

## Jesus On Marriage

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Matthew 19:1-9

In the '60's Bob Dylan wrote a song titled "The Times They are a-Changin'". Well, he certainly was right. Things are radically different today than when Dylan wrote that song. 50 years ago homosexual marriages were unthinkable. Gay activists Marshall Kirk and Hunter Madsen said, "Almost any behavior begins to look normal if you are exposed to enough of it."<sup>1</sup> Certainly this has proven true with the numerous TV shows with gay characters... gay celebrities coming out of the closet... and the liberal news media's generous coverage of gay events.

What was once considered deviant abnormal behavior has now become "the new norm." In fact, in 1973 homosexuality was on the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental disorders, but removed it in 1974 under pressure from the gay community.<sup>2</sup>

God hasn't changed His mind about it. Since God instituted marriage in the book of Genesis, God's Word defines what a marriage is—NOT society; NOT the Constitution; and NOT the Supreme Court.

Did last week's Supreme Court decision surprise me? No. The Bible predicts the moral condition of this world would become (Luke 17:28). The Bible says this world will become increasingly more corrupt and evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse leading up to the coming of Christ. What would have surprised me would have been if the Supreme Court ruled  homosexual marriages!

In our text, instead of rejoicing at people being healed, the Pharisees were looking for a reason to criticize Jesus (vs. 1-3). They came to Jesus with a question about marriage and divorce. Jesus answered them by referring them to the Scriptures!

This was Jesus customary answer (cf. Mt. 12:3, 5; 22:31; Mk. 12:10, 26). The Bible has the answer! The problem is, most people are not reading the Bible!

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<sup>1</sup> Erwin W. Lutzer, *The Truth About Same-Sex Marriage*, Moody Publishers, 2004 (Kindle edition)

<sup>2</sup> Charles C. Ryrie, *Biblical Answers to Contemporary Issues*, Moody Press, Chicago, 1974, p. 113.

➤ Jesus' appeal to the Scriptures settled five important issues:

### I. It settles the issue of **AUTHORITY**.

➤ Man's opinion doesn't matter. What matters is  
(Rom. 4:3; Gal. 4:30). Who sets the "standard" for marriage—The Word of God or the word of man?

- A. The Supreme Court does not speak for me when they say homosexual marriage is OK. My authority is this 1611 King James Bible. It is "the standard" by which we prove whether something is right or wrong—Good or bad.
- B. Last week's decision to legalize same-sex marriage was heralded as a good thing! No it was an evil thing according to God! Isaiah warned,

(Isa. 5:20).

### II. It settles the issue of **CREATION vs. EVOLUTION** (v. 4).

➤ Man is not the product of evolution. Man was CREATED! Most homosexual advocates are evolutionists.

➤ Man and woman were created by God (Gen. 1:26-27). Who are you going to believe: Darwin or Jesus?

### III. It settles the issue of the **SEXES**.

- A. ORIGIN of the sexes—In the beginning God created a male and a female. God did not create homosexuals nor cross-gender individuals. No homosexual was born a homosexual.
  1. The practice of homosexuality is a \_\_\_\_\_, NOT natural behavior. It is against nature (see Rom. 1:26-28).
    - Homosexuality is referred to in eight places in the Bible. In each reference it is condemned as unnatural.
  2. 50 years ago homosexuality was called "sodomy." In the \_\_\_\_\_ (Eleventh Edition), the definition of sodomy reads: ["The homosexual proclivities of the men of the city in Gen. 19:1-11] (13c): anal or oral

copulation with a member of the same or opposite sex.” The definition of a “sodomite” is “one who practices sodomy.”

- \_\_\_\_\_ are mentioned five times in the King James Bible. [NOTE: The word \_\_\_\_\_ has been removed for all modern versions of the Bible!]

B. ORIGIN of sodomy: [Some teach the first act of “sodomy” occurred in Genesis 9:20-29 where they believe Ham “sodomized” his father, Noah, in his tent.]

1. The name \_\_\_\_\_ got its name from a wicked city called Sodom (Gen. 13:13). The exceeding wickedness of Sodom is illustrated Genesis 19:4-11.

- God sent two angels in human form to warn Lot that God was about to destroy Sodom for its wickedness. Gay activists claim the wickedness of Sodom was inhospitality. While that may have been a small part of it, their wickedness was far worse than a mere lack of hospitality—It was manifested in the men of Sodom wanting to gang rape Lot’s guests—Definitely an act of inhospitality.

