

# Acts 17:6

## 1 Kings 18:17

For us: Word settles issues

Others: it causes trouble

Three-legged stool: Reason,  
Revelation, Tradition

**1.** Reason: Is.1:18

**2.** Tradition: 2 Th.2:15; 3:6




# Homosexuality



# **I. Homosexuality: What Does The Bible Say?**

# Genesis 18-19

- On the way to Sodom, Gn.18:...16
  - *Outcry*, 20-21
  - Their *sin is very grave*, 20
    - Before chapter 19
      - Fact-finding mission, 18:21
        - Men went toward Sodom, 22



# Abraham's response to God's wrath hanging over Sodom, 18:23-32

- Destroy (18:23)
  - Righteous, too? (2 Pt.2:7-8)
    - Principle of justice: 18:25

# Genesis 19, two angels

[1] "Angels" (19:1)

□ Men (18:1-2, 16, 22 . . .)

[2] Sodomites, 19:4-7

□ "Know" (19:5, 8; 4:1)

[3] Lot, the "judge" (19:9)

[1] "Men" rescue him (19:10)

# N.T. Commentary # 1: 2 Pt.2:6-9

(Actual history)

1. Reduce to ashes, 6
2. Guilty verdict, 6 (consign to destruction)
3. Warning example for godless, 6
4. Righteous Lot, 7 (Gn.18:23); distressed
5. Extreme immorality; filthy / sensual conduct of unprincipled men [NASB], 7
6. Tormented in soul, 8 (harass)
7. Lawless, without regard to law, 8
8. Unrighteous, unjust, sinful, 9

# N.T. Commentary # 2: Jude 7 (Actual history)

## 1. Sexual immorality

**“Indulge in illicit sexual relations, debauchery”**

## 2. Strange flesh

**Engage in unnatural sexual intercourse . . . Gn.19:8-9**

## 3. Set forth as example



# N.T. Commentary # 3: Ro.1:18-32 (Actual history)

**God's wrath revealed against all – (18)**

**<sup>1</sup>Ungodliness**


**<sup>2</sup>Unrighteousness**

- Not idolatry alone
- “Nature” (25-26) based on creation (20)
- Consensual, 27
- Filled with all unrighteousness (29-32)
- Practice, approve such things, 32

# N.T. Commentary # 4: 1 Co.6:9-11 (Actual history)


- God's list of *unrighteous* people includes:
  - Homosexuals
  - Sodomites

“Paul's strictures against same-sex activity cannot be satisfactorily explained on the basis of alleged temple prostitution” (BDAG)



I. Homosexuality:  
What Does The Bible Say?

**II. Homosexuality:  
What Do Men Say?**



1. “The sin of Gn.19 was rape,  
not homosexuality”


1. Ignores Gn.18: their sin already existed before the attempted rape
2. Ro.1:27, condemns consensual homosexuality, not merely rape


## 2. “Sins of Sodom (Ezk.16) do not mention homosexuality”

- Ezk.16:50-52, **abomination** includes sexual transgressions

“Most of the Hebrew words translated ‘abomination’ have the meaning of ‘impure,’ ‘filthy,’ and ‘unclean’ – that which is foul-smelling and objectionable to a holy God” (Nel., 7)

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  - Lv.18:22 (3, 24-30)
  - Lv.20:13 (23)
- Illustration: Gn.6:5, 12  Mt.24
- 2 Pt.2 & Jd.7 confirm Genesis record



### 3. “Strange flesh (Jd.7) refers to angels, Gn.18-19”

1. Ignores Gn.18:20 –**outcry; grave sin**
2. Ignores 2 Pt.2:8 –**‘day by day’ sins**
3. Sodomites sought **‘men’**: Gn.19:5,10

## 4. "Homosexuals are born, not made"

1. Biological predispositions do not authorize sinful behavior
2. Ro.1, **not natural**, therefore not born

"As opp. to what is monstrous,  
abnormal, perverse...that which is  
contrary to nature's laws, against  
nature, Ro.i. 26 (Th., 660).

3. 1 Co.6:11, you *were*





## 5. “We cannot define ‘man’ and ‘woman’”

1. Can we define “human”?
2. May we marry an animal?
3. May we marry a tree?
4. May we marry a child?

# Bible condemns all sexual immorality

**Immoral assumes moral**

**Includes:**  
**Premarital**  
**Extramarital**  
**Homosexual**  
**Bestial**  
**Incest**

**Sin**  
**Judgment**

**Condemned:**  
**Ep.5:3,5**  
**Mt.19:9**  
**1 Co.5:1**  
**Hb.13:4**  
**Jude 7**