

# An Extraordinary Sin

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A very dangerous belief called “Gay Theology” is sweeping through our communities and our churches. It gets its power from fear, because anyone who opposes it is labeled a “hater.” (“If you don’t completely approve of what I do, you hate me.”)



Many people consider homosexuality just another sin, but God’s ancient love letter to earth, the Holy Scriptures, shows that homosexuality is worse than ordinary, garden variety sins and in some cases He has treated those who practiced it more severely.

In the Genesis story that records events in the Garden of Eden, the writer says:

**That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.**

(Genesis 2:24 )

They were to become one flesh, united emotionally and physically. They were to use their powers of reproduction together and with no one else.

The abuse of sexual powers developed and made history in the cities of the plains including Sodom. When two angels visited Sodom to lead Lot and his family out before the coming destruction, the homosexual men appeared at Lot’s door.

**Before they had gone to bed, all the men from every part of the city of Sodom—both young and old—surrounded the house. They called to Lot, "Where are the men who**

**came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them."**  
(Genesis 19:4-5 )

The men wanted to rape the angels from God! The angels blinded the adversaries, but even then their demands continued. In a few hours, Sodom was leveled by fire.

Sodom was like every other town on earth in that there were people who used foul language, cursed God, stole, lied and had sex with someone to whom they were not married. But homosexuality crossed a line with the Holy God of Heaven and He destroyed Sodom. This was an extraordinary sin.

Please note that it is God who is judging and the Scriptures are like a court reporter telling what happened. Those who report what the Scripture are saying are not judging. The question has already be settled by the Lord.

Consider this sentence written by Jude, a half-brother of Jesus, in his brief New Testament book:

**In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.**

(Jude 7 )

As mankind expanded in number, homosexuality became an important part of the culture of Canaan, where Israel was to settle and inherit their property. Among the earlier residents of the land, the children of heterosexuals were being burned at the altar of the idol Molek, and men were having sex with men, and animals. Moses, speaking for God, wrote:

**Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molek, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the LORD.**  
**Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does**

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. (1 Corinthians 10:13)

He stopped what felt so very good. He lived the rest of his years without her companionship and boost to his self-worth.

Likewise, those who have a strong attraction to the same-sex can stop the practice. They do so because that is what God wants. Their goal can be doing whatever pleases God.

Paul wrote to the Christians at Colossae:

We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way; bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience . . . (Colossians 1:9-11)

with a woman; that is detestable. Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion. Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native-born and the foreigners residing among you must not do any of these detestable things, for all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you, and the land became defiled.

(Leviticus 18:21-27 )

If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads. (Leviticus 20:13 )

The practice of homosexuality is an extraordinary sin. There is no record of homosexuals being put to death in Israel. Instead, by the time of King Josiah, a group of them had moved into the temple of God in Jerusalem. But Josiah was reforming Israel:

He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes that were in the temple of the LORD, the quarters where women did weaving for Asherah.

(2 Kings 23:7 )

There were New Testament comments about homosexuality. Paul wrote in Romans about the degraded world:

Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were

inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.

(Romans 1:26-27 )

Paul further commented about the past of some believers at Corinth:

Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

(1 Corinthians 6:9-11 )

The Lord had saved these men from their earlier lifestyle. They had stopped their sinning, regardless of lingering desires.

And later Paul wrote to believers:

But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband. (1 Corinthians 7:2 )

Same-sex relations are included in sexual immorality and were not allowed.

Again in 1 Timothy, Paul said:

We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is

contrary to the sound doctrine that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

(1 Timothy 1:9-11 )

Members of the LGBT community argue that they were born that way and can't help it. Let's consider a Biblical case of a heterosexuality sin in Paul's letter to the Corinthian Church.

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that even pagans do not tolerate: A man is sleeping with his father's wife.

(1 Corinthians 5:1)

This believer found a genuine fulfillment with his stepmother. It was not a one-time event, but ongoing. He would not stop it. The church was instructed by Paul, the Lord's personal and inspired representative, on how to handle the sin.

But now I am writing to you that you must not associate with anyone who claims to be a brother or sister but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or slanderer, a drunkard or swindler. Do not even eat with such people.

(1 Corinthians 5:11 )

He was to be removed from the fellowship of believers. The church obeyed the Lord's representative and the strategy worked as intended.

The punishment inflicted on him by the majority is sufficient. Now instead, you ought to forgive and comfort him, so that he will not be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. I urge you, therefore, to reaffirm your love for him.

(2 Corinthians 2:6-8)

After he got the message from his fellow-believers, he stopped the affair with his step-mother. He was sorry. It does not say that he lost all desire for the exhilarating sessions, but he claimed a special promise from the Lord: