

## **Homosexuality and its Cause**

I felt a need to make further comment on the subject of homosexuality due to the growing acceptance and tolerance of this particular sin in this corrupt generation. I recently went to listen to Davis Mallory at the Hastings College Campus. Davis is a so-called “Christian” who came out of the closet on an MTV reality program. He had nearly 400 people come to listen to his testimony where he used many Scriptures (out of context, of course) to justify the practice of homosexuality. I was appalled to look around while he was speaking and see many young men and women who claim the faith of Christ, nodding in approval and laughing right along with his inappropriate jokes. When it was over, there was an opportunity for questions to be asked. I hoped some might bring light into the darkness but nothing was said, so I, of course, had to say something. I basically tried to tactfully and politely challenge him on what it means to be a Christian, and that sin in general, besides homosexuality, will send us to hell if we do not have a saving relationship with Jesus. I wasn’t able to get my full point across because he had control of the microphone, but I was able to bring in some light and it allowed us to take things a bit further later on. Mallory ended the conversation simply by saying, “Judge not, lest ye be judged,” and about 98% of the crowd erupted in cheers.

Before we left, a lady from the newspaper wanted to interview me, which I did. However, I think I gave too much Scripture for her liking because nothing I said was used in the paper, outside of the fact that I questioned Mallory. My spirit was extremely heavy and saddened by this culture of acceptance and those who trample on the great grace of God, using it for a license to sin.

One of the most common misconceptions on this topic is that homosexuals are “born that way.” That is not what the Bible indicates as I will explain, however, before I do I want to make clear that even if it were, it wouldn’t change the fact that it is sinful to practice homosexuality. I was born sinful as well, just as Psalm 51:5 says, “Surely, I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.” I came out of the womb with selfishness at the core of my being. Most men have been born with the propensity to lust after women. Does this make lust okay? Absolutely not! I remember even after I got married there were many times I would see a pretty woman walking down the street and I would think, “Wow, she’s beautiful” and would have lust in my heart. This is sin as the Bible clearly says, “You have heard that it was said, ‘Do not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart” (Matt 5:27-29). Of course, this is one of the Ten Commandments that I broke by committing adultery. Though I was born with this lust in my heart, it didn’t give me an excuse to act on it. In fact, I had to work hard, by first recognizing it as sin, and then praying and calling upon God to heal my eyes. I had to resist the temptations. Every time I saw an attractive woman, rather than choosing to gaze upon her, I chose to look away and resist evil. James even tells us this when he wrote, “Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will lift you up” (James 4:7-10). Note that

one must first humble themselves before the Lord can and will lift them up. If we refuse to recognize sin as sin and, therefore, refuse to repent and humble ourselves, God will never lift you up or help you overcome the sins of the flesh. Yet, through Christ, we gain victory over sin as millions of Christians testify. Anyone struggling with homosexuality must first recognize it as sin and then repent as they continue to resist the devil. God will answer their heartfelt prayers and heal their mind and eyes.

If homosexuals aren't born gay, then why are they this way? One of the questions I asked Davis was whether or not he believed in a literal interpretation of Creation. For most in the crowd this was a strange question to ask, but I had a good reason. The following night I was speaking at the same campus for an FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) group and many from this organization were at Mallory's presentation that night. I wanted them to hear the answer because in it lays the answer to why people are gay. The Bible tells us: "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, [Note that God's wrath is against those who suppress truth by ignoring the sin] since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. [God has made sin plain to us, we just have to sear our conscience]. For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-His eternal power and divine nature have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. [Everyone can see God by looking at His creation]. For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles. [THIS IS KEY, those who suppress truth, reject God as Creator, thereby rejecting the rules of the Creator. They are, however, without excuse as verse 20 said]. Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. [BECAUSE they rejected God, He GAVE THEM OVER to sin]. They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator-who is forever praised. Amen. Because of this, [Because of what? Because they rejected God as Creator], God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. [Davis said that there were no examples of female to female relationships in the Bible, yet it says so right here in the New Testament]. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion. Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done (Rom 1:18-27). [Davis said that it doesn't say homosexuality was sin, but only unnatural as verse 26 says. He explained that homosexuality just is not the norm and, therefore, unnatural or not common. However, here verse 27 clearly says it is a perversion.]

