



## **Review of Gen 19:1-7, Eph 4:17-19, Jer 13:23; An Essay on Homosexuality: Its Cause, Impact, & Ramifications on a Client Nation & the Christian's Response**

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There are quite a number of traits that we inherit, such as the color of our eyes, hair, and skin. Parents note mannerisms in their children that are identifiable to certain family members. It is quite obvious that children favor their father or mother or siblings in certain ways. The gender of a person is determined at conception by the presence or absence of the  $x$  or  $y$  chromosome from the father. All of these things are encoded into the DNA.

It has been suggested by popular culture that one's sexual orientation is also determined at conception, encoded into the DNA. Throughout recorded history, homosexuality has been considered unacceptable by almost every society. Those that have accepted it have suffered greatly from the ramifications that it created within their cultures. But the question that is currently being debated is whether the historical renunciation of homosexuality has been blind to the reality that this orientation is genetically driven.

The second question that needs to be asked is "What difference does it make?" The answer is very important and its resolution will have extreme influence on the survival of this client nation.

Take the viewpoint of the homosexual for a moment. If the behavior which defines homosexuality, namely sodomy, is genetically driven then it must be classified as normal. At one time the American Psychiatric Association classified it as a mental illness. However, several decades ago it dropped such an opinion from its lexicon. It now considers it an orientation. But so far there is no scientific proof for this assumption.

Historically, the societal rejection of homosexuality has had the backing of the Bible. We are learning from Genesis 19 that the behavior is considered evil by God. The participants in the Pentapolis received terminal discipline as a result of their unrepentant attitude.

It might be stated that the report in Genesis precedes biblical revelation of divine disapproval of the behavior. Moses wrote Genesis plus the other four books of the Pentateuch, but he was not alive during the events described in Genesis. Therefore Genesis 19 stands as an historical account of God's divine rejection before His prohibitions were revealed in the Torah and subsequent passages of Scripture.

Nevertheless, all biblical references to divine disapproval of homosexuality are being currently rejected. The behavior has been culturally accepted as normal under the assumption that it is inherited in the same manner as the color of one's skin. And if you can't change the color of your skin then you can't change your sexual orientation.

The fallacy of this proposition is made possible by the complete rejection of the real culprit, the sinful nature, which indeed is inherited. Each of us is born with a trend to sin. This is the weakness of the sinful nature. This is exacerbated by the fact the sinful nature also has lust patterns that tempt the believer to engage in certain expressions of sin in three categories: mental, verbal, and overt.

Sin however cannot occur unless free will grants permission to act. It is not a sin to be tempted. The sin is the willingness to submit to the temptation and the category of sin usually follows one's lust pattern.

All of us are therefore born with a trend to sin. Each has categories of lust that seek to solicit sin in certain ways. However, sin cannot occur unless volition grants consent.

The Bible describes homosexuality as a sin. Therefore, it cannot be an inherited trait. Homosexuality by definition involves the act of sodomy. No act can be committed without the thought and desire behind it. Thus homosexuality is the product of free will choices performed by those who have self-justified their behavior. Some do so by accepting the premise that they are genetically inclined to the behavior. Others could care less; they justify their lifestyle by overt rejection of either societal or biblical prohibitions.



The truth is that those who consider themselves to be homosexuals inevitably become involved in sodomy, a form of behavior classified not only as sin (Genesis 13:13), but also as “evil” (Genesis 19:7), an “ungodly” lifestyle that is “condemned” (2 Peter 2:6); the “sensual conduct of unprincipled men” (2 Peter 2:7), “lawless deeds” (2 Peter 2:8), “degrading passions” (Romans 1:26), and “indecent acts” (Romans 1:27).

So what is to be the attitude of the Christian toward homosexuals? First of all, their behavior has nothing to do with their eternal future. Those who have placed their personal faith in Jesus Christ are saved and have eternal life. Those who have not are like any other unbeliever. They are destined to the Lake of Fire for their personal rejection of Christ as Savior.

If you know someone who claims to be homosexual the issue with him as with all others you meet is not his sin but his opinion about who and what Jesus Christ is. If he is an unbeliever the issue is the gospel. If it is rejected then your job is done and he is left to his own devices before the judgment bar of God.

