

BASIS OF SCRIPTURE RESPONSE FOR LGBTQ

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Our Society's Attempt to Destroy GOD'S IMAGE in Gender and Marriage:

1) We see the world's rage against God.

Psalm 2:1-4

- 1 *Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?*
- 2 *The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying,*
- 3 *"Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."*
- 4 *He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the Lord holds them in derision.*
- 5 *Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,*
- 6 *"As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill."*

2) We see the world's exaltation of evil and condemnation of good.

Isaiah 5:20

*Woe to those who call evil good
and good evil,
who put darkness for light
and light for darkness,
who put bitter for sweet
and sweet for bitter!*

3) We see the world's elevation of feelings and devaluation of logic.

(logical/critical thinking skills are in sharp decline; political correctness; feelings rule all)

4) We see the world's double-standard of tolerance/intolerance.

KEY SCRIPTURE PASSAGES:

GENESIS 1:26-27

26 *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

27 *So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.*

God's Word and Design are clear concerning sexual purity and perversity.

GENESIS 19:1-11

God Rescues Lot from the Men of Sodom

1 The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth 2 and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square." 3 But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate.

4 But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. 5 And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." 6 Lot went out

to the men at the entrance, shut the door after him, 7 and said, "I beg you, my brothers, do not act so wickedly. 8 Behold, I have two daughters who have not known any man. Let me bring them out to you, and do to them as you please. Only do nothing to these men, for they have come under the shelter of my roof." 9 But they said, "Stand back!" And they said, "This fellow came to so-journ [stay in our town for a while], and he has become the judge! Now we will deal worse with you than with them." Then they pressed hard against the man Lot, and drew near to break the door down. 10 But the men [the angels in disguise] reached out their hands and brought Lot into the house with them and shut the door. 11 And they struck with blindness the men who were at the entrance of the house, both small and great, so that they wore themselves out groping for the door.

Romans chapters 1-3: Paul's massive exposé on sin, our epidemic idolatry.

Romans 1:18-32

Our Totally Depraved Condition without Christ

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. 19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. 20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. 21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. 22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools, 23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, 25 because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; 27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. 29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, 31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

GENESIS 2: 18-25

Leviticus 18:20-23

The Law in Leviticus 18 reveals God's intent and restrictions for sexuality.

20 And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor's wife and so make yourself unclean with her [adultery]. 21 You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. 22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination. 23 And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion [bestiality].

1 Timothy 1:8-10

The Law is not bad, but good; it reveals our need of the Gospel.

8 Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, 9 understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, 10 the sexually immoral [fornication, adultery, etc.], men who practice homosexuality, enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine, 11 in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Are you in your sin or are you in Christ? Eternity is coming.

9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality, 10 nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:18-20

Flee all sexual immorality for YOUR GOOD and for GOD's GLORY.

18 Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. 19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, 20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

THE KEY QUESTION: *But what about those who are 'born this way'?*

THE SAME REALITY: We are ALL 'born this way'. We all have various propensities toward sin.

Psalm 51; Romans 1:21; 3:23; 5:12-21; Isaiah 53:6

Every single one of us is in desperate need of salvation from our sin. That is why God came in the form of a baby, grew up to be one of us, and then gave Himself as the sacrifice for our sins. This is the whole Gospel! GOD, Himself, will save all who will simply turn to Him and believe. We ALL are in the same boat.

We have a powerful Creator that is holy and just, yet loving and gracious. He is so gracious that He gives Himself for those who have rebelled against Him.

God calls any sexuality outside of the covenant of marriage as he has designed it 'sin'. There are no exceptions.

It is flawed thinking to equate ethnic identity with sexual activity.

('nondiscrimination based upon race, color, ethnicity or sexual orientation')

What about people who have propensities toward various other deviant desires or behaviors (philandery, pedophilia, other paraphilia disorders, kleptomania, etc)? Does their propensity toward these disorders make the behavior acceptable? Obviously not. There is nothing morally right or wrong about being African, Caucasian, Asian etc., but people who believe God's Word read in it that God clearly declares that all sex outside of male/female marriage is against God's design and therefore morally wrong (sin). To demand that Christians accept adultery, polyamory, homosexuality, etc is illogical.

THE ONLY SOLUTION: Redemption from self & sin through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:21

*God made him [Christ] who knew no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

Isaiah 53:5

*But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was
crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought
us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.*

Important Resources:

Is God Anti-Gay?

Love Into Light

Sexual Sanity for Men

The Bible and Homosexual Practices

God and the Gay Christian?

The Secret Thoughts of An Unlikely Convert

What to Do When Your Child Says, "I'm Gay"

by Sam Allbery

by Peter Hubbard

by David White

by Robert Gagnon

by R. Albert Mohler, Jr.

by Rosaria Butterfield

by Tim Geiger