

The Word of God regarding the LGBT Movement (For Online Sermon)

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Before we get into passages from the Word of God relevant to the LGBT movement, let me state that God offers salvation to ALL those who repent of their sins and turn permanently from them. Jesus Christ shed His blood on the cross at Calvary that there might be forgiveness for ALL sins. There is no sin that God can't forgive if the person confesses that sin and genuinely turns from it. Jesus, the Great Creator knows each struggling individual personally.

However, there is NO grace that covers sins that one holds on to, especially if one lives a lifestyle that involves something that is an abomination to God, While God loves the sinner, He hates sin; if the sinner cannot be separated from their sin, they will bear the consequences for the deeds done while in the flesh (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Why is it important to know what is an abomination in God's sight? Those who plan to make it through the soon coming time of trouble, who wish to be sealed, MUST be able to tell the difference between good from evil. They must have discernment. They must know and obey the commandments of God. They are the ones who turn from sin and have a clean record book before the LORD. They sigh and cry (which means to grieve and lament) over the sins of the world, our nation, our states, cities, and churches.

Ezekiel 9 provides details on this sealing or marking process of God's people. Those who are not sealed will lose their lives in the soon coming tribulation. They will not be protected by God's angels nor will they be in heaven.

Ezekiel 9:4

4 And the LORD said unto him [the man with the marking device], Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and SET A MARK UPON THE FOREHEADS of the men that SIGH AND THAT CRY for all the ABOMINATIONS that be done in the midst thereof.

Only God defines what is an ABOMINATION, not humans nor angels; He alone is the Judge in the end.

There are a number of behaviors and attitudes that God considers to be ABOMINATIONS, and among them is SEXUAL IMMORALITY, both of the heterosexual and homosexual type. This study focuses on the LGBT movement and the Word of God, so that will be what most of our verses relate to.

Most of us are familiar with the story of Sodom and Gomorrah. Rampant sexual perversions were common in these ancient cities of the plain along with the wicked treatment of the poor and travelers passing through.

When the two angels appearing as men went into Sodom, Lot greeted them and invited them to his home. Later his home was surrounded by a number of the wicked men of the city.

Genesis 19:5-7

5 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 [have sex with them]. 6 And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, 7 And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so WICKEDLY.

White puts the condition this way:

“In Sodom there was mirth and revelry, feasting and drunkenness. The vilest and most brutal passions were unrestrained. The people openly defied God and His law and delighted in deeds of violence. Though they had before them the example of the antediluvian world, and knew how the wrath of God had been manifested in their destruction, yet they followed the same course of wickedness.” {White, *Patriarchs and Prophets*, p. 157}

God poured fire and brimstone (burning sulfur) upon the cities of the plain turning them to ash as a sign or example to the world (see 2 Peter 2:6 and Jude 1:7). Has the world learned its lesson?

God through His angel and then to Moses made clear His laws:

Leviticus 18:22

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is ABOMINATION.

Leviticus 20:13

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.

Deuteronomy 22:5

5 The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are ABOMINATION unto the LORD thy God.

The story of Sodom and Gomorrah was not unique. A similar incident happened in Israel in Gibeah of Benjamin. Judges 19 and 20 relates the story of a Levite and his concubine (common-law-wife) who were returning to his town and had to stay overnight in a town belonging to the tribe of Benjamin. While receiving lodging from a kindly old man, the house was surrounded by wicked men.

Judges 19:22

22 Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Belial [the devil], 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 [have sex with him].

Read chapters 19 and 20 of Judges and one will find that as a result of the sin committed by the men of that town that night, nearly the entire tribe of Benjamin was wiped out. Why? Rather than reproving the men of the town, the rest of the tribe supported these wicked people and suffered a common destruction. Unrebuked open sin becomes corporate sin.

There are a number of other texts on Sodomites (male homosexual prostitutes) and other abominations in the Old Testament, but in the interest of time, let's move to the New Testament, to see if there is any lessening of the consequences of people who do these types of behaviors.

Mark 7:20-22

20 And [Jesus] said, That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, ADULTERIES, FORNICATIONS, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:

Romans 1:26-27,32

26 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: 27 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 recompence of their error which was meet. ... 32 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. [i.e. do-ers and supporters]

1 Corinthians 6:9

9 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,

1 Timothy 1:9-10

9 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, 10 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;

[whoremonger: a person who has dealings with prostitutes, especially a sexually promiscuous man.]

While there are more texts, these should be clear. In Revelation, Jesus gives a partial list of those who will and won't be in the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 22:12-15

12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. 13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. 14 BLESSED ARE THEY THAT DO HIS COMMANDMENTS, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in

through the gates into the city. 15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and WHOREMONGERS, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

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Has God's position changed in the 1900+ years since the New Testament was written? The following from a modern dream given by the LORD should be even more clear.

