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Sex, marriage & singleness

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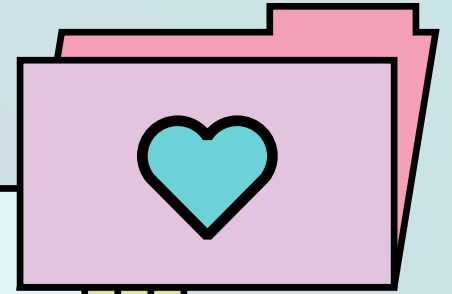


# HOMOSEXUALITY [Part 1]

## Genesis

## 2:18-25

# Terminology clarification



## **NON-AFFIRMING**

Those who believe God does not affirm same-sex sexual practice

## **AFFIRMING**

Those who believe that God does affirm consensual, monogamous, same-sex sexual relations.

## **GENESIS 2:21-24**

So the Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, 'This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called "woman", for she was taken out of man.' That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.

## GENESIS 2:18–20

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a **helper suitable** for him.’

Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no **suitable helper** was found.

# God's plan for Marriage:

**One man and one woman joined in covenant commitment.**



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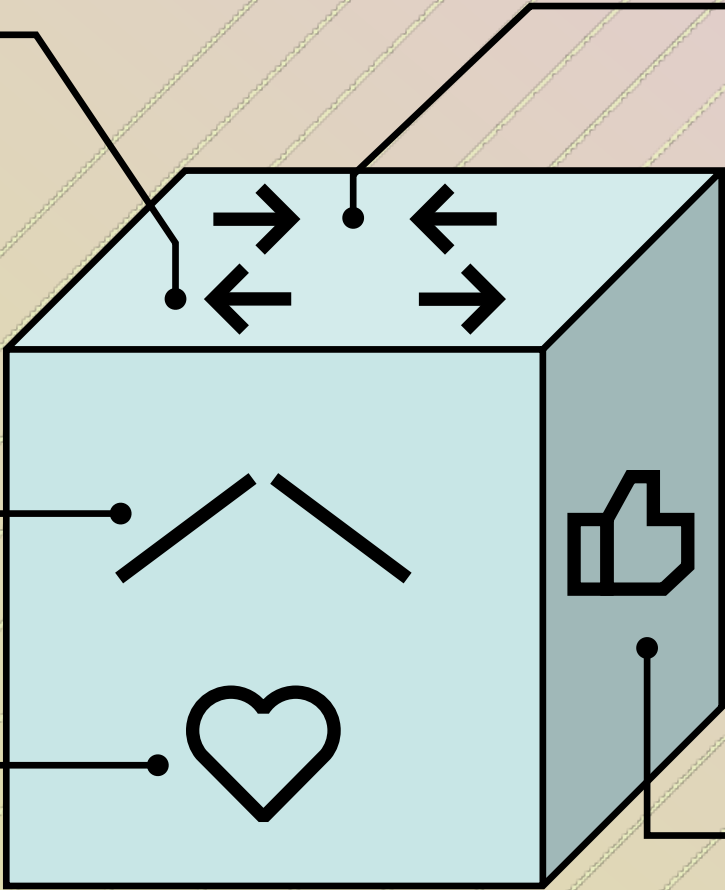
**Gen. 2:24**

# Gen. 2:24 “United” & “One Flesh”

Formation of a new family

Counterbalance  
抗衡

**Sex**



Closeness,  
togetherness,  
unity,  
oneness

Giving of  
yourself  
to the  
other

# Heterosexual marriage affirmed by Jesus in Matt. 19:4-6

<sup>4</sup> ‘Haven’t you read,’ he replied, ‘that at the beginning the Creator “made them **male** and **female**,” <sup>5</sup> and said, “For this reason a **man** will leave his father and mother and be united to his **wife**, and the two will become one flesh”? <sup>6</sup> So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.’



“God’s creative work consists of making distinctions between things, or separating things, to bring about order and life.” *Andrew Wilson*



Light & Dark

Day & Night

Heaven & Earth

Land & Sea

Sun & Moon

Male & Female



## BIBLE VERSES ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY:

### GENESIS 19:4–7

“...all the men from every part of the city of Sodom – both young and old – surrounded the house. They called to Lot, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us so that we can have sex with them.’”

Lot went outside to meet them and shut the door behind him and said, ‘No, my friends. Don’t do this wicked thing.’”





**BIBLE VERSES ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY:**

**LEVITICUS 18:22 & 20:13**

**18:22** “Do not have sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman; that is detestable.”

**20:13** “If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death; their blood will be on their own heads.”



How do we know which Old Testament laws apply today?



[1]

Has this law been fulfilled by Jesus?

E.g. Priest Heb.5, Tabernacle Heb.9 & Sacrifices Heb.10

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Does the New Testament say anything about this law?

