## "Homosexuality: Good or Evil? A Biblical perspective

There is an intense debate and massive effort underway in our nation, and for that matter around the world, to suppress any outspoken effort of individuals who respect and revere the simple instructions from the Creator as to what is morally acceptable as human behavior.

The bible, which is the handbook or manual for mankind's proper functioning, is a gift from our Creator to us all so we will know how we are to function so we do not go off course. All manufacturers give an operations and technical manual with their product and our Creator is no exception to that rule. We are going to use the very specific instructions in that manual today to dispel any doubt about what the Creator of mankind says is proper functioning behavior when it comes to the question of homosexuality. The Creator knows His product very well and foresaw and addresses what flaws and deficiencies would befall it (human beings) when they function outside of design parameters as per His instruction manual.

In brief, we witness a tremendous effort going into legitimizing functions such as homosexual behavior as an alternate lifestyle. Those who function within this "lifestyle" and those who actually don't but condone such conduct have many false premises and teachings they put forth to attempt to legitimize it. One of the more recent false premises is that this conduct is beyond their control for it is written in their DNA to function as such and thus it is natural behavior equaling the relationship between a man and a woman.

These types of arguments and debates have convinced many modern Christian types that they are to accept such things for they are ordained of God, and didn't God say we are to love our neighbor.

Let us in fact turn to the very clear instructions on the subject contained in the handbook for mankind (cover to cover) to see what the Creator actually says. Lets start with a very quick but precise overview as to what will be happening at the end of the age. Matthew 24 and Mark 13 tell us of a time when even the elect, those called and chosen by God can be deceived. it is a time when wrong is declared right and right is declared wrong and when evil is put forth as good and good as evil. I have written about this extensively in the past as to the plan of salvation for mankind. That is all very positive in its nature. Unfortunately there are many terrible pitfalls along the way. It is important to understand that God has allowed an adversary to exist during the time allotted to mankind to be used in the process of testing and perfecting the creation. He goes by many names; Lucifer, Satan, Great Dragon, etc. Most associate these with him but only in the sense of a childish fairy tale. Few recognize him by his most destructive and descriptive name which is the, Prince of the Power of the Air.

Ephesians 2:1-3, "And you who were once dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course (aion, the cycle or present round of things) of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, among who we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh,

fulfilling the desires of the flesh and mind, and were thus by nature children of wrath (took on Satan's spiritual nature) just as the others."

These very instructive scriptures should be a call to action for mankind to resist the deceptions that Satan, the prince of the power of the air, transmits to our minds to disobey the Creators instructions on how to properly function and conduct ourselves. Satan understands the whole purpose of the plan of salvation for mankind and as such he understands it will lead to his destruction. He is doing everything he is allowed to do to change that outcome for himself, his spiritual minions who rebelled with him, and mankind. I do stress "all he is allowed to do." God is allowing him to use his created spiritual powers to test us. This is all part of the plan for our growing in grace and knowledge. There is not one moment in time that the Father and the Son do not have complete oversight. This confuses many but that is a subject for another time.

God teaches us through patterns which run throughout the bible or as it may be called the handbook or manual for mankind.

Isaiah 28:9-10. Two very specific questions are asked and then two very specific answers are given as well as the Creators means and methods of doing so.

"Whom will He teach knowledge? And whom will He make to understand the message? Those weaned from milk! Those drawn from the breasts!

For precept upon precept, precept upon precept, line upon line, line upon line, here a little there a little."

Yes, our Creator has left us an operating manual and it is very specific as to how we are to function per our design. This understanding and instruction is written in patterns throughout the pages of the manual. Most of mankind does not understand this for they have been deceived by the prince of the power of the air to look to another way and another source of knowledge. Many of those who say they follow the biblical understandings do not put the time into the manual themselves but pay another to do it for them and thus conduct themselves as to their teachers understandings whether correct or not. The prince of the power of the air is very involved in that means and method of gaining understanding. That is the breast or bottle fed method. Let another prepare the meal for them instead of the individual sitting at the table and eating solid food with the Creator one on one. A major focus of the plan of salvation is to see who will grow and mature to a level at which they can do so with Christ one on one with no benefactor in between.

The origination of the homosexual mindset lies with the simple fact that as a created angelic being, Satan cannot reproduce after the angelic kind. No such thing exists in the angelic rehlm regardless of how much spin the deceivers apply to it. Satan abhors this condition for even the lowliest life forms on earth have the ability to procreate after their own kind. Let there be no doubt that Satan is the author of the homosexual mindset. It is according to his perverse sinning nature, which he took unto himself when he rebelled against God. You can read about that rebellion in many places throughout the manual but I suggest you start in Isaiah 14:12-17 and Ezekiel 28:11-18. These verses tell us about his creation, falling away, methods of operation, and eventual demise.

