

## **DOES HOMOSEXUALITY HAVE GOD'S BLESSING?**

### **The arguments for and against**

Is it true that God gives his blessing to homosexual relationships and same-sex marriages because he was the one who put homosexual desire in our genes in the first place?

If that's true, as even some Christians now argue, then what about pedophiles? A pedophile's sexual desire for children is just as real as homosexual desire. So did God put that in our genes and make pedophilia a viable sexual alternative, as well?

And what about people who have an irresistible hankering for pornography and adultery? Did God create that, too? If he did, then adulterers and pornographers have every right to act out their desires and believe they have God's blessing too, don't they?

Ah but, comes the reply, there's a vast difference between homosexuality and all that other stuff like pedophilia, adultery and pornography, because homosexuals don't hurt anyone, whereas pedophiles, pornographers and adulterers do. Homosexuality, therefore, is in a league by itself. And that's the second key argument put forth by those who say homosexuality has God's blessing: it's not a sin or a crime because no one is being hurt by it.

But homosexuality does hurt people. It hurts those who are revolted by government officials sanctioning Gay Pride parades; it hurts parents who have School Boards instituting the teaching of homosexuality to their children as an acceptable sexual alternative; it hurts businesses that are closed down or charged with a hate crime for not promoting homosexual literature, and what about the families that homosexuality has ripped apart, and the churches it has divided?

Ah but, comes the reply, if people accepted homosexuality as a normal part of human sexuality, we wouldn't be having these problems in the first place, would we?

But who says homosexuality is "normal?" Where in God's instructions on sex, for instance, is there even a hint that homosexuality is normal?

There isn't one.

Nowhere in the Bible is there evidence that God either designed or encouraged homosexual relationships. There is clear evidence, however, that ideas about sex that God never taught came on the scene as a direct result of rejecting God, starting with Adam and Eve. Right after they rejected God's instructions, their attitude to sex changed. They were so ashamed of their nudity they shot off into the undergrowth to find something to cover themselves with. They were husband and wife, for heaven's sake, so what on earth were they thinking?

But it helps explain why attitudes to sex and sexuality are so muddled up today. Rejection of God's instructions is widespread in our culture and so, by horrible coincidence, are pornography, adultery, children forced into prostitution, rape and seduction resulting in unwanted pregnancies, movies and advertisements using sex to sell their products, and women being treated as sex objects and baby machines. Homosexuality, then, is only one of dozens, if not hundreds, of messed up ideas about sex resulting from rejecting God.

So, what service do Christians think they are performing when they give their blessing to homosexuality? Compassion for homosexuals is understandable, as it is for anyone whose thinking about sex has been horribly messed up by generations of us silly humans

rejecting God, but to turn that messed up thinking into saying God put it in our genes on purpose and therefore he blesses it, is ludicrous.

What if an alcoholic, for instance, hears Christians say that homosexual desire came from God? Well, he thinks to himself, he has a strong desire too, for drinking himself out of his skull every night. Did God put that in his genes as well, then?

And what about people who cannot resist lying, stealing or murdering? They could all turn up in court and say, "Pardon me, m'lud, but according to Christians, the existence of a strong desire in our nature means God put it in our genes on purpose to be acted out with his blessing."

Any judge worth his wig would chuck that argument out on its ear, of course, because to agree with it would be an open door to anarchy.

But that's the door Christians are opening when saying a desire like homosexuality comes from God with his blessing, because what if people actually catch on that this is what Christians are saying? They could feel justified doing anything their deceitful little hearts desire, and point to Christians as the reason!