

## What is a Sodomite?

The gay's argument \*or who are gay-friendly (is simply that the Bible is not clear about this practice, and that Sodom's fault was simply a great lack of hospitality, and this sin caused both the wrath of God, According to them it didn't have anything to do with homosexuality. They take the word "sodomite" as a male priest of a pagan religion (the goddess of fertility), and not as a homosexual.

**Deuteronomy 23:17** *There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.*

The concept of "**sodomite**" is somewhat parallel to a harlot, that is, **a male prostitute who has male clients**. Being a sodomite is not because you come from the city of Sodom, but is a **people who practice homosexuality or favor or give credence or acceptance to these people being themselves from wherever they are** (1 Kings 14:24; 15:12; 22:46; 2 Kings 23:7). The concept of a **harlot** or prostitute was associated with **women who lend their bodies sexually to earn money for their temple**. Although this is not the only concept of a harlot (there are others who live off of handling prostitutes or pimps), and there is a religious aspect of adoring the goddess of sex, the Aphrodite. There were at one time 10,000 sodomite sex worshipping priests serving in Aphrodite's temple.

**It is important to understand that this religion was a religion of "feeling good."** Their concept was that having sex was the greatest way of "feeling good," and so they worshipped it. It was not just sex, because banquets, alcohol, drugs, entertainment, fun, etc. (all the things Hollywood today gives us) all this entered the same religion as other forms of "**feeling good.**" But this religion **is** primarily **a worship of sex**, as we see today with homosexuals and prostitutes (as with the pornography industry). They also had sex with other women (simple prostitution). These people are people who have dedicated their lives to sex, and they worship with all their soul, body and spirit their

adored illicit sex. They are parallel to those who live off of sex (prostitutes). The difference is very little. Only homosexuals being more committed to it.

**Job 36:13** *But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them. 14 They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean (literally "sodomites" or cadesh).*

The concept of **sodomite came to have the idea of a person rejected from society because of their perverse and vile habits**, and these habits were involved with their worship of sex. Keil and Delitzsch add the idea that they are a type of person who refuses to remember their sins before God, **being arrogant, proud, and rebellious, and therefore bring God's wrath upon them**. The principle thing here is that these people want to sin, and God condemning their pet sins "spoils" their fun, so they attack God, Christianity, morality, etc. **They sin without any remorse.**

Job here (in **Job 36:14**) compares the hypocrites with the sodomites, who because of their rejection of civilized societal norms as perverse, **they are arrogant and out of God's mercy, and are people who God will cut down their lives in their youth for the reason of his perversions.**

In Sodom<sup>1</sup>, the sin they did was to **strive man with man sexually**. It is very difficult to twist the story to be another sin. They had sex between men. God does not destroy entire cities for just a lack of courtesy. If so, there was no city left today.

**The word "know" is used in the Bible for sex**<sup>2</sup> (**Genesis 4:1**, "*Adam knew his wife Eve*"). In the same context as Sodom (**Genesis 19**), Lot offered his two daughters, who "*have not known man.*" In both passages the Bible uses the same word, (yada). The idea is **to know or have intimate relationship with another person**. In some

<sup>1</sup> **Genesis 19:5** "*Bring them out so that we may know them,*" and in **Judges 19:22** "*Bring forth the man who has entered your house, that we may know him.*"

<sup>2</sup> **Genesis 4:17, 25; 38:26;** etc.

contexts it is obviously used to have sex (the most intimate thing to know about a person).

**1 Kings 14:24** *And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.* The sin of sodomy is to have sex with another person of the same gender (sex), be it man with man, or woman with woman<sup>3</sup> (lesbianism). The practice of homosexuality (and lesbianism) is clearly condemned in the Bible.

## Is homosexuality a sin and an abomination before God? Yes.

**Leviticus 18:22** *Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.*

**Leviticus 20:13** *If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*

When two people of the same sex have sex with each other it is an abomination to the Lord. In the Old Testament, **this behavior deserved the death penalty (i.e. God is extremely angry with this). Homosexuality is not a preference in life but an abominable decision that a person makes against God.** God made two sexes; male and female, and sexual activity is prohibited if it is not between two people of the opposite sex (and married to each other).