From Romans chapter 1 we can clearly see that when we reject God as Creator and Rule-Giver He gives us over to the sinful desires of the flesh. Therefore, the first step for a homosexual to help himself is to recognize that the Bible is the inerrant Word of God

and, as the Bible states, God created the world about six thousand years ago. It is no accident that I have found no homosexual who believes in a six, 24-hour day creation that took place only a few thousand years ago. Instead, they have submitted to the world's philosophies and have not trusted in faith, the Word of God. This lack of faith leads to a giving over to a depraved mind (v.28). Isn't it interesting that in our society, creation, and thus our Creator, is being denied, yet we see a nation being filled with depraved minds that lack all common sense and logic.

Other newsletters have pointed out that the Gospel is foolishness to a Gentile thinking person (1 Cor 1:23). This is why anytime Paul or Peter witnessed to a Jew (who had an understanding of creation and the basics of the Bible) he preached a clear Gospel. However, any time they went to a Greek-thinking person, they start preaching creation first (Acts 14:11-16; 17:23-25). If creation isn't a foundation, the Gospel and all that goes with it is foolishness as we read in Acts, "A group of Epicurean and Stoic philosophers began to dispute with him. Some of them asked, 'What is this babbler trying to say?' Others remarked, 'He seems to be advocating foreign gods.' They said this because Paul was preaching the good news about Jesus and the resurrection" (Acts 17:18). They didn't understand the Gospel because they didn't understand the beginning. This is also why the Scriptures say, "If they believe not Moses [Genesis was written by Moses] and the Prophets neither will they be persuaded though one rose from the dead (Luke 16:31). And, "Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is one that accuseth you, even Moses in whom you trust. For had you believed Moses, you would have believed My Words" (John 5:45-47). Davis didn't believe Moses and the creation account so why would he believe the rest of the Words of God?

Every time a Christian tries to point out this truth, that homosexuality is sin, we are accused of hate speech or stirring up problems. My question that was posed to Davis was posted on you-tube on the Internet. One of the comments was that we were there to protest and cause controversy. Nothing could be further from the truth. I heard a pastor recently discuss the television hit, "American Idol." Early in the season they allow contestants to sing before the judges to find out if they qualify for the show. Some who sing are literally no better than dogs howling, and they make complete fools of themselves. Once the judges rip them apart verbally, they usually come out crying, saying something like, "these judges don't know what they are talking about, and all of my friends tell me I'm a good singer." What kind of friends do these people have? I think it is time for these people to get new friends. A true friend isn't somebody who lies to you just to make you feel good so that later you can make a fool of yourself, or worse, be eternally condemned before the real Judge. A true friend is someone who loves and cares for you enough to tell you the truth, even if it hurts. These are the kind of people I like to have as friends. Likewise, if I know the Words of the Bible to be true, and I don't warn those practicing homosexuality that this is sin, I don't love them. If I hated them, I wouldn't warn them to get off the tracks when a train was rushing towards them. If I love them, I will do everything I can to warn them to repent so that they may be saved. Also, I have a responsibility to tell the wicked of sin as Ezekiel says, "When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will

hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself" (Ezek 3:18-19). When Davis quoted out of context, "judge not, lest ye be judged" the audience roared in applause. This is not love. Davis was claiming to be a Christian, which he was not. The Bible clearly tells us that we have a responsibility to judge those who live in sin but still call themselves Christians, "What business is it of mine to judge those outside the church? Are you not to judge those inside? God will judge those outside. Expel the wicked man from among you" (1 Cor 5:12-13). God expects the world to behave in ungodly ways, but He expects much more from the church. The Bible does NOT tell us to ignore judgment, but, rather when we judge, we are to judge righteously, "Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment" (John 7:24).

