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On Human Sexuality

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A little boy came home from school the other day, declaring to his father and mother: "I learned today that there is a little girl inside of me." On one of my recent visits to my doctor, when I filled out my sexual orientation, instead of the usual two boxes (male or female), there were six: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, etc. Where are we going with all of this? At this point, about 10% of people in America seem to be confused about their sexual status. Because most American pastors are not adequately addressing this issue, I feel constrained to address it from various angles affirming the traditional Christian standpoint.

1. The Bible on Human Sexuality

And the LORD God said, It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him (Gen. 2:18). With this in the very beginning, God created the oldest institution of man: the marriage relationship between a man and a woman. At the end of every creation day, we find these words: *...And God saw that it was good*, except when He created man. Then, and only then, He said: *it is not good*. From day one of man's existence, God tells us that a man without a woman is not good. He is incomplete, weak and ill-prepared for the battles of life. Then God said: *I will make him a helper*. So, the first picture of man is one of incompleteness and the first picture of the woman is that of being a helper. Only together in a marriage relationship will both reach their full potential, meaning that no man can take away the incompleteness of another man; only a woman can do so. This leaves no room for homosexuality. God created man and woman to function as a unit, **as one flesh**: *Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh (Gen. 2:24).* Wonderful, wonderful! Is it any wonder then that, in their natural state, men are drawn to women and women are drawn to men? There are things that women can do that men cannot do (or not do well), and vice versa. They complement each other. When a man loses his natural desire for a woman or a woman loses her natural desire for a man, there is something wrong.

So, a woman was custom-made out of man and for man. She was made from his rib. That alone speaks of the depths of the intimacy between man and woman. She was created to help man, just as a fish was created to swim and a bird to fly. And when a woman is in that element of helping her man, she will fulfill her highest calling in life. However, if a woman or a man belongs to that very small group of men or women called to be single (Matt.19:12), God will give them grace to be just as happy and useful there as they would have been in a marriage relationship. After all, we all are single before marriage and will be single after our spouse dies; and we can find happiness in that stage.

Then God also commanded the first couple to multiply. That command cannot be obeyed except when living in the traditional husband-wife relationship. God wants men to father and nurture children and raise them up for His glory, and women to bear children and likewise nurture and train them in godliness. God does not recognize any marriage other than between two persons of the opposite sex. Neither does Jesus: He reiterated the teachings of Genesis in Matthew 19:3-6. That is God's word and anyone who is trying to have sex outside of that relationship invokes the displeasure of God. Leviticus 18:22 says: *You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.* That is also confirmed by the Apostle Paul. And now you know why many try to get rid of the Bible—they do not want to hear and obey this command. They look for moral justification for their ungodly and unblessed relationships. There is none in the word of God. Let us go on.

2. Nature and Human Sexuality

Homosexuality is against nature. It is neither safe nor wise to go against nature. It always brings negative consequences. Observe that Paul, in clarifying Christian doctrine for the Romans, **addresses sexual perversion as a consequence of ungodliness** in the very first section of his treatise in Romans 1:21-32. From this, we can conclude that Paul considered it a priority for the church to deal with this sin.

We must not stick our heads in the sand and ignore it. Genesis 1 is the beginning of all things and includes the **purpose** of human sexuality. Romans 1 deals with the **perversion** of human sexuality. We must let people know the consequence and ugliness of such perversion because it upsets the design of nature causing Paul to say in reference to such perversion: *For this reason God gave them over and abandoned them to vile affections and degrading passions. For their women exchanged their natural function for an unnatural and abnormal one, And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set*

ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another—men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution (Rom. 1:26-27 AMP).

Notice the battery of adjectives employed in reference to homosexuality: *vile, degrading, abnormal, shameful and unnatural*. My friend, God created nature and when you go against nature, you go against God. When a woman sleeps with a woman or a man sleeps with a man, that is against nature. If you go into homosexuality or try to change your God-given gender, you upset the design of God. It is like trying to make snakes live in Alaska. It is against nature. It is like trying to make the earth move in a perfect circle around the sun rather than in its present elliptical path. It would bring an end to our seasons and create chaos. It is unnatural. It would be like a mother abandoning her child. It is unnatural. Do not mess with God's natural design. Of those who do such things, it is said: *...those who do such things deserve to die...*(Rom. 1:32 RSV). Those who partake of homosexuality shall not inherit the kingdom of God (1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:10, Jude 7). The Bible is against it. Nature is against it. We must not accommodate persons who are in perversion, but rather expose the error of their ways and try to help them to find a way out. Jesus is the way out.

3. Natural Science and Human Sexuality

Each of us has about 37.2 trillion cells. Every cell has 23 sets of chromosomes. Chromosomes contain the blueprints for your life such as height, eye and hair color, intelligence, etc. The 23rd pair of chromosomes in a cell are called the sex chromosomes. They determine and fix your sexual designation. A man's sexual status is designated by the letters XY and a woman's by the letters XX. Every cell has a sex chromosome, whether it be an eyelash, kidney, bone or fingernail cell. For you to change your sexual status, you have to change trillions of cells in your body. Good luck, my friend. Whatever you do to change your sex is only cosmetic and it is no more than a scratch in the shifting desert sands of the Sahara. You cannot change what God has made you to be—either male or female. For this reason, no major mental health professional organization has sanctioned efforts to change sexual orientation. Virtually all of them have adopted policy statements cautioning the profession and the public about treatments that purport to change sexual orientation. These include the American Psychiatric Association, the American Psychological Association, the American Counseling Association, the National Association of Social Workers in the U.S., the Royal College of

Psychiatrists, the Australian Psychological Society, and the Pan American Health Organization. The magazine Scientific American of August 29, 2019 published a massive, comprehensive study which concluded that there is no single genetic cause of same-sex persons

(<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/massive-study-finds-no-single-genetic-cause-of-same-sex-sexual-behavior/>).

Other signs that God has not put His blessings on homosexuality are found in statistics relating to life expectancies in this area: homosexuals shorten their life expectancy by 20 to 30 years. Life expectancy of transgenders is between 30 and 35 years. In addition, the cost of health care for people like this is much higher than for married couples. There generally is an early onset of chronic diseases in such cases, a high risk of HIV/AIDS, of mental disorder and violence. The likelihood of suicide amongst such persons is also very high. Sex outside the traditional marriage relationship is met with great disapproval by your Creator. By attempting to do so, you put yourself above the Creator, even as Lucifer did. He was cast out of heaven and from hence he has been called the devil.

4. Social Science and Human Sexuality

This raises all kinds of questions and challenges such as do we now need six public restrooms instead of just male and female? Do transgenders and homosexuals have the right to adopt children? How do we address the wife of a homosexual; is it Mrs. or Mr. or what? How about the military? Do we now need to have four or six barracks to separate the different people according to their self-appointed sexual choices, etc.? How do we handle people who change their sexual orientation every six months? Do we change their driver's license, insurance policies and medical records each time?

And finally, is homosexuality the unpardonable sin? Absolutely not. Repent of it and come to Jesus and He will do something worthwhile with your life. It is in Him alone that you will find the happiness that has eluded you. Start heading for Him and He will meet you at the door of His sheepfold.

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