**Conclusions:** 1) God would never make a person come into life with an uncontrollable, overwhelming **homosexual nature**. It is a chosen lifestyle sin, and it can be stopped by repentance. 2) **It is not wrong to reject a sinful lifestyle** (especially an abominable lifestyle before God) and not want to be around these kinds of people. 3) **A homosexual pastor** is flaunting his sinful lifestyle before God and out of God's will and living sinfully before God. He should not be in the ministry.

<sup>3</sup> **Romans 1:26** *For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:*

**1 Corinthians 6:9** Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10... shall inherit the kingdom of God. The idea here is clearly a man who has sex with another man.

**Romans 1:26** For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet. 28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient:

Paul here identified two serious and horrible sins, lesbianism and homosexuality, that are abominations before God. No one should have any doubt in this matter that homosexuality is a sin and is an abomination before God. Many people do not understand why God destroyed the inhabitants of Palestine before Israel's coming into the land. It was not because Israel was so good, but because the sins and sodomy of these countries were disgusting and abominable in His sight.

### Pornography

In **Revelation 21:8**, God declares that several different types have their place in the lake of fire, and mentioned "the whoremongers" The word is **pornos**, which according to Strongs is "1) a man who prostitutes his body to fulfill the desire of another for payment, 2) a male prostitute, 3) a man who seeks and participates in sex, a fornicator." This is the same word as in **1 Timothy 1:10** for a person who engages in illicit sex. I say "illicit" but the truth is God sees it as an idolatrous act if the sexual act becomes so important as to leave God out. There are couples who have left God behind and adore and worship sex even as a married couple, so here we must understand whatever we put above God is idolatry. Sex between a married

couple is not a sin (**Hebrews 13:4**) in itself, but living for sex above God is wrong.

The interesting thing here is that the concept of "**fornicator**" is to seek and exalt sex. The word is used 10 times<sup>4</sup> in the New Testament. In **1 Timothy 1:10** the concept is used with relation to sodomites. A sodomite is a man having sex with another man, but a fornicator is someone who exalts sex to be his god. The two are very similar, and a sodomite is a type of fornication.

### The Homosexual's Character

**Ezekiel 16:49** Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister **Sodom**, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

There is a character that goes hand in hand with the worship of sex, and especially with abnormal sex, which is against nature (a man with a man, or a woman with a woman). There are individuals who get into this, but do not understand that the pride, arrogance, and boldness of their lives have been produced through sinful practice and behavior that reject God's authority in their lives. These people are under the wrath of God, and with great difficulty are freed from their sin to know God's salvation. The "badge" or sign of their slavery under the condemnation and wrath of God is their refusal to admit that their conduct and practice is sinful. **Sex** is a practice that is like a drug, which creates physical dependencies in the body, which is very difficult to refuse and stop once it has begun. Only by following God's will (marriage between a man and woman) can this sin be corrected and resisted.

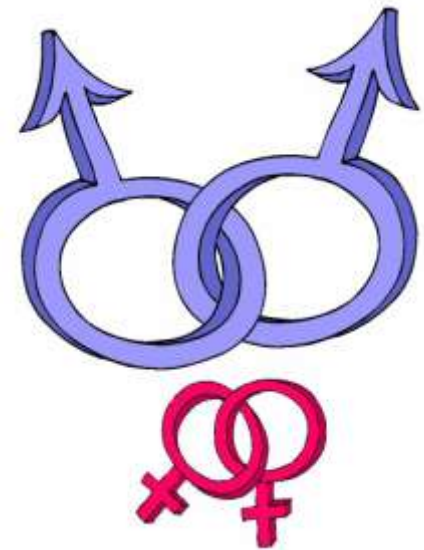
**John 6:68** Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

<sup>4</sup> 1 Corinthians 5:9; 6:9; Ephesians 5:5; 1 Timothy 1:10; Hebrews 12:16; 13:4; Revelation 21:8; 22:

# Homosexuality

## is it allowed? Or is it abomination?

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The homosexual movement has become very strong over the years. Today there are two attacks by homosexuals: (1) that homosexuality is not a sin, and (2) that they admit it is a sin but deny God and his authority to rule in their lives. In this tract, I will clarify some issues related to homosexuals. In general my comments are addressed to both homosexuality and lesbianism, but for being brief, I will use the term homosexuality or gay as a concept that captures the two.