



GROWTH POINT

MIDWEEK SERVICE

A Biblical View of Homosexuality Part 1

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"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105)

"To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them." (Isaiah 8:20)

"The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" (Jeremiah 8:9)

"Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures." (Matthew 22:29)

"...that he might make thee to know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live." (Deuteronomy 8:3)

Introduction

1. The _____ of the Species

- What is our origin?
- Evolution?
- Creation?
- We don't know?

A. _____

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth." (Genesis 1:1)

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness...So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." (Genesis 1:26-27)

"And the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7)

- So, why male and female?

“So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth.” (Genesis 1:27–28a)

B. _____

- God made two genders—male and female—for the purpose of procreation. God purposefully created two distinct genders so that together in marriage they could reproduce children.
- When the sperm from the male is united with the egg of the female the conception of a two-celled zygote is formed.
- This doesn't happen in every instance of sexual activity, for it is God that gives conception.

“So Boaz took Ruth and she was his wife: and when he went in unto her, the Lord gave her conception, and she bare a son.” (Ruth 4:13)

“Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.” (Psalm 127:3)

C. _____

- This two-celled zygote formed at conception contains all of our human DNA. Twenty-three pairs of chromosomes are present—half from Dad and half from Mom. Hair color, eye color, and gender are all determined by those chromosomes.

“My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest part of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.” (Psalm 139:15–16)

D. _____

- Due to the large number of chromosomes, the combinations of these formed in the womb now make us all unique creations of God through our parents.
- Skin tone, height, weight, personality, creativity, athleticism, etc. are all different in each of us, even in the same family. One child might be gifted musically, while another in sports, etc. Our interests are different.
- Genesis 4:1–4 reveals that Cain was a tiller of the ground while Abel was a keeper of sheep.
- Genesis 27:11 reveals that Esau was a hairy man and Jacob a smooth man. Verse 22 Isaac declares that the voice is Jacob's voice but the hands are Esau's hands.
- None of these characteristics however changes our gender.

E. _____

- Man is created with a free will to make choices. But our gender is not a choice. Gender is designed by God at the moment of conception as part of His created process.

“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.” (Psalms 139:14)

2. The _____ of the Sovereign

A. A Pleased _____

“And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.” (Genesis 1:31)

B. A Planned _____

“And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make an helpmeet for him.” (Genesis 2:18)

“And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” (Genesis 2:21–23)

C. A Purposeful _____

“Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they two shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24)

“Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Matthew 19:6)

- The act of sex is designed by God and placed in the boundary of marriage.

“Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.” (Hebrews 13:4)

D. A Pleasurable _____

- What an amazing privilege and responsibility to come together in marriage and as husband and wife, not only create another human being, but a living soul. An eternal being that has the opportunity to spend a lifetime and eternity with their Creator!

“Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.” (Proverbs 18:22)

“Let thy fountain be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth.” (Proverbs 5:18)

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.” (Jeremiah 29:11)

3. The _____ of the Soul

- So how did we get so confused identity, sex orientation, etc.?
- How did we get here to the point we are now in this sexual revolution?

A. A Bold _____

- Lucifer, the fallen angel from heaven rebelled against God and has been on a mission to destroy the creation of God.

“Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die. For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also to her husband with her; and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked...” (Genesis 3:1–7)

B. A Beguiling _____

- Satan’s trick is to make us think that God is withholding something good from us. Genesis 3:1b “...Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”
- Why would God forbid this tree? What is He hiding from you? You are obviously going to miss something by listening to God.
- The devil’s age old trick is to make you think that God is not good.
- Satan wants you to believe that there is a better and more pleasurable way to live than God’s way.

C. A Brazen _____

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Genesis 2:16–17)

“And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat.” (Genesis 3:6)

- Here was a direct disobedience of God’s command.
- The Bible calls this sin.

“Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” (1 John 3:4)

D. A Binding _____

- This original sin caused the entire human race to fall into sin.

“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” (Romans 5:12)

“As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.” (Romans 5:10)

“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” (Romans 3:23)

“But the scripture hath concluded all under sin.” (Galatians 3:22a)

- Sin separates us from God. We no longer enjoy the best that He created for us.

“Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden good things from you.” (Jeremiah 5:25)

- This has eternal ramifications, but earthly consequences as well.

4. The _____ of Simplicity

“But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.” (2 Corinthians 11:3)

A. A Sacred _____

“Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.” (Romans 1:19–20)

“That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.” (John 1:9)

- God has put within man’s conscience a compass of His expectations.

“For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law are a law unto themselves. Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.”

(Romans 2:14–15)

B. A Seared _____

- The sinful nature of man enables him to sear his conscience of the truth God has placed there.

“Now the spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and the doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.” (1 Timothy 4:1–2)

“Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.” (Titus 1:15)

C. A Selfish _____

- What has God made it clear in His Word and His Spirit has made clear in your conscience that you are justifying or rationalizing?
- Are we smarter than our Creator?

“Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay?” (Romans 9:20–21b)

“If he will contend with him, he cannot answer him one of a thousand.” (Job 9:2)

“Shall he that contendeth with the Almighty instruct him?” (Job 40:2)

“Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker!” (Isaiah 45:9a)

“For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverteth thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.” (Isaiah 47:10)

- It all comes back to whether we are going to trust God’s Word (the lamp to our feet and light to our path) or our own wisdom and knowledge.

Conclusion