This leads to another reason as to why I believe we are seeing so much homosexuality today. We judge by appearance, not by God's Word. I know personally many who have questioned their sexuality, purely because it was questioned by someone else. I believe that if Jacob and Esau were alive today, our society very likely could have been pushing Jacob into homosexuality. We see the Bible portrays Esau as a daddy's boy and Jacob as a mama's boy. Jacob liked to stay home and do things around the house, whereas Esau was more of a manly outdoorsman. Today, if a man doesn't fit the norm of what a man is suppose to do, sound like or act like, his sexuality is put into question through teasing, poking fun at and sometimes even telling them they are gay. Just because a man doesn't have a desire or attraction to women doesn't mean they are gay. In fact, it could be a blessing. It may be best to go read the entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 7, but for now I will highlight the message where Paul says that it is better not to marry if you don't have lust. He says in verse seven that he wishes that all men were as he was and not be confined by marriage, in order that he could serve the Lord with undivided attention. Therefore, Paul didn't struggle with lusting after women. Would our society think Paul was gay?

Ironically, the gay community even uses these verses to say that Paul was gay. It is good for a man not to marry. But since there is so much immorality, each man should have his own wife, and each woman her own husband . . . I wish that all men were as I am. But each man has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that . . . I would like you to be free from concern. An unmarried man is concerned about the Lord's affairs-how he can please the Lord. But a married man is concerned about the affairs of this world-how he can please his wife- and his interests are divided. An unmarried woman or virgin is concerned about the Lord's affairs: Her aim is to be devoted to the Lord in both body and spirit. But a married woman is concerned about the affairs of this world-how she can please her husband. I am saying this for your own good, not to restrict you, but that you may live in a right way in undivided devotion to the Lord (1 Cor 7:7-35).

Paul wasn't gay! He was gifted by God according to verse seven. For this reason, we must be careful not to push people into the sinful act of homosexuality by judging men unrighteously.

It makes me very sad to see that even many in the church are trying to say that

homosexuality is okay. Yet the Bible warns us: For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord. Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home-these He has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire. In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, ‘The Lord rebuke you!’ Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals-these are the very things that destroy them. Woe to them! (Jude 3-13).

Peter also warns, “He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah by burning them to ashes, and made them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly” (2 Peter 2:6).

There are two very important points in these verses: First, godless men will, and obviously have, slipped in among the church, but we must not allow them to remain in fellowship with us (1 Cor 5). Secondly, Davis said that the sin of Sodom and Gomorrah was rape, not homosexuality. This is another lie and a great example of taking the Bible out of context. Here in the New Testament it says it was sexual immorality and perversion. The same perversion that was done by the angels of Genesis 6:4. It had nothing to do with rape, but rather sexual immorality. I believe God was not concerned ONLY with homosexuality but heterosexual sins as well. As said earlier, anything outside of God’s union modeled in the Garden of Eden would be sin. God showed us what a marriage was to be when He made the two become one flesh in the Garden. He made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. Corinthians explains, “Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? [Note, even heterosexual sins are immorality]. Never! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.” Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body (1 Cor 6:15-20).

Homosexuality and heterosexual sins do not honor God. Romans also says, “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness.”

Davis's assertion that Sodomy had nothing to do with homosexuality is false as well. According to the Nave's Topical Bible, it states this of SODOMITES, "(The inhabitants of Sodom, many of whom openly practiced homosexuality) And is applied to males" (Electronic Database Copyright (c)1990 by Biblesoft and TriStar Publishing). Sodomy is homosexuality no matter what twist you try and put on it.

It was no surprise that the rest of Davis's testimony was full of comments and statements that showed he was clearly not a Christian, even as someone who would not be practicing homosexuality. He swore publicly while chuckling, talked of being promiscuous before coming out and of much partying and other ungodly living. There was enough evidence to convict him of willful sin beyond his homosexuality. A favorite tactic of the homosexual community is to point out sin in our lives and then tell us a sin is a sin in God's eyes. (On the video one can see Davis tried to find fault with me and was hoping that my wife was "sinning" by working outside of the home, which she doesn't. This clearly shows Davis has no understanding of the context of the Bible). First of all, as we saw in 1 Corinthians 6, sexual immorality is a sin different than all others. Secondly, the key is not in the sin, but in the attitude of the heart of the person sinning. As a Christian, I continue to sin, but not without a guilty conscience, repentance and a desire to stop sinning. A man destined to hell can claim he is Christian, but the willful desire to live in sin shows he is not a saved man. This is why even Paul said, "And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. *For I have the desire to do what is good*, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil *I do not want to do*-this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it" (Rom 7:16-20). Paul sinned, but not with a desire to do so. Davis sins and has obviously "been given over to the sinful desires of his heart." But as Christians, "Now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code" (Rom 7:6). I now obey the Spirit of God who has put the law of God in my heart so that I obey because I want to, not because I have to. If Davis doesn't want to obey God's law, he must not be a Christian.

