The Bible and Homosexuality

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INTRODUCTION

- Just like in the first century world, today there is a problem in our culture of homosexuality.
- The far bigger problem is the widespread acceptance and celebration of it, to the point that if you don't approve of it and if you don't support it, then you're viewed as a bigot.
- You cannot have both. You must have one or have the other.

1 The Sin of Homosexuality

Genesis 2:24; Leviticus 20:13; 1 Corinthians 6:9–10

- So God's will from the beginning was one man and one woman for life.
- The fact that death was a punishment is an indicator of what a serious matter that this is in God's eyes.
- It was that homosexuality was widely practiced and openly practiced. And that is, in fact, one of the prime indicators of a society that is totally turned its back upon God.
- And the second sin that he lists, right after idolatry, is homosexuality.
- Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals, nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

2 God Hates All Sin

- God hates all sin. He does not just hate homosexuality.
- Well, from the standpoint that it's all sin, yes. And so what we need to do is make sure that we're looking inward first and foremost.
- We need to make sure that we ourselves are not living a sinful lifestyle.

3 I Was Born This Way

Romans 1:26–27

- The Bible says that homosexual actions are unnatural.
- Regardless of a person's tendencies, regardless of a person's orientation. Behavior is always a choice.
- Let's say a person is born that way. Still, behavior is a choice.
- If you're going to be pleasing to God, you must control that and live within God's perimeter. Same thing for a homosexual individual.

4 Is Change Possible?

1 Corinthians 6:11; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 5:24

- Well, the saints in Corinth changed. And some of them were homosexuals.

- Such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.
- You can overcome any temptation, no matter how severe it is, and the homosexual person can do that as well.
- Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
- So the answer to the question is change possible? Yes. Change is possible for anyone.

5 Interacting With Homosexuals

Acts 4:18–20; Ephesians 4:15; 1 Corinthians 15:33

- We must courageously speak the truth of the word of God.
- For we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard.
- We need to speak the truth, but we need to do it in love.
- We also need to remember that homosexuals are people with souls.
- Reach out to them with the gospel. I tell you, that's the number one thing they need.
- Have patience with them. Realize it's not going to be easy for them to change.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Just don't give in to the tendency and fight against it to renew your mind and to eliminate evil passions and desires.**

MY NOTES