

# God and Gay Marriage

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The Bible and Homosexual Practice

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- If man is now incomplete without woman, is it necessary to have both to complete the image of God?
- From these types of questions the revisionist argument arises.

# Traditional View

- God created man and woman to complement each other in every way.
- God did not intend or act to create men for men or women for women
- God's purpose and intent are clear from creation, from biology, and from the innate character of men and women
- Acting otherwise (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) dishonors God's intent and design and perverts His purpose in creation. It places a twisted lustful desire above God's sacred and holy union.

# Revisionist View

- The focus in Genesis 2 is not on the complementarity of male and female, but on the similarity of male and female
- The “one-flesh” union connotes, not physical complementarity, but a kinship bond.
- The biblical usage in both OT and NT suggest that this bond constitutes the essence of marriage, even when procreation cannot be fulfilled
- This is why promiscuity is rejected
- The Scripture *assumes* this one-flesh bond takes place between a man and a woman. But there is nothing inherent in biblical usage that necessarily *excludes* gay unions.
- “Therefore, what is *normal* in the biblical witness may not necessarily be *normative* in different cultural settings that are not envisioned by the biblical writers.” (James Brownson)



# “Two Fingers”

- You can create all kinds of arguments
- Occam’s Razor applies: simplicity and plain meaning of the text come first
- The burden of proof is upon anyone who wishes to deny the plain meaning of this text and the overwhelmingly negative stance regarding homosexuality found throughout both the OT and NT
- The burden of proof is also upon anyone who wishes to deny that God or the OT writer did not envision today’s view of sexual orientation or relationships
- The revisionist argument may be convincing if you wish it to be so; nevertheless it fails upon any serious examination.

# Revisionist “Fails”

- If God meant only to establish a “kinship bond”, He could have simply made another “adam”.
- If that is true, making woman was pointless
- Genesis does not need to speak of complementarity because it is obvious when speaking of man and woman.
- Being made “in God’s image” is not a PHYSICAL statement. It is spiritual- or are you saying God has a body? So we are made in God’s image spiritually, intellectually, morally.

# God and Sex

- Is God interested in our sexual activity? Why?
- Why is it God's business?
- What is it about sexual union that makes it such a target for spiritual issues?
- Why is sexual activity so prominent in idol worship in ancient times- and why is that practice experiencing a resurgence in popular culture now? (Dan Brown)



# The Big Fail- The First Commandment

- “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” (Mt. 22:37)  
If this is our first purpose and duty, what are we doing when we claim the right to change the use of His creation to suit ourselves?
- Especially in light of the Scripture’s unrelenting stance against all types of sexual perversion, whether heterosexual, homosexual, bestial, incestuous, or idolatrous?



# What is Marriage?

- Question for future class- What is marriage? What is the minimum required to claim that two people are in a marriage relationship?