Let us put all this together with the very clear word of the Creator of mankind to see specifically what is said in the manual about homosexuality and if in fact it is embedded in the DNA composition and thus nature of man. To do so lets start in the beginning of the manual. Remember the Creator instructs us in patterns that run through the entire manual. If it is not a pattern found in the word of God, it is not to be used as doctrine or instruction for growing in grace and knowledge.

Genesis 1:11-13,

"Then God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb that yields seed, and the fruit tree that yields fruit according to its kind, whose seed is in itself, on the earth, and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, the Herb that yields seed according to its kind, and the tree which yields fruit, whose seed is in itself according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day."

Here we see God gave every type of herb, be it grass or otherwise, and every type of tree the ability to reproduce after its own kind. God said this was good!

Now in first Corinthians 15:13 we read that during the creation God made 4 distinct flesh types. "All flesh is not the same flesh, but one flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another flesh of fish, and another of birds."

So lets see this as it is recorded in the manual.

Verses 20-23,

"Then God said, Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens. So God created great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to their kind. And God saw that it was good.

And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.

So the evening and the morning were the fifth day."

Here we see two of the flesh types created and given the ability and command to reproduce after their own kind and to use this God given ability to be fruitful and multiply and fill all the earth. That is a definite pattern encoded into the creation and nature of these flesh types. We call this unbreakable desire to do so in them, instinct. They have no control over it. They do not "think" about it for it is part of their very being. Once again God said all this was good.

Now lets read about the remaining flesh types.

Genesis 1:24-25,

"Then God said let the earth bring forth the living creature according to its kind; cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth; according to its kind, and it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to its kind, cattle according to its kind, and everything that creeps on the earth according to its kind. And God saw that it was good." The pattern being explained here is very clear to follow. Here we see each was to reproduce after its own kind. That is a command from the Creator not a suggestion. That means no mixing of seed of any of the species, be it plant or animal. Breaking this command is leading (and has led) to some terrible diseases and imbalances on the earth in the plant and animal kingdoms. It will intensify as a disobedient mankind steps up this unlawful and unrighteous behavior through technological "advances" and "inventions". We will see before we finish this study that the Creator actually addresses those who are "inventors" of such things. Of course these deceived inventors proclaim they are doing so for the well being of mankind. You need to follow the money to get to the truth of that. Lets now read about the last day of creation before the Creator rested. Watch how many similarities we have with the other flesh types as to simple commands and patterns encoded into creation, but also notice the incredible differences as well. Genesis 1:26-31.

"Then God said, Let Us make man in Our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Here in verse 26 we have one of the very basic and foundational principals and directives of the plan of salvation put in place by the Creator. It was all done with an incredible and awesome potential and outcome in mind and design. Here we see God clearly giving one flesh type dominion over all the other flesh types. But it didn't end there. God also gave mankind dominion over all the earth and all that existed on it and thus in it. This is very important to understand as to our purpose here on earth. This instruction comes prior to the rest of what we are to read about the creation on day 6.

We are also told here in verse 26 that we are created in the image and likeness of the God kind. To most who do not read nor understand about the plan of salvation that comes as a shock or is completely meaningless. The reason we are created as such is something all mankind needs to understand. I as well as others have written about it extensively. The image and likeness here is not just referring to the way we look but the way we are to

function as well. Mankind is different from every other flesh type in this regard. Scriptures tell us that God placed a spirit in man (1 Cor 2:11, Job 32:8, Eccl 12:7), which allows us to function on a much higher plain of existence than the other flesh types. They function according to instinct, we function according to the spirit in man, which allows us to think about and make moral decisions. That is why we were given dominion over all

the earth and what is on it. It is our testing grounds for a much high level of existence, which awaits those who are successful at fulfilling the requirements, which God clearly articulates in the manual for mankind, which we call the bible.

Much of this is a mystery to this perverse and wicked generation. The prince of the power of the air is working very hard to attempt to conceal and deceive what God has set in motion. Once again I reiterate that Satan can only work within the parameters, which God has set in place.

Another major truth and pronouncement here in verse 26 is also very clear to see. God said "let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness." There is more than one here involved in this creation. In fact there are two beings involved! Under this current covenant we find ourselves in we know them as the Father and the Son. They are the "Us" and the "Our" of creation. Only one of them carried out the actual work after the decision was initially made. Not unlike what happens after a man and a woman decide to have a child. The decision is made followed by a union as one and then the woman is utilized to have the child form and grow in her womb. It takes two! The one who did the work of creating is revealed to us in John 1:1-4 and 14. We call Him Jesus but He goes by many other names as well.

John 1:1-4,

"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men."