2. The men of Sodom demanded Lot to bring the angels out to them so they could \_\_\_\_\_ them (v. 5). The word “\_\_\_\_\_” is a euphemism for sexual intercourse [“carnal knowledge”] (cf. Gen 4:1, 17; Num. 31:17; Mt. 1:23; Luke 1:34).

- Lot offered to give the men of Sodom his two unmarried daughters, who had not \_\_\_\_\_ (vs. 6-8). Of course they were not interested in women—They wanted sex with other men.

3. God \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ (Gen. 19:24). Obviously, the sin of Sodom was more than a lack of hospitality. Anyone should be able to read Genesis 19 and see God abhors the practice of homosexuals.

C. God later specifically condemned the practice of homosexuality in the Law.

1. Leviticus 18:22-25 —

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2. God even pronounced the death penalty upon those who engaged in this repugnant sin—

(Lev.

20:13).

(Dt. 23:17).

3. Judah was condemned during the reign of Rehoboam, because

” (1 Kings 14:24).

#### **IV. It settles the issue of God’s PATTERN for marriage.**

A. A marriage is between ONE man and ONE woman coming together as ”

- Marriage is composed of a male and female, not male and male or female and female. Gay marriages is the perversion of God’s institution of marriage.

B. Not male and females (plural), but "male and female," singular. This prohibits polygamy. It is one man for one woman.

- When the government says homosexuals can legally marry based on equal protection of the laws (14th Amendment), it opens the door for all other of perversions of marriage.

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Just this week reported that polygamist Nathan Collier has applied for a marriage license to marry a second wife. He said he was inspired by last week's Supreme Court decision legalizing same-sex marriage. He said he would sue if his application is turned down. "It's about marriage equality," he said. "You can't have this without polygamy." Unfortunately, once the Supreme Court allows

for homosexual marriages, Collier is right. I saw this coming. This is the mess the government gets into when it sticks its nose into God's business!

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**V. It settles the issue of God's PLAN in marriage.** Two-fold plan:

- A. PERMANENCE—Jesus statement settles the question of divorce.
- B. PRO-CREATION—God designed a man and a woman for the purpose of pro-creation (Gen. 1:28).
  - 1. Marriage is more than romance or legal benefits—It is about begetting children. Homosexuals cannot procreate or reproduce. Since they cannot reproduce they must RECRUIT the offsprings of “straight” couples to further their sin. That is their stated objective in the 1987 “ —

We shall sodomize your sons... We shall seduce them in your schools, in your dormitories, in your gymnasiums, in your locker rooms, in your sports arenas, in your seminaries, in your youth groups, in your movie theater bathrooms, in your army bunkhouses, in your truck stops, in your all male clubs, in your houses of Congress... Your sons shall become our minions and do our bidding. They will be recast in our image. They will come to crave and adore us.<sup>3</sup>

- 2. God told Adam and Noah to

If Adam or Noah and his sons had adapted a homosexual lifestyle, the human race would have come to an end. It is obvious today, if God intended for us to be homosexuals, the human race would cease to exist.

**SUMMATION:** Can a homosexual be saved? YES! 1 Corinthians 6:9-11.

(1 John 1:7).

➡ **What should our attitude be** toward the individual homosexual? While we will never agree with their sinful agenda, we should have compassion and pity for the homosexual as a person. We should do all we can to lead them to repentance and faith in Christ. That is their only hope.

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<sup>3</sup> First published in *Gay Community News*, Feb. 15-21, 1987 and also put into the *Congressional Record*.

➡ **So, what are we to do now?** We are to keep doing what the local church has been doing for the last 2,000 years. God hasn't changed, so why should we?

1. We are going to continue to pray for America's leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-3).
2. We are going to continue to stand for God's order in marriage and the family.
3. We are going to continue to obey to God's Word, even if it means persecution (Acts 5:29—" ."  
Matthew 5:11-12—" .")
4. We are going to continue to preach the whole counsel of God, even when it is aimed at the sins of the church (1 Pet. 4:17). While the Bible condemns the sin of homosexuality, it also condemns a host of other sins within the rank and file of our church (prayerlessness; failure to witness to the lost; lack of personal devotions, unforgiving spirit, bitterness, pride, etc.). [There are bigger threats to marriage than "gay" marriage: Adultery, addictions, pornography, divorce, social media.]
5. We are going seek to restore fallen men and women in the spirit of meekness lest we also be tempted (Gal. 6:1).
6. We are going to continue to seek to reach lost sinners, regardless of their lifestyle, with the saving gospel of Christ (2 Pet 3:9).