

The Sin of Sodom

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The homosexual movement is one big propaganda machine. Its aim is to destroy everything Christian. One way to do it is to demonize Christian understanding of scripture, and to pervert proper interpretation. This paper is an answer to those who claim that the 'sin of Sodom' was 'merely pride'. (Others claim it was the sin of refusing to act as a good host, but there are many other excuses, all based on heinous misrepresentations of God's word).

Note: Many Christians, usually with some bitterness, refer to homosexuals as 'Sodomists', thinking that the two terms are synonymous. This is not quite true, and is why I usually refer to them as 'homosexuals'. Sodomy is far more than sexual perversion; it has a much wider meaning, that covers the extremes of human behaviour. 'Sodomy', then, *includes* homosexuality, but also includes all the foul sins that flow from such a deviation from God's creation. Most of these are found in Romans 1. In truth, non-homosexuals can be called sodomites, because of their intense hatred for God and godliness. They indulge in everything unlawful and illicit.

Often, sodomy is a state of mind and heart that *accrues*, as those who indulge in the choice of homosexuality deepen their affiliation to it, and gather the hatred for God that is a sure sign of degeneracy. Until fairly recently, such a full state of foulness was not apparent, because when people first choose to act homosexually, they are only interested in sex itself. It is only afterwards, when they join with others in the same evil, that the other sins are added, or, rather, grow out of the sexual sin, so that what was 'only' a sexual perversion becomes sodomy. Nowadays, though, people who choose to be homosexual do so with a ready-made hatred for God, and so they are the true sodomites. It is these awful people who God rejects outright and says they act-out an abomination worthy of death.

What Scripture Says

The "sin of Sodom" is not a KJAV text, but is taken from a corrupt Bible version, the NIV. The KJAV puts it this way:

"Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy." (Ezekiel 16:49).

So, the iniquity or sin of Sodom was indeed pride. This accompanied the inhabitants' love of

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food, great laziness, and a refusal to help the poor and needy. Yes, pride was certainly an accusation levelled at Sodom. But, pride is a foundational sin that triggers many other sins! Therefore, for homosexuals to say that the sin of Sodom was 'only' pride is a deception, for pride is the basis for all other sins. Thus, homosexuality (or, rather, sexual deviancy) is inherent within pride.

Read on, to verse 50:

“And they were haughty, and committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away as I saw [good].”

As Romans 1 reminds us, it is a fact that sexual impropriety leads on almost automatically to a whole list of vile sins. Thus, a basic sin of Sodom was its utter pride in self. But, note, too, the text that homosexuals do not quote – that Sodom “*committed abomination before me: therefore I took them away*”.

“Abomination”, *tow'ebah*, refers to a 'disgusting thing', wickedness. This sin was an abomination... and we find that this abomination is described as sexual evils that offend God, impurity. The root says that this abomination was something so detested that God “took them away” – killed them. The pride was to ignore what God demanded. This manifested as abominable acts and filth. See verse 58:

“Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith the LORD.”

“Lewdness”, *zimmah*, includes unchaste sexual behaviour, licentiousness, adultery (which includes both homosexuality and 'normal' heterosexual sins), idolatry and harlotry. God refers to all this as the 'shame' of Sodom and all who copy its ways. This shame, says God, is enough to silence the mouths of the Sodomites, who He held in dishonour, disgrace and reproach.

In other words, whilst Sodom was guilty of pride, it was this pride that led it to its many lewd and disgusting activities. Man-with-woman outside marriage is fornication or adultery (both are connected), but is at least natural. Man-with-man, or woman-with-woman, on the other hand,

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whilst being fornication and/or adultery, is also unnatural and particularly condemned by God. So, insisting that the sin of Sodom was 'pride' is just a smokescreen attempting to cover the truly wicked nature of its sexual appetites. Sodom and its close neighbours were an example of what happens when people gather together for wicked purposes; their activities invariably include sexual evil and filth of the worst kind.

Sodom – Wicked Beyond Belief

"But the men of Sodom [were] wicked and sinners before the LORD exceedingly."Genesis 13:13).