"The [angel of the LORD] next shows me an innumerable group of men and women that begins to form and stand together. It is as if the Great Judge has caused them to band together to receive their judgment. I notice this group stand as they did when they were laid to rest. Many have the obvious results of open sin brought on by immoral practices. I am made to know that their lifestyle was allowed because so many stated it was politically correct. The [angel] breaks his silence and says, "Six thousand years ago the universe watched as the Creator reached into the soil and formed from the dirt of the earth a perfect man created in His image. He then decided it would be good for this man to have a helpmate, someone he could enjoy, talk and fellowship with, and someone who would be his equal. The Creator caused this man to sleep, and from this man He created a woman in His image. He created them as male and female. The Creator sanctified their union as husband and wife and pronounced them as married. ..."

"The Creator then commanded that these two in their marital union, through the holy institution of marriage, be fruitful and multiply. They were to populate the earth. THEY WERE NOT CREATED WITH A GENETIC MAKEUP OF A MAN AND A MAN, OR A WOMAN AND A WOMAN TO LIVE IN THIS HOLY UNION OR TO HAVE A SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP. The Great Founder created a perfect union between a man and a woman, between a husband and a wife in the sanctity He called marriage. HE NEVER CREATED A GENETIC MAKEUP THAT RESULTS IN A LIFE OF HOMOSEXUALITY. THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN THIS PATH HAVE NOT CHOSEN IT BECAUSE OF AN INHERITED TRAIT OR A GENETIC DISORDER. It is not anything that is connected with the Creator's grand design. THOSE WHO LIVE THIS STYLE OF LIFE LIVE IT BECAUSE OF WHAT THEY HAVE CHOSEN. It is not through what was created. Those in a position of counsel who did not assist in correcting those who lived that lifestyle, those that endorsed it and spoke smooth, soft things will give an account to the Great Judge."

"My eyes now scan over those who performed this sin of trampling on God's holy institution of marriage. Man is standing with man and woman with woman, because they chose to sin rather than follow the marriage lifestyle that God instituted in the Garden of Eden. It is made clear to me that they will stand to receive their reward for trampling on one of God's institutions and for breaking His holy law, which brings them the reward of eternal death. They each acknowledge it was a choice and that they have sinned.

"The [angel] calls me by my heavenly name and says, "Continue to review and report those who you see standing in this second resurrection." As I look upon the surface of the world, I have an overwhelming realization how the majority of those who lived upon the earth have followed Satan. YET THE GREAT

CREATOR KNEW EACH ONE PERSONALLY. ..."
(<http://www.formypeople.org/dream/44-the-end/>)

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Notice that God's position has not changed. What has become "politically correct" and acceptable in much of the modern world is still an abomination in His sight and all those who live the homosexual or LGBT lifestyle will not inherit the kingdom of heaven.

The behaviors the LGBT movement defends or promotes stands in direct opposition to the Word of God as quoted above and thus is not from God but from His adversary. Let's look at what the initials LGBT stands for and how the Word of God characterizes it:

LG (lesbian or gay)

If a person has sexual relations with a person of their same gender (homosexuality), it is choice, it is an abomination to the Lord.

B (bisexual)

A person who has sexual relationships with both genders sins in both areas: The same-sex encounters (homosexuality) are an abomination to the Lord. The non-marital heterosexual encounters are adultery or fornication which are abominations to the Lord.

God considers a person's gender to be fixed shortly after conception as they differentiate into male or female. Regardless of whether they "believe" themselves to be the opposite gender, etc., God holds them accountable to act in accordance with their original gender. Thus regardless if a person undergoes a gender change operation, from God's perspective, their gender remains unchanged. Thus if they have sexual relations with a person of their original gender, it is a homosexual act and an abomination to the Lord.

T (Transgender or Transvestite)

If a transgender person wears the clothing of the other gender or appears as the other gender, it is an abomination to the Lord. Males who are effeminate, acting and dressing like women will not inherit the kingdom of God. Women who wear men's clothing or the style of men's clothing are also an abomination to the Lord. Let's dig deeper into that.

Quoting Deuteronomy 22:5 from earlier:

"A woman shall not wear a man's garment, nor shall a man put on a woman's cloak, for whoever does these things is an ABOMINATION to the Lord your God.

In the book, *Creeping Compromise*, by Joe Crews, he quotes from a vision given to God's messenger Ellen White:

"I was referred to Deuteronomy 22:5: 'The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all that do so are an abomination unto the Lord thy God.' ... There is an increasing tendency to have women in their dress and appearance as near like the other sex as possible, and to fashion their dress very much like that of men, but God pronounces it abomination." *Testimonies, Vol. 1*, p. 457.

Crews continues:

“Please notice that she called it abomination for women to fashion their dress much like that of men. So the issue for us is no longer whether the clothes are actually those of the opposite sex. They might be created for one sex only, but be fashioned like the opposite sex. Thus the influence could be to push the bisexuals or fringe homosexuals over the line into the confirmed camp.”

As we read earlier, in 1 Corinthians 6:9, among the list of the unrighteous that shall not inherit the kingdom of God are the effeminate and homosexuals. God wants to strongly differentiate between male and female.

Those who undergoes a sex change operation and then wear the clothes of their new gender and engage in sexual relations with individuals of their birth gender sin two-fold.

