

Leviticus Still Valid! Homosexuality Condemned

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I recently had a stream of ludicrous emails from a man who claimed to be a Christian. He worked for a gay centre and was clearly smitten by gay propaganda. He pretended to be a theological expert as well as an expert on homosexuality. But, his information came from only one source – homosexuals and their propaganda. He was very aggressive and insulting and though I pointed him to non-Christian medical and scientific sources, he refused to even acknowledge them, let alone look at them. He was only interested in accepting and promoting the gay agenda. Overall, I doubt very much if he is a Christian, given his stance.

At one point I asked him how he coped with the very clear condemnation of homosexuality in Leviticus. He bounced back in a most surreal way, warning me that I was myself condemned for 'telling lies' and insisting that if I adhered to 'the law' I was in trouble! So, what does Leviticus say, and why do I say that its condemnation of homosexuality still stands.

Leviticus 18:22

"Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it (is) abomination."

In context, we are told that if anyone acts this way, the whole land is defiled and ready for judgement. The land 'vomits out' (verse 25) its people by allowing such activities to go unhindered. The "souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people". The person Who says this is God Himself, not Moses or one of the Hebrew leaders. It is not, then, just a Mosaic law.

The person, who thought he was capable of argumentation, read a Strong's entry for 'to know' and insisted that it ONLY meant what it said: to come to know. I pointed out that reading a Strong's entry does not make a man a theologian! All he could hope to get from reading a Strong's entry is a meaning. It does not give the interpretation!

Clouded by his own delusion, he could not understand that there can be many meanings to a single word, in both Greek and Hebrew. Very often, if you do not know about Hebrew idioms, you will fail to apply the correct interpretation. In the case of 'to know' found in the incident at Sodom, when the inhabitants were willing to kill in order to 'know' the angels, it means to sodomise them with great violence. The phrase 'to know' is an Hebrew idiom meaning just that: to have sex with someone. To be ignorant of Hebrew idiomatic structures is to have a completely wrong idea. It is the same in Paul's letters. He tends to use many parallel statements

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and opposites. If you do not understand this, you will no doubt interpret a variety of his statements wrongly.

What, then, does the text in Leviticus mean? And, does it apply today? Firstly, what does “shalt not lie”, shakab, mean? It can simply mean to lay down, or to live somewhere. It can mean to be dead or to rest. But, in this text it means to have sexual relations with. How can we tell? Because of the context: the verse continues: “with mankind, as with womankind”. To ‘lay’ with a woman obviously refers to sexual union. Therefore, the interpretation is: “You will not have sexual relations with a man, or animals, as you would with a woman.” (It refers to animals as well, if used as a noun, which is its use in this text). Of course, bestiality is just one variant within homosexuality. So, homosexuality is not to be accepted.

God tells us that homosexuality is “an abomination” (a fact repeated in Romans 1). An abomination, tow’ebah, means something that is disgusting, abominable. It is unclean and wicked. An ‘abomination’ can also refer to idolatry. Homosexuals like to twist this text to mean ‘idolatry’. But, the text is qualified by “as with womankind”, to mean men having sexual relations with other men. It is an abomination!

Leviticus 20:13

“If a man lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood (shall be) upon them.”

The same death penalty is upon those (men or women) who commit bestiality. Romans 1 tells us that men lusted after other men as they did with women, calling it an unnatural act (“leaving the natural use of a woman”) that is “unseemly”. But, these men receive “within themselves” their just desserts: not just condemnation by God but also diseases, such as AIDS.

The Answer

There can be no doubt that both Old and New Testaments condemn homosexuality (‘homosexuality’ includes men and women). But, homosexuals force the idea that the Old Testament no longer applies. This is a grave error.

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The words in Leviticus were spoken by God Himself. This is very important. All of scripture tells us that God never lies and never changes His mind. Mosaic laws might change, but God's laws never change.

Now, if God never changes and never goes back on His word, what He says in Leviticus stands for all time. Thus, what He condemns in the Old Testament remains condemned into the New Testament and to the end of time itself. Therefore, with very simple Biblical logic we can show that God condemned homosexuality in the past, and continues to condemn it in the present and into the future. Ignorant 'Christians' do not have the freedom, or the Biblical sanction, to change what God says!

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