Verse 14, "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

Lets add Rev 19:12-13 to it so there is no confusion as to who it is. "His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called, The Word of God."

We also read that one of His purposes in these covenant times was to reveal the Father the other part of the Us and Our to mankind (Matt 11:27 and Luke 10:22).

One of Satan's greatest efforts is being put into confusing mankind as to who is God and what They are, let alone Their purpose for our creation. The Hebrew word for God is Elohim. That is a plural word because it addresses God as being more that one being. Satan has had a hay day mixing that all up and down. Creation tells us in its very pattern that it takes two flesh types male and female to reproduce after their own kind. Genesis 1:27,

"So God created man in His image; in the image of God He created him, male and female He created them."

Here we see the Word (that member of the Elohim or Gods) who carried out the combined decision to make man after Their image and likeness. He (the Word) made them male and female for the purpose of reproducing.

Now we hear God reiterate this all again in verse 28. "Then God blessed them, and God said, be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Satan has been very influential in perverting all of this in the minds of much of mankind. It isn't just confined to homosexuality, as we will see. However he has been allowed to do so with a purpose in mind as to the eventual outcome of the plan of salvation. Verses 29-30,

"And God said, See I have given you every herb that yields seed which is on the face of all the earth, and every tree whose fruit yields seed; to you it shall be food. Also to every beast of the earth, to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, in which there is life, every green herb for food; and it was so."

It is important to notice here that the Creator gave every herb with life in itself, in its fruit, to all the flesh types, which are on the earth.

"Then God saw everything that He had made, and indeed it was VERY GOOD. So the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

Very good here speaks volumes. The Hebrew is mo'ed towd. Strongs says of very; "wholly or vehemently". In other words completely good.

The Brown Driver Briggs says specifically of this verse; "God saw all that He had made and it was excellent."

So we can see here that the intensity of these Hebrew words equate to "vehemently excellent."

We also read in verses 22 and 28 that God "blessed them."

It is easy to see that God created all this sin free. Sin entered in later with Satan deceiving Eve, and then Adams outright sin. The creation was very good or vehemently excellent in its makeup and composition. There was no evil in it then, but today, after 6000 years of Satan practicing his trade we see evil abounding. There was no sin or evil in the pattern

of reproduction at the beginning or in the command to be fruitful and multiply or for that matter in mankind having dominion over all the earth.

As I stated earlier Satan has no power to reproduce after his kind. This part of the actual physical creation actually mocks him in his demented mind. It also infuriates him! So anything he is allowed to broadcast to mankind as the prince of the power of the air to deceive mankind on this part of creation he does with all vengeance and intensity. That is the very reason why homosexuality is consuming the minds of men today which is close to the end of the age allotted to mankind. Satan knows his time is short but his intense vanity will not allow him to repent. Instead, he tries as hard as he can to pervert the creation, to lead it astray from Gods designed purposes.

Satan is the author of the dead function of homosexuality. It has never and will never be a part of the spiritual plan of salvation. It is completely empty and a lie in its very function and nature. It has no hope in it! It is contrary to the commands, which God blessed and set in motion. It represents the futility and emptiness of its author and is according to his very tormented nature.

The scriptures have a lot to say about this abominable behavior. Let us jump to the end of the manual now to see what God has said about it in the time of the judgment of all mankind after the general resurrection which is rehearsed once a year in what is called the feast of the Last Great Day.

Revelation 21:8,

"But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."

All mankind will be judged according to their works and then given the opportunity to repent. However, there are actually some who will decide not to do so, they completely reject God and the plan, as well as the rules of the plan, and then they are relieved of their existence.

I Corinthians 6:9-11 states, "Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God. Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor coveters, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

But such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the spirit of our God."

We are told in Acts 2:38 that we are to repent, then be baptized (washed clean) of the evil we have committed, and then receive the spirit of God, which then assists the spirit all men have in them to overcome and do what is morally good and not evil.

Verse 18 here in 1 Corinthians 6 tell us, "Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality (in any of its forms) sins against his own body."

This is because the act of becoming one has a purpose ordained by God at creation. It is to become fruitful and multiply as one. Homosexuality, adultery, harlotry, and all such deviant behavior sins against that ordained purpose of God. All of these behaviors as well as fornicators and pedophiles makes Satan very happy. In his vain mind he actually thinks he is succeeding in his attempt to derail the plans and purposes of God. He in actuality is being used to complete the understanding of mankind as to what is to be considered good and evil.