Those who are part of, or support the LGBT movement either commit or influence the committing of sexual immorality. Unless they repent (turn permanently from their sinful lifestyle), they will not be saved. How can they sigh and cry over these sins when they support or acquiesce to the behavior?

Satan works through “mental health professionals” and others to convince participants in the LGBT movement that they cannot change, that it is wrong to change, that they are denying themselves. He even tries to outlaw the “rescuing” of homosexuals. And so he works to bind these in chains of sin.

Note what the angel said, “Those in a position of counsel who DID NOT ASSIST in correcting those who lived that lifestyle, those that endorsed it and spoke smooth, soft things WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT to the Great Judge.”

It takes time, usually weeks, to develop a good habit, to develop a skill. On the other hand, negative habits seem to form almost instantaneously. Why? Because from a spiritual sense, the powers of darkness watch for susceptible individuals. When they sense a curiosity, a questioning mind, they immediately capitalize on this curiosity and begin convincing the person that they are that way. A thought, a curiosity, an exploration, combined with repetitive thought implantation from dark angels leads the person to their first action. And then the second, the third and so on, until it becomes engrained in the person’s psyche.

James 1:14-15

14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

We call this an addiction, but in reality it is a possession by the spirits of that issue. Once the person has “given in,” the dark angels have nearly full power over that person. That person begins to hate what is good, to hate those who would correct or stop them, and begins to justify and promote their behavior and lifestyle to others. Rather than using reason to justify their positions, they use feelings, emotions, verbal abuse, and political power to enforce their will.

There are those who may be more susceptible to the temptation of the LGBT movement, the young, the hurting, victims of abuse, those born in divided families who don’t have proper gender roles patterned for them, those who numb their minds with alcohol or

drugs and those who are surrounded by glamour-type women (by beholding we become changed). Right brain dominant males may think they are homosexual when they are just creative emotional thinkers. Males with low testosterone levels may question their sexuality. The media defends evil, and displays and portrays these abominations to viewers. Viewers are tempted and many succumb, if not to the behavior, then to the acceptance of the behavior. Through repetitive exposure, the sin becomes less sinful in viewers' eyes. Momentum is gained. Satan delights in those who join his cause. They are ensnared, enslaved to a very sad end. But it need not end that way. There is hope in Jesus Christ and His blood shed on the cross at Calvary.

HOW TO OVERCOME

Those who are participate in the LGBT community or movement CAN be freed from their enslavement. Remember the phrase, "THE GREAT CREATOR KNEW EACH ONE PERSONALLY?" Jesus reaches out to them, calling them away from their lifestyle of sin. I have seen healings a number of times. God is still powerful to save!

1. The first step is to realize that THIS IS A SPIRITUAL BATTLE, a battle between Jesus and His adversary Satan. A battle over one's soul and eternal destiny. One cannot overcome sin on their own. It must come from God. He's the only one that can deliver a person from the powers of darkness. ONLY GOD CAN REMOVE THE SPIRITS of homosexuality, gender confusion, effeminism, adultery, lust, unforgiveness, bitterness, anger and resentment.

2. The person must DEDICATE THEIR LIVES TO GOD, CLAIMING JESUS AS THEIR SAVIOUR AND LORD confessing their sins and asking for forgiveness.

3. They need to FORGIVE those who have done them harm or evil by int ent or neglect: parents, family, a relative, a teacher, a church member, a friend, whoever. They must ASK for the Holy Spirit to assist in remembering who they need to forgive and forgive those completely.

4. The person must IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST AND THE POWER OF HIS SHED BLOOD REBUKE the spirits of the issues they are struggling with. Others may assist him or her with this. One should say,

" 'In the name of Jesus Christ whose blood was shed for all that will believe in Him and have everlasting life, I command you [spirit of _____] to not say a word but depart and never return to me.' As a believer in Jesus Christ, proclaiming His name and the blood that He shed is the key to what must be spoken. ... Additionally, prayers to the heavenly Father are to be prayed in the name of Jesus." Knoll, Messages from God for His People, Chapter 33. In His Time

5. They must BELIEVE that God will answer their prayer.

6. They must CLAIM the victory over the besetting spirits TRUSTING that God will fulfill His Word.

7. They must STAY CLEAN. It is highly likely that the spirits won't go without a fight and they will periodically return especially during times of weakness. This is normal. However, when the temptation returns, that means the spirits have returned. Quickly, at the first sign of their reappearance, rebuke them again in Jesus' name and by the power

of His blood (see above). Even the simple prayer, "Help me Jesus!" may be what you need. Eventually, the spirits' reappearances will diminish and end. As long as one stays firm to God's way, obeying His commandments, one will stay clean. If one succumbs which can happen, cry out, "Help me Jesus!" and rebuke the spirits again in Jesus' Name and His shed blood. One does not need to be enslaved by the powers of darkness.

Jesus, the Great Creator knows each person's struggle. He is more than willing to help if you will let Him be the LORD of your life.

Why not choose life?