

In recent years there has been a growing rise of homosexuality in the world and even in some quarters of the church. Many feel that homosexual attraction and desires expressed toward the same sex is acceptable in the eyes of God. Unquestionably, public opinion has drastically shifted on this subject as evidenced by the recent 5-4 Supreme Court decision on June 26, 2015 to legalize gay marriage nationwide. Although public opinion has shifted and many throughout society and within the church no longer see anything wrong with homosexual desires or practices, the question remains, "What saith the Scriptures?" Are homosexual feelings wrong in and of themselves? Is homosexual practice sanctioned by the Scriptures? Does God give license to human beings created in His own image to desire and practice sexual attractions toward the same sex? Let's study and learn What God Says About…"Homosexuality."

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

Note: *As we begin our study on the subject of homosexuality, it is important to go back to the beginning and study God's original design of the creation of humanity. We must also study the divine institution of marriage between a man and woman established in the Garden of Eden.*

1. **When God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed life into his nostrils, what did man become?**

   "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became _____ _____ _____." *Genesis 2:7*

2. **According to 1 Corinthians 15:45, what is the name of the first living soul created by God?**

   "And so it is written, The _____ _____ _____ was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." *1 Corinthians 15:45*

3. According to 1 Timothy 2:13, who did God form after He created Adam?

"For Adam was first formed, then _____." *1 Timothy 2:13*

4. From what part of Adam's body did God create the first woman?

[21]"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took _____ of _____ _____, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; [22]And _____ _____, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man." *Genesis 2:21, 22*

5. What relationship was Eve to Adam?

"And Adam called _____ _____ name Eve; because she was the mother of all living." *Genesis 3:20*

6. What relationship was Adam to Eve?

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto _____ _____ with her; and he did eat." *Genesis 3:6*

7. Referring back to Creation, how does Jesus define and distinguish between the sexes?

"And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them _____ and _____." *Matthew 19:4*

8. According to Jesus, when a man cleaves unto his wife, what does the married couple become?

"And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be _____ _____?" *Matthew 19:5*

9. According to Jesus, who joins husband and wife together as one flesh?

"Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore _____ _____ _____ _____, let not man put asunder." *Matthew 19:6*

Note: *Marriage is a divine institution, and it is only within this sacred institution that God will join together a man and a woman.*

CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

10. God created man in whose image and after whose likeness?

[26]"And God said, Let us make man _____ _____ _____, after _____ _____: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. [27]So God created man in his own image, in _____ _____ _____ _____ created he him; male and female created he them." *Genesis 1:26, 27*

Note: *According to Genesis 1:26 and 27, God created man in own His image and after His likeness. When God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life man bore resemblance of His Maker in outward appearance and in character. His mind, heart, nature, and character was pure and perfect. No trace of sin marred his being. However, through the fall, Satan led Adam and Eve into sin and corrupted their nature and character, and thereby marred the image of God in man. Jesus came to restore the image of God in humanity.*

11. Christians are renewed in knowledge after whom?

"And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the _____ _____ _____ that _____ _____." *Colossians 3:10*

THE FALL AND ITS RESULTS

12. What did the serpent say would happen if Eve partook of the fruit? Besides good, what else would she know?

"For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then _____ _____ _____ _____ _____, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and _____." *Genesis 3:5*

Note: *When Adam and Eve partook of the forbidden fruit, their eyes were opened. They had now gained a knowledge of evil of which God never intended for them to know. This dreadful knowledge and exposure to sin resulted in a corrupt nature and consequently opened the door to every evil imaginable to man. Indeed, they fell from a pure, holy and perfect state of being and could only be restored by the redeeming power of the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.*

13. What happened to the eyes of Adam and Eve when they partook of the forbidden fruit?

[6]"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. [7]And _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons." *Genesis 3:6, 7*

Note: *Adam and Eve were created in God's image, but after the fall, sin distorted the image of God in man. Our first parents now had a sinful fallen nature, and their character and thinking were drastically affected and distorted. Adam's disobedience opened the door to all forms of sin. It has flooded our world, and it now dwells in our flesh (Romans 7:20; Psalm 51:5). Homosexuality stems from the fallen sinful carnal nature, not from the spiritual nature.*

HOMOSEXUALITY IN SODOM

"Scripture testifies why God destroyed Sodom. 'Because their sin is very grave.' Genesis 18:20. Sodom's sin of homosexuality cried for justice from God. The city went down in infamy, leaving only the legacy of its name to describe the very actions for which it burned—sodomy." Gibbs, G. *Homosexuality: Return to Sodom,* p. 7.

14. Who entered Sodom one evening? Where did Lot urge the strangers to spend the night?

[1]"And there came _____ _____ to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; [2]And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into _____ _____ _____, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. [3]And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat." *Genesis 19:1-3*

15. Who surrounded Lot's house? What question did the homosexual men of Sodom ask Lot? What vile reason did they give for wanting him to bring the men out to them?