So, regardless of the smokescreen put out by homosexuals, the people of Sodom were wicked sinners whose actions were excessive. Like modern homosexual activists today, they were *ra'* - bad, evil, malignant, disagreeable, unpleasant (creating pain, unhappiness and misery), displeasing, of low value, worse than others, vicious in disposition; their thoughts, ways and minds filled with sin and a desire to injure or head for calamity. The root,

ra'a', includes the idea of being broken. All of these descriptions apply to modern homosexuals, especially as they indulge in activities that lead to their own deaths and injury! As God's word says, they sinned to excess. Hence, He destroyed the city with all its people (Genesis 18:20 etc). The statements by Lot (chapter 19) tell us just how vile the people were.

It is a lie to say that the sin of the city was to do with being bad hosts! Lot was a good host and that was sufficient. But, (v3) he feared greatly for the angels (who, it seems, he thought were mere men). No sooner had the angels entered the house, than a huge crowd of men surrounded the house demanding to have the men (angels) to themselves. They were like slaving wolves, and demanded to have the two men for their sexual satisfaction (v5).

It is absurd to claim that they only wanted to have a chat! The nature of the text proves that they wanted carnal knowledge of the men – homosexual relations. That is why Lot asked them not to act so wickedly and why he offered them his two daughters instead. Such was their wickedness and sexual sin, they were willing to break down the door to get access to their bodies. For this reason the angels caused them to go blind. Even then, these appallingly perverse men tried to break in, such was their filthy intent, easily witnessed in the maniacal and worthless actions of modern homosexual 'parties' that deliberately pass-on sexual diseases and HIV!

In Sodom's day God rained fire and brimstone upon Sodom to eradicate the people. Today, He

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has already used HIV/AIDS, and has recently introduced an even worse disease amongst them. Yet, still they try to batter down the door of decency and purity. I have no doubt whatever that God has much more in mind for the destruction of these perverse men and women before the final day of judgment. Sodom forgot God and ignored Him, and this led to their demise (Deuteronomy 29:24). Once a people forget God, they start to despise His word and command, and this automatically leads them inwardly to their own desires, which will always be filthy.

Sodomites Grow Foul Grapes

Sodom has always been a name for extreme sin and wickedness.

“For their vine [is] of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gomorrah: their grapes [are] grapes of gall, their clusters [are] bitter:

Their wine [is] the poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps.” (Deuteronomy 32:32,33).

This is telling us that the fruit of Sodom (and all who follow its path and ways) is bitter, vile, full of gall. They produce things that are the *“poison of dragons, and the cruel venom of asps”*. Is this not exactly what AIDS is, and the many exotic diseases harboured by homosexuals, leading to their deaths – deaths they glory in? Nothing good comes from homosexuality, which is wicked sin from beginning to end. As God says
“their foot will slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand...”
(v35).

There is nothing good in homosexuality, and so those of God’s people who support such vileness will themselves be subjected to God’s wrath, as the text tells us. Obadiah also repeats a similar warning. ***If you side in anyway with homosexuality, for any reason, beware, for God will not allow your sin to continue unjudged.*** Yet, as Isaiah says (1:9) unless God keeps us safe, we would end up exactly like Sodom and Gomorrah.

Note that Isaiah says that Sodomites do not bother to hide their sins (3:9). And, like homosexuals today, the men of his day brought destruction upon their own selves, such is the insanity induced by homosexuality. *“They shall eat the fruit of their doings”* (v 10) and because of their total rejection of God
“the reward of his hands shall be given him”

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. Thus, God gives them over to their sin. For such there is no escape and no redemption, for their faces are as flint and they hate God.

Jeremiah (23:14) repeats this same condemnation, saying that even the prophets of the Jews committed similar evils, *“an horrible thing”*, something totally disgusting. This included adultery/fornication (which incorporates homosexuality),

na'aph

, from which wickedness they never returned. Because of this propensity for sexual sin, they continually lied, just like modern homosexuals, and so God treated them like the people of Sodom.