E.g. Food laws Mk.7:19; Acts 15:22-35

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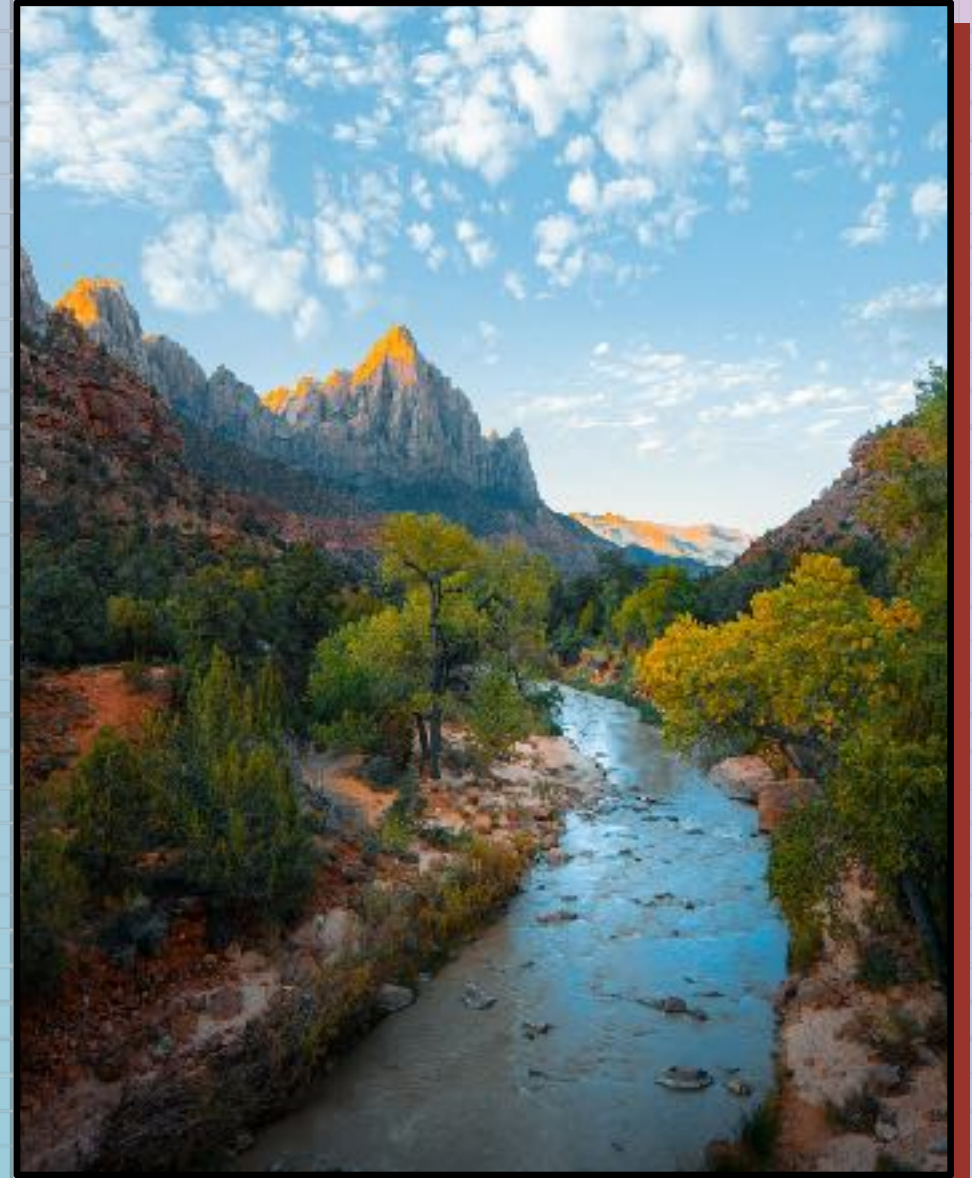
What is the spirit/principle of 'random' laws?

E.g. Don't muzzle ox when it treads grain: Dt.25:4 > 1 Tim.5:18

## BIBLE VERSES ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY:

### ROMANS 1:26–27

“Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones. In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed shameful acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their error.”



# Paul refers back to creation

## GENESIS 1

“In the beginning God **created..**” Gen. 1:1

“God created the **sun, moon and stars.**” Gen. 1:16

“God created them **male and female.**” Gen. 1:27

## ROMANS 1

“For since the **creation** of the world.” Rom. 1:20

“Worshipped **created things** rather than the Creator.” Rom. 1:25

“**Women** exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural... in the same way **men** also.” Rom. 1:26–27

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## GENESIS 1

“Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground.” Gen. 1:26

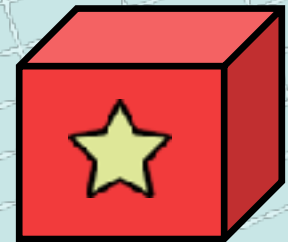
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“...and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.” Rom. 1:23

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“..exchanged natural sexual relations..”



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## BIBLE VERSES ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY:

### 1 Cor. 6:9 & 1 Tim. 1:10

“Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor **men who have sex with men** nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”

1 Corinthians 6:9–10

“We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, for the sexually immoral, **for those practising homosexuality**, for slave traders and liars and perjurers – and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine.” 1 Timothy 1:8–10



# HOW SHOULD CHRISTIANS TREAT GAY PEOPLE?

**Christians should love them**

Because this is what the Bible tells us to do:

Lev. 19:18 & Mt. 22:39

“Love your neighbour as yourself.”

