

MEN AND WOMEN SERVING GOD.... Valley Bible Chapel, July 2005

A note on morality stemming from the creative order as defined in Genesis 1-3

Sex is one of the most protected social institutions created by God. In the Bible it is protected from abuse, incest, rape, and bestiality. It is seen as picturing the union that God has with His people (in both Testaments: Israel is the wife of Jehovah, the church is the bride of Christ). The following Scriptures determine the incorrectness of "same sex" relationships that defy the intent of the original creation.

Leviticus 18:22---the absolute prohibition

(Leviticus 20:13---the penalty phase under the Israelite codification)

Romans 1:26-27

1 Corinthians 6:9

1 Timothy 1:10

The sinfulness in these passages is apparent. But, and it is important, all sins may be forgiven in our knowledge of Jesus. To continue them willfully is problematic and needs more information than I can write in this note.

The moral principles are based on the character of God and are eternal in that degree. Particular punishments are economic and dependent on the age to age needs and direction. What is forbidden is not a matter of living in a common property...there are no laws against that...but a relationship that defies the creative order. Two people of the same sex might very well share a home or a business and there is no critique on this unless an intersexual relationship is established in the general pattern that would be normal for a man and a woman.

I apologize for writing so long and not as clearly as I should. The words sometimes don't come out as exactly as we would like. Besides....I have a puritan soul and am never comfortable discussing these matters. I know I should get over it but...there are lots of other things I should get over as well.

Thanks for your questioning on this, Tom V. Taylor