

## WAS JESUS SILENT ON SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS?

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There are those in the church today who hold the belief that Jesus was silent on the subject of homosexuality. They go so far as to say, since he made no direct comments on the subject, the church cannot take a firm stand against it. Many are using this seemingly gray area to suggest that Jesus was pro homosexual. After all, if this were such a taboo subject, why would Jesus not personally address it? This concept or doctrine is becoming

very popular among younger Christians. In addition, many traditional Christian leaders deem the subject too controversial, and avoid it altogether. Their willingness to avoid the issue has created a vacuum, allowing the proliferation of misinformation, causing many well-intended seekers to reach the wrong conclusion.

However, to say that Jesus himself never addressed the issue of homosexuality is erroneous. Jesus thoroughly addresses the matter in Matthew, chapter, 19. In the third verse, the Jews sought to trip him up, by asking him a question steeped in controversy. "Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause?" There were opposing teachings on the subject; some believed you could divorce your wife for any reason, others held to the more traditional reasons, i.e., fornication or adultery. In the next verse Jesus did what we should do in all matters of controversy, he took them back to Gods original purpose of the male female relationship. "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female," Jesus begins by reminding them, that God made them to function as a matched pair. In the beginning, God intended for males and females to form a spiritual and sexual Union. God created their sexual organs to accommodate each other. In other words, he created them to have sex with each other, to procreate and replenish the earth. It is impossible for two men or two women to have sex with each other. Biblical Sex is accomplished when opposite organs create a union or a bond. There is not a biblical category or name for such an act of same sex activity; therefore, it is labeled as an abomination, suggesting it has no place in Gods order. Verse 5 further embraces the male female pairing concept, "And said, *For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?*" When a man and a woman have intercourse they

become one flesh, and as such can give life to more flesh, (offspring- children)'. When a man and a woman have sex, they are in general terms obeying the original commandment of God, "multiply and replenish the earth". When a same sex couples come together they are offering God something he never designed nor asked for, as a result they insult his infinite wisdom, by suggesting that God made a mistake or did not think the matter through. What audacity, to think that a mere mortal knows more than God about his own creation.

Verse 6 is both a command and a powerful warning. *"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."* God does not want the principals of one flesh, (one-man one woman) tampered with. Nothing will move God against a society as fast as open, blatant homosexuality. This was the sin that brought down Sodom and Gomorrah, the sin that caused Nero to fiddle while Rome burned and brought the Greco Roman world to its knees.

Even though this verse addresses divorce, suggesting that no one should divide asunder a man and his wife. It also has to do with tampering with God's commandment concerning the male female concept. God has joined man and woman not man and man or woman and woman, and any culture seeking to defy his command will suffer his wrath. God has always placed great shame upon this act. Because, it is so base and dark, it should always be relegated to the obscure and the abstract. Those who engage in it should be treated with great contempt, not openly accepted in the company of decent men. Romans 1:32 describes what our attitude toward them should be: "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." We must love them with the love of God by offering them the deliverance of salvation, but we must never allow them to think that we the church approve of their abomination. Some may say this is mean spirited and harsh, but that same author (Paul) teaches us not to keep company with a fornicator.

Verses 7 through 11 deals with the issue of divorce and re-marrying, which we will discuss in another presentation. However, verses 11 and 12 contain strong teachings of Jesus on the subject of homosexuality. Verse 11 "But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, save they to whom it is given", verse 12 "For there are some eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are some eunuchs, which were made eunuchs of men: and there be eunuchs, which have made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it." In these two verses, Jesus talks about the only categories of sexuality accepted by God. Jesus addresses the fact that all men may not fall in the same sexual category.

That some men are given special grace as it relates to non-sexuality. These are called Eunuchs. According to Jesus, there are three categories of Eunuchs; some are born with no sex drive at all, some were castrated by men, and there are those who make themselves eunuchs for the Kingdom. But nowhere in Jesus' listing of sexual categories does he recognize homosexuality. Because it is not an accepted practice in the original plan of God, God recognizes three sexual characteristics: male, female and eunuch or non-sexual. There is not a fourth category for the homosexual. Therefore, by not mentioning the homosexual, Jesus speaks volumes about their right to exist. There is no such class in humanity. Homosexuality is much like the mule. The mule is an animal that was never meant to be, he is the off spring of a horse and a jackass. Mules are sterile and cannot reproduce, placing them outside of God's plan for the animal kingdom. The same is true of the homosexual; he cannot reproduce because he was never meant to be. The mule and the homosexual are both man concocted. Most homosexuals are products of molestation (man-made). This also addresses those who claim to be born homosexual. This would mean that nature went in a contrary fashion to its creator. This is impossible, because nature emanates from God, and as such is constricted to his will. However, the truth is homosexuality comes from the dark recesses of a depraved human spirit, and is passed on to other humans through various and sundry methods. The Scripture says, "evil communication *corrupts good manners*." A cursory examination of the homosexual manifesto will show some of the ways and methods used by this group to trap others into their evil web.

But, long story short, homosexuality is a sin and is dealt with like all other sins. Once it is confessed and placed in the category of sin, God is able to deliver those who seek deliverance. If God can stop a liar from lying, a thief from stealing, then certainly he can change the homosexual as well. But if Satan can convince you that you were born that way, convince you that God made you that way, you will never seek forgiveness because, you do not view it as a sin. So when our children and other young people come out of the closet, we show them love by convincing them that it is a sin. You would not say, I am going to support you in your quest if your child told you, she wanted to be a prostitute, or he wanted to be a thief, you would do all you could to show them the down falls of these lifestyles. And by the same token, if you love your child, you will tell them that homosexuality will destroy their bodies and their souls. So, what did Jesus say about homosexuality? Jesus said, "*a man (male) should cleave to his wife (female).*"