

Theme: Although Christians must show compassion to those trapped in homosexuality, we must be clear that it is a sin, and that God would never condone homosexual marriage.

I. Intro – Review of Biblical Parameters

- A. Review – why cohabitation not marriage
 - 1. God actually defines and enacts marriage
 - 2. Marriage is a union of 2 people
 - 3. Marriage is a lifelong union
 - 4. Marriage is entered into by covenant
- B. What about homosexuals who want this?
- C. There is a HUGE cultural push for this right now
- D. What does Scripture say about homosexuality?

II. Biblical Institution of Marriage – Man and Woman

- A. Marriage between a man and a woman (texts; Mal 2)
 - 1. All mention man and woman specifically
 - 2. Marriage is ONLY man and woman
- B. The reason: God's created order (texts: Mal 2)
 - 1. 'For this reason' – taken out; back together
 - 2. 'For this reason' – created male and female
 - 3. 'Seeking godly offspring' – purpose of union

III. Common Objections to This

- A. It is ok if loving consenting adults
 - 1. Adultery, incest, orgies ok?
 - 2. 'Love' does not equal moral
- B. It is ok if 2 adults in loving, committed, etc.
 - 1. Not really happening (Gagnon, 18)
 - 2. Homosexual males voracious sex lives (Rhoads)
 - 3. Incest ok as well? Polygamy?
 - 4. Proper question – is it MORAL?
- C. We are not under OT – Jesus abolished (Mt 5:17)
 - 1. Jesus fulfilled law – did not abolish (Mt 5:17)
 - 2. Lev 18:22 – incest; adultery, bestiality, child sacrifice also
 - 3. Homosexual sex itself condemned – not uncommitted sex
 - 4. Ceremonial law done away – not moral law
- D. Jesus never condemned homosexuality
 - 1. Today's text!
 - 2. Mark 7:21 – porneia – includes homosexuality
 - 3. 1 Cor 6:9-10; Rom 1:26-27; Jude 7 – apostles speak for Christ
- E. They did not condemn or understand sexual orientation

1. Alcoholism, pedophilia have clear “orientation” issues
 2. All sin is related to “orientation” – the fall!
 3. Right questions is “Is it moral?”
- F. We are all sinners – don’t ‘judge’ others (1 Cor 5; 6)
1. Paul judged this – very strongly (1 Cor 5:1-5; 6:9-10)
 2. True compassion is to warn against sin!

IV. Conclusion & Summary

- A. Engage in struggle over homosexual marriage
1. What is desired is recognition of homosexuality as OK
 2. We can not give this – it is not acceptable
- B. Think biblically – not like cultural war!
1. God does not “hate fags” – this is unbiblical
 2. God does not condone homosexuality
- C. Remember that God is a God of restoration
1. If you have sinned – repent and be forgiven
 2. We do not hate homosexuals - compassion
- D. True compassion – rescue them from destruction!
1. We must speak the truth – even if unpopular

2. Critical for homosexuals and society!

Does God Allow Homosexual Marriage?

Genesis 2:22-24; Matthew 19:3-6

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Malachi 2:14-15

Note: All words for 'you' or 'your' are masculine in the Hebrew.

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To begin with, talk of a person's "intent" to be in a "life-long" relationship with a person of the same sex is statistically delusional. Studies to date indicate that the number of homosexual relationships that are both "life-long" and monogamous are virtually non-existent – certainly less than 3% and probably considerably less than 3%. Robert Gagnon, *A Faithful Journey Through the Bible and Homosexuality?*, 18.

One study suggests that for all their obvious differences, homosexual and heterosexual men have the same desire for uncommitted sex. Heterosexual men, however, must negotiate with women who have very different preferences. The resulting patterns in sexual activity are striking. Among married men, 7 percent have had sex with more than twenty partners. Among male homosexual couples, 43 percent have had sex with more than 20 partners. Steven Rhoads, *Taking Sex Differences Seriously*, 51.

17 **Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.**

Matthew 5:17

²² "Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.
Leviticus 18:22

²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, **sexual immorality**, theft, murder, adultery,
Mark 7:21

⁹ Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the **sexually immoral** nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes **nor homosexual offenders**¹⁰ nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.
1 Corinthians 6:9-10

²⁶ Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones.²⁷ In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion.

Romans 1:26-27

⁷ 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 1:7

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that does not occur even among pagans: A man has his father's wife.² And you are proud! Shouldn't you rather have been filled with grief and have put out of your fellowship the man who did this?³ Even though I am not physically present, I am with you in spirit. **And I have already passed judgment on the one who did this**, just as if I were present.⁴ When you are assembled in the name of our Lord Jesus and I am with you in spirit, and the power of our Lord Jesus is present,⁵ **hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord.**

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