If however he is a believer then the issue is rebound and immediate involvement in Bible study for spiritual growth and the inhibition of this deadly wheel-track of wickedness.

The other day, I had someone, who I'll call Fred, tell me about a college friend, who we'll call John. John informed Fred that he was a homosexual and wanted to know what Fred thought about it. Fred didn't know what to say. My response was that Fred should first of all assure John that he would be able to maintain a relationship with him based on unconditional love. But Fred must then explain that unconditional love emphasizes the subject who is willing to maintain a sinless mental attitude regardless of the qualities, attributes, or even the behavior of the object. Secondly, Fred was to urge John to consider what the Scripture has to say about sodomy and then point him to the pertinent verses.

Unfortunately, this is not a very successful approach. There are now homosexual churches with homosexual pastors who use English translations of the Bible that gloss over or completely distort the passages that condemn sodomy. However, I told Fred that he should stress to John that John owed it to himself to find someone he could trust who could objectively translate the key passages on the subject from the Hebrew and the Greek. One may read the Bible in the English but one must exegese the Bible from the original languages. Once this is done without prejudice then it becomes clear that it is impossible for homosexuality to be a genetic trait. God does not condemn or judge the innocent. Further, it will be learned that homosexuality is often the behavior that dominates those who are in the advanced stages of reversionism as evidenced by Romans 1:24-27.

If the Word is not able to change their minds then they are destined to destruction. For the unbeliever a miserable life followed by eternal damnation; for the believer, a miserable life followed by eternal life but without the conveyance of rewards and blessings from his escrow account.

The prospect for a wholesale recovery by the homosexual population of this country is not likely. The general acceptance of the idea that the lifestyle is the result of genetic encoding will be difficult to change without the historical evidence of its catastrophic consequences coming to light. Those that are not taught by history are always condemned to repeat it.

The gruesome ramification of the lifestyle being legally accepted on a par with heterosexuality and approval for its proponents to become united in matrimony will send shockwaves through the culture that simply cannot be repaired. When these circumstances come to pass then the homosexual “lifestyle” will be introduced as normalcy in the public school sex education curricula in the early grades beginning with kindergarten. The “safe practice of sodomy” will be added to the curricula probably by as early as the seventh grade.

Parents who object will be considered guilty of prejudice, intolerance, and homophobia at best and of a hate crime at worst. The teaching of a child in private school that the lifestyle is sinful, evil, and abnormal could result in such schools losing their license to teach. The same will most likely occur for homeschoolers. What happens in the churches remains to be seen.



What we Christians are slow to learn is that our rights have been neutralized by the illegal ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment and case law that emerged from it in the twentieth century. The “equal protection” clause of its first section enables any individual to go to the courts and cry foul about practically anything. It is the Fourteenth that is going to bring about gay marriage for this was the source of the decision in *Lawrence v. Texas* that legalized sodomy. Same in the case of Judge Moore’s ill-fated attempt to install the Ten Commandments monument down in Montgomery. Ditto for prayer in schools, manger scenes in the public square, and carols at school Christmas assemblies.

There is no solution to this problem other than a divine solution. The Constitution of this country has been superceded by the Fourteenth Amendment and Christians simply have to get used to it. Nothing’s going to change this. Precedence has been established. Every special interest group in the country would cry bloody murder if it were suggested the Fourteenth be repealed. The only solution is to change the minds of the citizens of this country one soul at a time. It will be a generation long after we’re gone that will enjoy the success of such an effort (assuming success could one day be realized) but the time to start is now. In the meantime our duty is to orient and adjust.

It is therefore it is not unusual for me to suggest to those of you who consider yourselves to be prayer warriors that you should add another category to your prayer list. You should appeal to the throne of grace in intercessory prayer on behalf the homosexuals of this country. Pray that the Lord would find a way to inform them of their error and its dreadful consequences. Reveal to them the lie that has entrapped them into a grotesque environment of physical and mental slavery. Guide them away from those who would use them for their own sensual pleasures and reveal the healing light of Jesus Christ and his Word.

Do this for the client nation. Do this for your children and grandchildren. Do this for the homosexuals. It is written in James 5:16 that “the effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.” There is much to be accomplished. And considering the fact that the only solution is the divine solution then our way of life and that of our progeny may hang in the balance of such prayers.