God warns us not to listen to these men, who tell lies, for God has given them destruction: their *“vision (is) of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the Lord.”*

While this warning was applied to the prophets, they also apply to modern advocates and supporters of homosexuality, whose wickedness is the same. This is why God says

“a whirlwind of the Lord is gone forth in fury”

against them. Today, millions have died of AIDS, a self-administered punishment from God.

Many more will die as a result of ignoring even this foul disease. The whirlwind

“shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked”

(v19). So, more death from Heaven will come.

2 Peter 2:6-8

This utter condemnation and revulsion for the Sodomites is also expressed in the New Testament.

“And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned [them] with an overthrow, making [them] an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly;

And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed [his] righteous soul from day to day with [their] unlawful deeds;)”

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It is moronic to make these warnings into a simple lack of good hosting! Sodom was, and still is, an example of foulness and punishment, for all who are ungodly, of “*filthy conversation*” which led to “unlawful deeds”. “Filthy”,

aselgeia

, is unbridled lust, excess, licentiousness, wantonness, doing what is utterly outrageous, shameless and insolent. Though God calls this behaviour evil, governments today call it a ‘right’! For this reason, those leaders who legislate for such rights will also be judged by God.

Greek translators know that this sense means something disgraceful, and moral impurity, disregarding decency; filthy, foul. It also means to be lascivious – an absence of restraint; shameless conduct, hedonism of any kind. That modern men have turned everything on its head, making black into white, is irrelevant, for God’s word remains true.

Jude 1:7-on

In this book the words are even more clear. Sodom is said to have given itself over to “fornication” and “strange flesh”, thus deserving of “eternal fire”. In this text “fornication” is “to go whoring”, a very apt description of homosexual behaviour today, which does not restrain itself in anyway, proving that homosexuality is a form of mental imbalance. “Strange flesh” is lust of things that are ‘not the same’ (that is, not the same as what is designed by God). Or, to put it another way, it refers to what is unnatural and of ‘another class or kind’. Bear in mind that fornication covers both natural and unnatural sexual activity, whether heterosexual or homosexual. Both are condemned by God.

Jude tells us that these people are “filthy dreamers” (v8). This is, *enyphiazomai* – drawn in and enticed by sensual images and then into filthy conduct, and so they “defile the flesh”... pollute and contaminate it with many sins. This includes the idea of ‘dying with another colour’ that is, not the same as the original; used of moral defilement. Those caught in this trap (and caught they are, for they find it hard to leave such vileness)

“speak evil of dignities”

: they blaspheme against everything good from God and so blaspheme Him as a Person and the morality He demands.

These people act like “brute beasts” (unable to think rationally) by doing what is unnatural (v10). “Woe unto them!” If they mingle with believers they are worthless and will be plucked up by the roots. Those Christians who allow mingling with homosexuals are thus warned, for they will be utterly destroyed: “to whom is reserved the blackness of darkness for ever” (v13).

Conclusion

The wickedness of homosexuality is easily witnessed today. Its evil is eternal and known by God. He warns against it in the deepest of terms. Other texts in scripture speak of its depraved nature, to be destroyed by God (see relevant articles).

This paper has shown that the claim – that the ‘only’ sin Sodom was condemned for was pride – is bunkum. Pride is merely the foundation upon which many great sins are built. Texts show that Sodomy is a widely-dispersed sin, including just about every sin imaginable, but including the vilest of sexual improprieties. The Old Testament speaks much of abominations performed by men.

Whatever we personally wish to think about homosexuality is not relevant. What matters is what *God* tells us about it. His word is law and final. Homosexuality is shown to be one of the many sins found in Sodomy, which is a total class of evil incorporating all manner of godless activities and speech, making it fully Satanic. Therefore, to concentrate on the sin of Sodom as being only pride is nonsense. It is certainly bad exegesis. And, anyway, why should any believer accept the interpretations of unsaved, wicked people with a death-wish, whose intention is to destroy God’s word and witness?

You will note that nothing in this article displays ‘hatred’ for homosexuals. It is a paper denouncing bad interpretation and showing proper interpretation of scripture. But, be assured, God hates all who are abusive of themselves and who reject God, and says they will be consigned to hell unless they repent and turn to truth and holiness.

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