# Homosexuality

**TEXTS & HERMENEUTICS** 

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# Hermeneutics

- I. Traditional View of Sexuality
- A.Scripture
- B.Reason/Science C.Experience
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- II. Revisionist View of Sexuality
- A.Experience
- B.Reason/Science
- C.Scripture

# "High View" Hermeneutics

- I. Grammatical-historical exegesis

  A. Inspiration. Inerrancy. Authorial intent.
  B. Exegesis (not eisegesis)

  Genre, word meanings, grammar, syntax
  Context: literary and historical

  II. Canonical interpretation

  A. Interpreting a verse or passage in light of the whole canon of Scripture, 66 books (not just in context)
  - B. Quotes, allusions (intertexuality, cross references)
- http://yuan2.us/th C. Scripture affirms Scripture

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# **Old Testament Hermeneutics**

I. What is the meaning?II.Does it apply to us today?

### Texts

- I. Genesis 19 Sodom
- A.Revisionist View
- 1. Sin of gang rape
- 2. Sin of inhospitality
- a. Ezek 16:49 "arrogant, overfed and unconcerned"; Matt 10:14-15
- b. "To know" means "to interrogate" not "to have sex" יָדַע (yada') Gen 19:5

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Texts

- I. Genesis 19 Sodom
- **B.Traditional View**
- 1. Gang rape and homosexuality
- 2. Inhospitality and homosexuality
- a.Ezek 16:50 "They were haughty and did an abomination before me." (*to'evah*) from Lev 18:22; 20:13
- b. According to context, *yada'* can mean "to know sexually." Lot's daughters didn't "know a man"

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# Texts

II. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

- A.Revisionist View
- 1. Only refers to pagan temple male prostitutes a. Gay sex is OK, but not in pagan temple.
- 2. Abomination = impurity (eagles, lobsters)
- 3. Holiness Code doesn't apply to us
- a. Sex with menstruating woman (18:18; 20:18), mate diff animals (19:19), mixing seed/fabric (19:19), cutting side burns (19:27), tattoos (19:28)

Texts

#### II. Leviticus 18:22; 20:13

**B.Traditional View** 

- 1. Pagan temple male prostitutes = אַדַשִׁים *qedeshim* a. Inconsistent with context of Lev 18-20
- 2. To'evah refers to immorality (Pro 6:16-19)
- a. Different word used (*sheqetz*) eagle, lobster
- 3. Penalty: unclean or death

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## Texts

III.David and Jonathan

#### A.Revisionist View

- 1. David and Jonathan were lovers
- a. "love...more wonderful than that of women"  ${\tt 2 \ Sam \ 1:26}$
- b. "Jonathan became one in spirit with David" 1 Sam 18:1
- c. "Jonathan took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David" 1  $\mbox{Sam}$  18:4
- d. "They kissed each other and wept together" 1 Sam 20:41

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### Texts

III.David and Jonathan

#### **B.Traditional View**

- 1. The love of two men doesn't have to be sexual a. God's love is most wonderful. Does this mean it's sexual?
- 2. One in spirit/soul, not flesh (1 Sam 18:1)
- 3. Never mentioned they had sex
- 4. David's issue was women not men David and Jonathan had wives

### **Texts**

IV.Slavery

- A.Revisionist View
- 1. Bible condones slavery and is wrong. Bible's wrong on homosexuality as well.
- **B.Traditional View**
- 1. Never condoned modern slavery
- 2. Modern slavery ≠ Ancient slavery
- 3. Bible is critical of slave trade a. Exo 21:16

### Texts

V. Jesus' Testimony

- A.Revisionist View
- 1. Jesus was silent about homosexuality
- **B.Traditional View**
- 1. Silent about bestiality, incest, etc.
- 2. Homosexuality universally condemned
- a. Jesus corrected misunderstandings (like Sabbath)
- 3. Jesus affirms biblical sexuality (Matt 19:4-6; Mark 10:6-9)
- 4. Sexual purity, lust = adultery

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# Texts

VI.Romans 1:26-27

- A.Revisionist View ("unnatural" para fusin)
- 1. Acting opposite to one's orientation
- 2. Excessive sexual desire/lust
- **B.Traditional View**
- 1. Clear allusions in Romans 1 to Genesis 1

### Paul's allusions to Genesis 1

"ever since the creation of the world" (Rom 1:20) - "the Creator" (Rom 1:25)

<u>Genesis 1:26-27</u>	
"human" ἄνθρωπος 1:26	
"image" εἰκών 1:26	
"likeness" ὑμοίωσις 1:26	
"birds" πετεινός 1:26	
"livestock" κτῆνος 1:26	
"creeping thing" ἑρπετόν 1:26	
"male" ἄρσην 1:27	
"female" θῆλυς 1:27	

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- a. Male (arsen) and female (thelys)
- b. Plato, Philo and Josephus used "unnatural"
- 2. God's created order in Genesis

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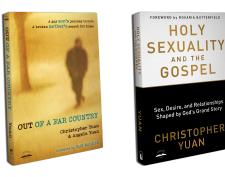
VII.1 Cor 6:9-10, 1 Tim 1:9-10

#### A.Revisionist View

- 1. Arsenokoitai = sexual and economic exploitation (pedophilia)
- **B.Traditional View** 
  - 1. *Arsenokoitai* is from Lev 20:13 (LXX) a. Male (*arsēn*) + bed (*koite*)
  - b.Num 31:17-18, Judg 21:11-12 2. "Men who bed with males"

Such were some of you; but you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God.

1 Corinthians 6:11



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