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The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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Is Homosexuality An Acceptable Alternative?

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*[Editor's Note: Mel Futrell is the pulpit minister at Shades Mountain church in Birmingham. He wrote the following article in May of 1993 for publication in the **Daily American Republic**; the daily newspaper in Poplar Bluff, Missouri where he was then preaching the Gospel. Then and now, anyone who practices and/or promotes the practice of homosexuality is most definitely going to find the article objectionable. But twenty-five years later, his opposition to engaging in homosexuality is no less strong — homosexuality is unbiblical, unnatural, and unhealthy. Brethren, the clear teaching of Scripture on this matter will always be at variance with the sin of same sex sexual intercourse. Yet, the approval of, and one might say the popularity of, homosexuality is at an all-time high. Obviously, the truth of God's word on this moral issue is still needed. So, here is that article from twenty-five years ago.]*

With the election of a morally loose President, recent demonstrations by homosexuals, and articles promoting homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle appearing almost everywhere, many Americans have begun to rethink the issue of homosexuality. With this article, we ask you to do just that, rethink the practice of homosexuality from a Biblical perspective. As a New Testament Christian, I can assure you that Bible believers simply want a fair shake. We have never been afraid of putting our Bible beliefs alongside of any other. But when the Word of God is banned altogether in the discussion, that's something else!

As New Testament Christians, we believe **homosexuality is sinful**, while others view it as nothing more than a lifestyle choice. In fact, it has become a social taboo to speak reproachfully concerning the practice of homosexuality. Bill Flatt has correctly stated:

"That there is considerable pressure in our society to accept homosexuality as a legitimate lifestyle is undeniable. One sees it in the news media, politics, and everywhere. The person on most television programs who is depicted as abnormal is the person who believes homosexuality is abnormal and sinful."

And make no mistake about it, homosexuality is a learned practice — not a genetic predisposition. It is in opposition to God's will! All immoral lifestyles are by choice.

I am grateful that there are those who still believe God's word when it says, ***"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination"*** (Leviticus 18:22). Moses went on to say two chapters later, ***"If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination..."*** (Leviticus 20:13). In the New Testament the apostle Paul penned these words:

"For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Like-wise also the men leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in them-selves the penalty of their error which was due" (Rom. 1:26-27).

Another writer has correctly stated:

"Notice, at one time they were heterosexual, but they changed by 'exchanging'. The men 'abandoned' the correct lifestyle for lust for one another."

Friends, if homosexuality was not wrong God would not have condemned it. The truth of the matter is, God has always condemned homosexuality and it will always be sin. We are not promoting hatred of those who practice homosexuality or violence against them. **Ours is a hatred of the sin of homosexuality not the sinner.**

Homosexuals, like those who commit any sin, are told to repent and be immersed for the remission of their sins (Acts 2:38). And believe it or not, it has happened before (1 Cor. 6:9-11). Homosexuality is definitely not an acceptable alternative!

Think about it.

Here's hoping you'll make the *"most of your minutes"* this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

Bob Strickland