



## Sodomy Classified as Evil, Gen 19:5-7; Evil Defined: Sodomy Is a Learned Behavior, Jer 13:23; Reversionism: Introduction

**Genesis 19:6** - But Lot went out to them at the doorway, and shut the door behind him,

**v. 7** - and said, "Please, my brothers, do not act wickedly."

12. The verb in the appeal "do not act wickedly" is the Hiphil imperfect of:

רָעָה *ra'a'* - "to be bad or evil"

Harris, R. Laird (ed.). *Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament*. (Chicago: Moody Press, 1980), 2:2191:

In the moral and religious realm of meaning, the verb denotes activity that is contrary to God's will. The range of activity associated with *ra'a'* begins with rejection of God [Jeremiah 16:12, 'You have done evil, even more than your forefathers; for behold, you are each one walking according to the stubbornness of his own evil heart, without listening to Me.'], particularly in the practice of idolatry [1 Kings 16:25, And Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord, and acted more wickedly than all who were before him.]. Abuse of people and exploitation of their property is common. This includes a demand for immoral relations [Genesis 19:7].

The biblical writers take *ra'a'* back into the inner sources of the acts. The people who do it lack understanding of the true nature of their acts [Jeremiah 4:22, "For My people are foolish, they know Me not; they are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They are shrewd to do evil, but to do good they do not know.'], yet go ahead and deliberately plan to hurt others [Proverbs 24:8, He who plans to do evil, men will call him a schemer.].

In fact, it becomes a habit [Jeremiah 13:23, "Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots? *then*, neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil"] (NIV).].

13. Two words are important to note in Genesis 19. In verse 5 we find the word יָחַד *yatha* which means "sodomy." The men of Sodom order Lot to bring the men outside so "that we may sodomize them."
14. The second is found in Lot's appeal in verse 7 where he pleads for them not to "act wickedly," the Hiphil imperfect of רָעָה *ra'a'* which means "not to behave in an evil way."
15. This passage documents that God regards homosexuality to be evil and those involved in its behavior should cease and desist.
16. The etymology of the word *ra'a'* reveals that homosexuality is an evil behavior that is against God's will and therefore a rejection of His Word. Those who so behave become involved in one or more of the various forms of idolatry, narcissism being one of the more prevalent among sodomites.
17. Self-love leads to a lust to express this disposition erotically. The desire to satiate one's love for self results in co-opting others of the same mentality into a mutual act of self-gratification.
18. Such involvements are said to be the results of inner sources. Driven by the sinful nature, the participants often do not understand the true nature of their acts.



19. Instead of facing up to their evil behavior they justify it by every stretch of the imagination including, in our scientifically advanced time, the proposition that they were born this way.
20. The justice of God does not punish the innocent. It is clear that sodomy is condemned not only as sin but also as a catalyst for collective discipline once it becomes concentrated in a population.
21. **Jeremiah 13:23** takes up the genetic argument by asking the rhetorical question, “Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard its spots?” These are genetic qualities for which neither the Ethiopian nor the leopard is either condemned or commended. They are absolutes of birth.
22. Then Jeremiah accuses the people of Judah of having so facilitated wheel-tracks of wickedness that they cannot change their behavior, “*then* neither can you do good who are accustomed to doing evil”
23. The word “accustomed” is the adjective:

לְמוֹד **limmuth** - “to be taught.” A more detailed definition is provided by:

**Baker, Warren and Eugene Carpenter. *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament*. (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003), 552:**

לְמוֹד **limmuth** - A masculine adjective meaning accustomed, used to something, learned, practiced, an expert, one taught, a follower, a disciple. It was used to describe those who habitually practice evil in Jeremiah 13:23.

24. And what the people of Judah had been taught to do was the very same thing the men of Sodom had been taught to do—the Hiphil infinitive construct of:  
  
רָעָה **ra'a'** - “to do evil,” the disposition that results when a person rejects establishment and doctrinal truth. The people of Judah were involved in the phallic cult in Jeremiah’s day as the citizens of Sodom were in Lot’s.
25. Jeremiah 13:23 is a compound sentence linked by the word “then.” But this word is supplied and thus is printed in italic in the King James and New American Standard Bibles. I have brought it over and inserted it into the middle of the NIV translation but show it not as two sentences but one as does the *King James*.
26. Why? Because Jeremiah is presenting an example that demonstrates the dreadful circumstance facing those who have declined into advanced reversionism.
27. Once rejection of truth and acceptance of the lie has become so habitual that scar tissue exists in the stream of consciousness then such individuals have passed the point of no return.
28. The term “scar tissue” is synonymous with “hardness of the heart” and refers to the influence of evil on the soul. It is the result of a blackout that occurs in the **nous** when doctrine is rejected and therefore there is a drought of establishment and/or doctrinal thought in the **kardia**.
29. Since the mind cannot be shifted into neutral then rejection of truth sets up a vacuum in the **nous** that sucks in the lie which is then transferred to the **kardia**.