Satan and his many minions would have us believe that homosexuality is beyond ones control, that it is not a deviant, abominable behavior, for it is part of mankind's created nature. Just think if that were true all the other deviant behavior listed with it in the prior scriptures we have read would be outside of mans control because they were created in us. That equates to, "its Gods fault!" for They made us this way. That would mean the Creators condemned us all to death without any chance at all, for how do you repent of something that is created in you. So just think, it's not our fault if we are fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, coveters, drunkards, revilers, or extortioners for we were made that way by God. That my friends is why revelation 21:8 also adds cowardly and unbelievers to the list of candidates to the lake of fire. We all have choices to make and that is a part of the time of testing we all have. All mankind has been given the operators manual for functioning (Matt 24:14) and needs to have the character to read it and accept it for what it is.

Under the writings of the first covenant scriptures we read very clear commands being articulated.

Lev 18:22-23,

"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination. Nor shall you mate with any beast, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before a beast to mate with it. It is perversion."

Chapter 20:13,

"If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surly be put to death. Their blood is upon them."

There is a lot more we could turn to but I think one more section of scripture will sum all this subject up and put it completely into a biblical perspective of God.

Romans the first chapter says it all in summation.

Verses 16-17,

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith." Oh yes, we are to believe the righteous word of God, the gospel of Christ, who is the Word of God, and not be ashamed of any part of it. This gospel represents Christ and is the same yesterday (first covenant), today (second covenant), and forever (the kingdom) as we are instructed in Hebrews 13:8. We do live by the faith once delivered. It is not being rewritten over and over again by deceivers functioning under the prince of the power of the air. Our instructions as how we are to function are found throughout it, here a little, there a little, Line upon line, precept upon precept. Verse 20.

"For since the creation of the world His invisible (attributes or purposes) are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead (divine nature), so that they are without excuse."

We have seen what the Creators have placed in creation, markers to be clearly seen as to Their desired patterns and functions and purposes. Mankind was created in the image and likeness of God, with the look of God as well as the ability to make moral decisions and develop the very character of God. We all have choices to make, moral and otherwise. This separates us from the other 3 flesh types in spite of what deceivers of this age try to spin. We have free moral agency! God has made this pattern so clear and simple to see in scripture there is no excuse in deviating from it. Lets continue and see whom God focuses on first.

Verses 21-25,

"because although they knew God, they did not glorify (Him) as God, nor were thankful but became futile in their thoughts (listened to the prince of the power of the air) and their foolish hearts were darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools and changed the glory of God into an image (statue) made like corruptible man, and birds, and four footed beasts, and creeping things. Therefore God also gave them up (let them do what they desired) to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, who exchanged the truth of God for the lie (of Satan) and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed forever. Amen."

Now let there be no doubt how they dishonored themselves and the plan of salvation. Verses 26-27,

"For this reason God gave them up (allowed them to practice) to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural (according to creation) use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men leaving the natural use (that ordained by God) of the woman and burned in their lusts for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error what was due."

Death is the penalty of such actions and even if they escape it in this life they will not in the resurrection unto judgment when every man and woman will be judged according to their own works (Rev 20:12-13). God clearly instructs us His creation that such perverted behavior was not a part of our creation or our nature.

But their abominable behavior did not stop with perverted sexual acts. Verses 28-31,

"And even as they did not like to retain God in knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, (that of Satan) to do things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness (or law breaking) sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil mindedness, whisperers, backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boisterous, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful."

All of these are characteristic traits of Satan the devil. They are his thoughts, which he has the ability to broadcast into our minds. That is the mind God allows the unbeliever to be given over to.

Verse 31,

"who knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them." Did we get that! Not only those who practice these vile attributes of the devil are guilty of them but also those who approve of those who practice them.

No follower of Christ is to condone any of these vile things including all sexual immorality. These are not the mind of God but of the debased mind of the prince of the power of the air. They are all choices, which should be resisted and rejected. God has given us the necessary tools to do so. To condone such personal deviant behavior is also abominable to God.

We are not to condone evil but to expose it for what it is, regardless of the price we may have to pay to the rulers of this age.

Ephesians 5:6-17, "Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once in darkness, but now light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, proving what is acceptable to the Lord.

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things, which are done by them in secret.

But all things that are exposed (reproved) are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light.

Therefore He says; "Awake you who sleep, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

See that you walk circumspectly (carefully), not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

The bible has made it clear about the evil and abominable practice of homosexuality as to the origin and how we, as followers of Christ, are to deal with it. He is the judge and He will carry out His judgment in such matters if they are not repented of. They are sins, transgressions of the holy commandments and law of God which Paul clearly tells us is "holy, just, and good" in Romans 7:12.

This faith once delivered, the word of God, is the only means by which we can define and recognize sin so we can reject it. If we have been asleep or dead to such understanding please arise and make good on the calling of God. It is our responsibility as one who follows Christ wherever He goes.

The plain truth about homosexuality is clearly seen in the things which were created.

Our Peace we give to you.

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