

Project Probe Ministries

Sex, Sexuality and Homosexuality: Engaging the Truth

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What the Bible Says about Homosexuality



Introduction

Contrary to the belief of a great majority of Christians, the Bible contains a wealth of knowledge on the spiritual and physical conditions of homosexuality. As Christians, sometimes we tend to selectively study the Bible on passages which address conditions in our own sphere of circumstances, and then depend on others to “fill us in” on the issues and challenges which do not affect us. Perhaps it is a human weakness, but it nonetheless ill prepares us for situations which are steadily marching onto the center stage of society. The larger question one might ask is that, if the Bible truly does contain this wealth of information about homosexuality, then what does one do with this knowledge? The scriptures teach that the accumulation of carnal knowledge produces a prideful spirit and urges Christians to avoid it at all costs. (1 Corinthians 8:1). However, knowledge is not to be shelved as some out of date relic either. True knowledge empowers, lifts and enlightens and confirms. What must be understood is that the source of that true knowledge is Jesus.

I. Applying Biblical knowledge

The purpose of gaining Biblical knowledge, and in this instance, about homosexuality should always be to **aid in the redemption of individuals caught in its deceptive grasp**. We are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for it is the power of God unto salvation.

When the Word of God is rightly divided and applied with love, its knowledge will produce salvation. Conversely, when it is wielded as a weapon against people (Eph 6:12) it will ultimately destroy that which was meant to be restored.

Therefore, the unifying theme of the scriptures is that God always condemns sin (actions or behavior), but never condemns the sinner (the person). What we know is that Jesus came into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it (St John 3:17). Using this solid truth as a basis, we go forward in ministry armed with not just Biblical knowledge about how wrong homosexuality is, but how passionate God is to save people from it.

In a time when some “biblical scholars” are all too willing to refute the traditional understanding of scripture, just knowing what the Bible says, is insufficient. We must know what it *means* when it says what it says.

II. The Scripture index

Explicit scripture – expressed with clarity and precision, clearly defined and understood

Implicit Scripture – implied or understood though not directly expressed or apparent

Old Testament – Gen 1:27,6:19,9:20-24,10:15-19,19:1-11; Lev 5:3,18:22,30, 20:13; Duet 22:5, 23:17; Judges 2:11-13, 19:22-30; 1Kings 14:22-30 15:11-12, 22:43,46; II Kings 23:4-7, Ezk 16:49-50; Dan 11:37

New Testament – Rmns 1:18-32; 1 Cor 6:9-11; Gal 5:19; Eph 5:3-7; Col 3:5-7; 1 Tim 1:10; Titus 1:16; Jude 1:4,7,19; Rev 21:27