

From the West Meadow
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Let me tell you a story about a group of people so confused, so removed from the reality of what is natural that for the good of mankind God had to destroy them. This is a true story that took place a long time ago, in a land far away. But remember, time and distance don't matter, because God is not a respecter of persons. And this story does not have a happy ending.

God had heard of the corruption and immorality of the people of Sodom and Gomorrah. The stories were so startling that God decided to send a couple of His best men in to see what was happening. God had promised His good friend Abraham that if ten righteous people were found in Sodom, He would not destroy the cities. But there were not ten righteous people to be found.

The city was full of sodomites (yes, that's where the word comes from), homosexuals, transvestites, and those who approved of the things they did. The Sodomites were so unhappy and insecure in their lifestyle that they had to force everyone who entered the city to approve of their depravity. And when the two angels came, the Sodomites tried to take them from where they were staying and rape them.

Because of the Sodomites' actions, this story doesn't have a good ending. There were not ten righteous, moral people to be found in the city, so—in order to stop any further spread of its immorality and depravity—God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. Jude verse 7 says that God destroyed Sodom as an example because of sexual immorality and “going after strange flesh”.

You can find this story in the Bible, in Genesis chapter 19, and it was put there, as with other Bible stories, for our instruction. Paul told Timothy, “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, (and) for instruction in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). God, who created mankind, wrote us an instruction book, the Holy Bible. It teaches us the way that brings life: “I have come that they may have life...” (John 10:10), as opposed to man's way which is the “way of death” (Proverbs 16:25). Sodom's way was the way of death; God hastened the inevitable so that fewer people would be affected by its debasement.

The Bible teaches that God the Creator made mankind in His image; “male and female He created them.” (Genesis 1:27) God didn't create any other genders—that's mankind's doing. God made us male and female that we might “be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth” (Genesis 1:28) with “Godly offspring” (Malachi 2:15). I am sorry, but two men joined in union or two women joined in union can never produce offspring, Godly or otherwise. Man can call the union of two men or two women anything he wants, but that doesn't change the fact that the God-created union of marriage is a spiritual and physical bond of a man and a woman.

Paul, writing to the Roman Christians (Romans 1:18-32), warned that when a society rejected God and rejected His natural laws, it would go against nature itself. Any lifestyle—be it homosexual, or adulterous, or a life of lying, stealing or cheating—any that goes against God's natural law will be unfulfilling and unhappy.

Don't be deceived, God is not mocked: for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. (Galatians 6:7)

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