

God and Gay Marriage

The Bible and Homosexual Practice

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- Jesus does not address homosexual practice directly in any part of the Scriptures, with the possible exception of Rev 22:15.
- Some argue that since He did not, and he removed the death penalty from adultery (maybe: John 8:1-11), that he lifts the strictures of Lev 18 and 20; this argument from silence is far too weak- you could claim anything.
- One “internet” claim is that Jesus healed the centurion’s “pais” (Greek for “boy”), and “pais” was the common term for a young homosexual lover; therefore Jesus indirectly condoned the relationship. (Mt. 8:9-15) Nonsense!
 - The Greek word for boy is “pais”. Pais is pais
 - Jesus did not condone pederasty.

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- Jesus then proceeded to close loopholes in the Law:
 - Adultery: “But I tell you...”
 - Divorce: “But I tell you..”
 - Oaths, Eye for and Eye, Love your Enemies...
 - And on. Jesus upped the ante on all of them.

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- These statements disqualify polygamy, polyandry, serial monogamy, and same-sex “marriage” as falling within God’s plan for marriage and sexual union.

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- Jesus was speaking of people who had a very low sex drive or were born with deformities. If He meant to countermand His Levitical order, he could and would have done so right here. He did not.

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- There is absolutely no reason to believe that Jesus, his disciples, or the Apostle Paul would repudiate the Levitical proscription of homosexual practice. They included it as sexual immorality without exception.

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- There is no way in the universe that these devout men did not include homosexual practice as “sexual immorality”

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- Nor is there any chance that the Apostle Paul saw it that way, either. He was a Pharisee, the stickliest stickler for the Law who ever lived.
- Next week- Romans 1.
- Keep in mind- What is marriage? In a few weeks I will ask you to write it on the back of a business card.