[4]"But before they lay down, the men of the city, even _____ _____ of _____, compassed the house round, both old

and young, all the people from every quarter: [5]And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, _____ are _____ _____ which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that _____ _____ _____ _____." *Genesis 19:4, 5*

16. What did Lot urge the men of Sodom not to do?

[6]"And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, [7]And said, I pray you, brethren, _____ _____ _____ _____." *Genesis 19:6, 7*

17. Who did Lot offer in the place of his two guests?

"Behold now, I have _____ _____ which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof." *Genesis 19:8*

Note: *When Lot saw that the wicked men who gathered outside his house refused to retreat when he begged them to do so, he inconceivably offered his two virgin daughters instead. Without question, Lot's suggestion to offer his daughters to these perverse men was indefensible! Furthermore, to the modern mind living in a modern society, his offer is appalling and mind-boggling to say the least. However, without any attempt to defend or excuse his actions, perhaps Lot, understanding the value placed on hospitality in the ancient Near Eastern culture, felt obligated to protect the guests under his roof at all costs. While this in no way justifies his actions, it may be a possible reason why Lot reacted the way he did.*

18. What did the men of Sodom attempt to do in order to get into Lot's house?

"And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to _____ _____ _____." *Genesis 19:9*

Note: *The spirit of Sodom is prevalent today. This is evidenced by the determination that no one or nothing will stand in the way of the desires, agenda, or "rights" of the LGBTQ+ community.*

19. What were the men of Sodom smitten with after the angels pulled Lot into the house and shut the door?

[10]"But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. [11]And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with _____, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door." *Genesis 19:10, 11*

20. According to Ezekiel, what were the sins of Sodom that led to homosexuality? What sin resulted in its utter destruction?

[49]"Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, _____, _____ _____ _____, and _____ _____ _____ was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. [50]And they were haughty, and committed _____ before me: therefore I took them away as I saw good." *Ezekiel 16:49, 50*

Note: *The prophet Ezekiel reveals the sins that led to the moral degradation and ultimate destruction of Sodom. It's interesting to note that pride is mentioned first on the list. In today's society, we often hear the terminology "gay pride" touted. According to Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall."*

21. According to Jude, why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?

"Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, _____ _____ _____ to _____, and _____ after _____ _____, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire." *Jude 1:7*

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON HOMOSEXUALITY

22. According to Leviticus 18:22, what does God call the act of same-sex sexual practices?

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

23. What was to happen in Old Testament times when same-sex practices occurred in Israel?

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

Note: *These explicit instructions were given by God to Moses when Israel was under the theocracy—God Himself was the judge and ruler. Moses, under the direction of God, gave these instructions to the priests. They were to be carried out within the Israelite community when same-sex abominations were committed. No one today should interpret this passage in Leviticus as justification to harm any persons involved in same-*

sex sexual practices, even though these actions are contrary to scripture.

24. What happened to those who changed the truth of God into a lie? Into what did the women change the natural use?

"For this cause _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____: for even their women did change the natural use into _____ _____ _____ _____ _____." *Romans 1:26* (see Romans 1:27)

25. Why did God give those practicing a homosexual lifestyle over to a reprobate mind?

"And even as _____ _____ _____ _____ ____ _____ _____ in their _____, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." *Romans 1:28*

Note: *Those living a perverse life were determined not to retain a knowledge of God; therefore God gave them up to an unapproved and vain mind. Consequently, God disapproved of their wicked state of mind and practices which were contrary to sound judgment and reason.*

26. After describing rebellious attitudes and actions against God and His truth in the preceding verses, the guilty know what?

"Who _____ _____ _____ _____ _____, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." *Romans 1:32*

TRANSGENDER

Note: *The term transgender is a relatively new terminology in modern society. Transgender essentially means that a person's "gender identity" is different from the biological sex of their birth. The term "gender identity" is essentially defined as a person's internal or personal sense of being a man or woman or boy or girl. The majority of transgendered people seek to transition or bring their body into harmony with their "gender identity" through hormones, surgery or various procedures.*

27. According to Deuteronomy 22:5, what shall a woman not wear? What shall a man not put on? How does God categorize the actions of those who do so?

"The woman shall not wear _____ _____ _____ _____ ___ _____, neither shall a man put on ___ _____ _____: for all that do so are _____ _____ _____ _____ thy God." *Deuteronomy 22:5*

Note: *The principles laid forth in Deuteronomy 22:5 still apply today. Men and women created in God's image are not to blur their biological distinctiveness in any way, including dressing like the opposite sex.*

28. According to the apostle Paul, what will not be inherited by the unrighteous? Who does Paul include within this list?

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

VICTORY IN JESUS

29. What wonderful news does Paul share about those in Corinth who once succumbed to the aforementioned sins?

"And such _____ _____ of _____: 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." *1 Corinthians 6:11*

30. When a person is in Christ what do they become? What is passed away? How many things become new?

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is ____ _____ _____: _____ _____ are passed away; behold, _____ _____ are become new." *2 Corinthians 5:17*

SUMMARY

In the beginning, God created male and female in His image and the divine plan was for man to continue to reflect God's image, both in outward resemblance and in character. Before the fall, man's spiritual nature was in harmony with God. After the fall, man's nature became sinful and corrupt resulting in sinful desires and distorted thinking. Jesus came to restore the moral image of God in man that has been marred by sin. Clearly, homosexual desires, characteristics and practices are contrary to God's original creation design and is a result of the entrance of sin into the world. Just as members of Corinth were delivered from unnatural affections, God can still deliver today.

31. Dear friend, are you willing to accept God's teachings regarding this subject? _____

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