United States, homosexuals and lesbians now have a special day for parades to celebrate their "pride" toward their very immoral lifestyle. Homosexuals also now have political action groups to advance their cause. There are "support groups" funded by tax dollars on various college campuses across the nation. Whether it is the protests for inclusion in "spousal insurance" on par with "straight" couples, or the attempt by various denominations to "ordain" homosexuals into "the clergy," our nation is little by little being conditioned to accept homosexuals as an acceptable option to the heterosexual relationship.

Though our society is clearly being bombarded with efforts to reprogram our values on this and other moral issues, God's Word remains the same. God's standard of right and wrong, good and bad, does not change. His values are the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). This standard of morality revealed in the Bible is an expression of God's character and God's character cannot and will not change.

So what does God reveal within His Word on the subject of homosexuals? Does God simply view this as an alternate life style or civil right?

As we go to God's Word, the true measure of all men, let's go back to the very beginning, i.e., the creation of all things and see what God's divine purpose was from the beginning. Gen. 1:31

states, *“And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good.”* Unfortunately, in the place of the good that God has made, the devil offers a sinful substitute – a perversion.

The Divine account of creation tells us of the creation of man, *“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul”* (Gen. 2:7). Still man’s life was incomplete. We read further, *“And the Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help meet for him (a helper suitable for him)’”* (Gen. 2:18).

After God had made the woman, He brought her to the man (Gen. 2:22), *“And Adam said, ‘This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of man’”* (Gen. 2:23). Then the Lord decreed, *“Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh”* (Gen. 2:24). Notice that the Lord made the woman as a helper for the man, instead of making another man for that purpose.

God’s arrangement is right, but trouble comes when man departs from it. Solomon wrote, *“Lo, this only have I found, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought out many devices”* (Ecc. 7:29).

The first example we find of man seeking a perverted relationship with other men is seen on the part of the men of Sodom. An introduction to that evil condition is found in Gen. 13:13, *“But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly.”* The Lord’s concern over the situation is recorded in Gen. 18:20-21. *“And the Lord said, ‘Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous, I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.’”*

The wickedness of the men of Sodom is seen in their evil intentions toward the messengers sent from God to warn Lot of the coming destruction of Sodom. This is recorded in Gen. 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’”*. The phrase *“That we may know them”*, means to have sexual relations with them.

At this point, the messengers revealed to Lot, *“For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it”* (Gen. 19:13). The destruction of these wicked cities is recorded in Gen. 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.”*

Because of their many sins including the sin of homosexuality, God destroyed these wicked cities. II Peter 2:6 tells us the destruction of these wicked cities because of their gross immorality is to serve as a reminder to all generations that the destruction of the wicked is certain. People who engage in such sinful behavior will not go unpunished.

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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