Interestingly, on the video one can see Davis had a very nervous countenance upon him when the law was spoken. I believe his spirit was being pricked, but his flesh and pride would not allow him to let truth in. We read in the Bible, "The look on their faces testifies against them; they parade their sin like Sodom; they do not hide it. Woe to them! They have brought disaster upon themselves" (Isa 3:9).

It is time the church is challenged as to what a true Christian is. It is interesting how many times I have heard people tell me that they pray, but it just doesn't seem as if God is listening. Well, the truth is, maybe He isn't listening because of your sin. We read in the Psalms, "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me" (Ps 66:18). So many people view God as a magic genie that they can call upon whenever they wish, without having any relationship with Him. They don't go through repentance to get to the cross to find that relationship. Their iniquities keep them separate from God. Colossians states, "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of

your evil behavior" (Col 1:21-22). This is the exact opposite of the secular view of man's relationship to God without Christ. The world wants to see God as a loving God that forgives sin automatically and has no requirements or standards. One night while witnessing, a young woman came out of the bar and began talking with us, more out of curiosity than anything. We visited for a bit and she explained that she was a bisexual and had been drinking. After walking her through the Ten Commandments and establishing that she was guilty, she didn't seem to really care much about this fact. She even told me that she really didn't care much about what the Bible said and never read it. After a while you get used to reading people by their expressions and behaviors. I could tell that I was getting nowhere with this woman, and there were other people standing around who might be more fruitful and open to the Word. I decided the seeds had been planted and it was time to move on. I was about to reach out my hand to shake hers and tell her thanks for coming over to talk, but just before I could move a muscle, she blurted out, "I pray at night." I quickly told her it was nice that she prayed, but God wasn't really listening and that He even hated her prayers. Obviously, she didn't take too kindly to that, and was puzzled by my statement. I stopped and opened up my Bible to Proverbs 28:9, turned it around and pointed at the verse and told her to read it out loud for me. She read, "One who turns away his ear from hearing the Law, even his prayer is an abomination." I reminded her that she had just been telling me that she was turning her ear away from the Law and didn't care that she was bisexual and drinking. Then I asked her, "What does God see your prayers as?" She looked at me for the first time with all seriousness and concern in her face and said, "an abomination." That led into a 45-minute conversation that led her getting into a church. I had to take away all her hopes of self-righteousness because she felt that since she prayed and believed in God she was saved. The problem was, she had heard the Gospel before, but she never understood what it truly meant. The Law of the Lord is what opens up the spiritual eyes of understanding. This woman was a false convert. Psalms says, "The Law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul" (Ps 19:7). How many of these kinds of people do we have among us in the church today? The Bible tells us of the Christian: "Now remain in My love. If you obey My commands, you will remain in My love, just as I have obeyed My Father's commands and remain in His love. I have told you this so that My joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (John 15:9-11). No wonder so few Christians have joy today. Consider also the following verses: "If you love Me, you will obey what I command" (John 14:15). "If we claim to have fellowship with Him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1:6-7). "We know that we have come to know Him if we obey His commands. The man who says, 'I know Him,' but does not do what He commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did" (1 John 2:3-6). "This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out His commands. This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:2-5). "Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness" (1 John 2:9) [Remember, hate is not telling them the truth].

The Bible also says there is hope if our nation will turn to righteousness: “Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people” (Prov 14:34). “If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land” (2 Chron 7:13-15). Despite all the wickedness and the evil of this world, God is not mocked. “Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against His Anointed one. ‘Let us break their chains,’ they say, ‘and throw off their fetters.’ The one enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then He rebukes them in His anger and terrifies them in His wrath, saying, ‘I have installed my King on Zion, My holy hill’” (Ps 2:1-6). Lord help us!