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- Homosexuality: "having to do with or manifesting sexual feelings for one of the same sex," <u>World Book Dictionary</u>.
- Lesbian: "A homosexual woman."
- Sodomy: In Bible days such people were called "sodomites," Deuteronomy 23:17-18; I Kings 14:24; 15:11,12; 22:46; 2 Kings 23:7.
- "Sodomite" gets its name from the ancient city of Sodom, a city filled with men who sought sexual gratification with men, Genesis 19:4-5.

Homosexuality Condemned in O.T.

- Genesis 19:4-5,12-13; cf. Genesis 18:20
- Leviticus 18:22
- Leviticus 20:13.
- Isaiah 3:9.
- Note: In the Old Testament God sometimes tolerated what He did not approve. Cf. Matthew 19:8-9. There is No instance in the Old Testament of God ever tolerating homosexuality!

Homosexuality Condemned in N.T.

- Romans 1:24-27.
- I Corinthians 6:9-10.
 - "Effeminate" (KJV) or "homosexual" (NKJV); Marginal reference says "Catamites, those submitting to homosexuals."
 - "Abusers of themselves with mankind" (KJV), or "sodomites" (NKJV). Marginal reference says "male homosexuals."
- I Timothy 1:9-10.

Observations from the Scriptures Cited:

- In both Testaments homosexuality is regarded as a sin. It is never portrayed as:
 - A birth defect.
 - An alternative lifestyle.
- There are two "alternative life styles" in the Bible.
 - Male/female monogamous marriage, Matthew 19:3-6.
 - Celibacy, Matthew 19:12; I Corinthians 7:8-9.

Why Homosexuality and Lesbianism are Wrong:

- The Bible condemns such. cf. John 12:48.
- It is a sin against Society!
- Note Proverbs 14:34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."

More on "A Sin Against Society:"

- Study the history of the Rise and Fall of nations. In their fall homosexuality generally was involved.
- It was treated as <u>a criminal offense</u> in all our original 13 colonies, and eventually in all 50 states. The penalty for homosexuality was death in New York, Vermont, Connecticut, and South Carolina. Thomas Jefferson advocated "dismemberment" as the penalty for such!

Still More on Homosexuality and Society:

- Prior to recent years no known human society had ever granted equal status to homosexuals and lesbians, nor proposed the marriage of men to men, women to women!
- As of 2008, 93 nations in the world still legally punish homosexuality; In Iran, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, United Arab Empire, Sudan, Nigeria, and Mauritania they still invoke the death penalty for homosexuals and lesbians!

A <u>Sin Against Society</u> Because it is Deadly Conduct!

- A major contributor to the spread of AIDS, typhoid, cholera, Amoebic Dysentery, Hepatitis A, Bacterial and Bowel Infections.
- The median age at death for a homosexual man is 42; 75 for married heterosexual men.
- The median age at death for a lesbian is 45; 79 for a married heterosexual woman.
- "Gay" is not the right word to describe such conduct!

Yet Many Are doing all within their Power to promote "Gay Rights."

- In New York City's public school curriculum, pro-homosexual book are prescribed:
 - Heather Has Two Mommies, a book about a lesbian couple having children through artificial insemination.
 - <u>Gloria Goes to Gay Pride</u>, a part of the text reads:
 "Some women love women, some men love men, some women and men love each other. That's why we march in the parade, so everyone can have a choice."

<u>How</u> Should Homosexuals Men and Lesbian Women Deal with their Problem?

- Repent! Acts 17:30; Luke 13:3,5; 2 Corinthians 7:10.
- Avoid Homosexual Friends and Hangouts!
- Restrict what goes into their minds.
- Study their Bible, Psalms 119:11.
- Present body as living sacrifice, Romans 12:1-2
- Obey Jesus Christ, Hebrews 5:9.
- Be active in the local church, Acts 2:42.

Conclusion:

- Homosexual and lesbian conduct, like fornication, rape, murder, lying, etc. is sinful!
- All have sinned in certain ways, Romans 3:23.
- The Wages of sin is death, Romans 6:23.
- This is why "the gospel is for all," Romans 1:16.
- Homosexuals and lesbians, like all sinners, <u>can be saved</u>! I Corinthians 6:9-11.