

Homosexuality in the Bible

God created everything good as recorded in [Genesis 1](#). Sin entered the world in two significant ways. First was when Satan chose himself over God, as recorded in [Ezekiel 28:17](#). Satan's sin would have been much less significant if Adam and Eve had not then fallen for his trick in [Genesis 3](#). Because of and ever since those choices, sin permeates the world. (Sin is a disobedience of God's will.) Many have claimed that the Bible is either silent or neutral about homosexuality. If those same people have read their Bible then they are either ignorant or excusive.

First, let us briefly consider four *random* references in the Bible that are highly negative.

- [Genesis 19:5-7](#), while living in Sodom, Lot declares man-with-man sex wicked.
- [Judges 19:22-24](#), an old man declares man-with-man sex evil and shameful.
- [2 Peter 2:6-8](#), the apostle Peter declared the people of Sodom wicked, shameful, and immoral.
- [Jude 1:7](#), Jude declares Sodom and Gomorrah immoral, perverted, and destroyed by God as a warning to everyone else.

Next, the following five pages give the five references in the Bible that address this topic in *instructional* format. The physical authors of these passages are universally attributed to Moses and Paul, the two largest contributors to the Biblical texts. In compiling this reference, multiple translations are used covering a span of hundreds of years and two continents, to combat the argument that a certain translation simply had an agenda or unreasonable cultural bias. (For your own online Bible study, consider [blueletterbible.com](#), [biblegateway.com](#) or [biblia.com](#), though there are many others.) I have bolded certain words *exclusively* for the purpose of preventing someone from skimming this list and saying “yeah, I don't see anything wrong in here.”

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MES	Don't have sex with a man as one does with a woman. That is abhorrent .	If a man has sex with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is	(26-27) Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either— women didn't know how to	(9-11) Don't you realize that this is not the way to live? Unjust people who don't care about God will not be joining in his kingdom. Those who use and abuse each other, use	(8-11) It's true that moral guidance and counsel need to be given, but the way you say it and to whom you say it are as important as what you say. It's obvious, isn't it, that the law	The Message text may be quoted in any form (written, visual, electronic, or audio), up to and inclusive of five hundred (500) verses, without express written permission of the publisher, NavPress Publishing Group, providing the verses quoted

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be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and **defiled** one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it—emptied of God and love, godless and loveless **wretches**.

and abuse sex, use and abuse the earth and everything in it, don't qualify as citizens in God's kingdom. A number of you know from experience what I'm talking about, for not so long ago you were on that list. Since then, you've been cleaned up and given a fresh start by Jesus, our Master, our Messiah, and by our God present in us, the Spirit.

code isn't primarily for people who live responsibly, but for the **irresponsible**, who defy all authority, riding roughshod over God, life, sex, truth, whatever! They are contemptuous of this great Message I've been put in charge of by this great God.

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NLT

"Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a **detestable sin**.

"If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a **detestable** act. They must both be put to death, for they are guilty of a **capital** offense.

And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did **shameful** things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they **deserved**.

Don't you realize that those who do **wrong** will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice **homosexuality**, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

For the law was not intended for people who do what is right. It is for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and **sinful**, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders. The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice **homosexuality**, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching

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NIV

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is **detestable**.

"If a man lies with a man as one lies with a woman, both of them have done what is **detestable**. They must be put to **death**; their blood will be on their own heads.

In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed **indecent** acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their **perversion**.

Do you not know that the **wicked** will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor **homosexual** offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

We also know that 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 adulterers and perverts, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine

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<p>AMP You shall not lie with a man as with a woman; it is an abomination.</p>	<p>And if a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.</p>	<p>And the men also turned from natural relations with women and were set ablaze (burning out, consumed) with lust for one another--men committing shameful acts with men and suffering in their own bodies and personalities the inevitable consequences and penalty of their wrong-doing and going astray, which was [their] fitting retribution.</p>	<p>Do you not know that the unrighteous and the wrongdoers will not inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived (misled): neither the impure and immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor those who participate in homosexuality, nor cheats (swindlers and thieves), nor greedy graspers, nor drunkards, nor foulmouthed revilers and slanderers, nor extortioners and robbers will inherit or have any share in the kingdom of God.</p>	<p>Knowing and understanding this: that the Law is not enacted for the righteous (the upright and just, who are in right standing with God), but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinful, for the irreverent and profane, for those who strike and beat and [even] murder fathers and strike and beat and [even] murder mothers, for manslayers, [for] impure and immoral persons, those who abuse themselves with men, kidnapers, liars, perjurers--and whatever else is opposed to wholesome teaching and sound doctrine</p>	<p>All rights reserved.</p>
<p>CEB You must not have sexual intercourse with a man as you would with a woman; it is a detestable practice.</p>	<p>It's disgusting for men to have sex with one another, and those who do will be put to death, just as they deserve.</p>	<p>Also, in the same way, the males traded natural sexual relations with females, and burned with lust for each other. Males performed shameful actions with males, and they were paid back with the penalty they deserved for their mistake in their own bodies.</p>	<p>Don't you know that people who are unjust won't inherit God's kingdom? Don't be deceived. Those who are sexually immoral, those who worship false gods, adulterers, both participants in same-sex intercourse,* thieves, the greedy, drunks, abusive people, and swindlers won't inherit God's kingdom. (* or submissive and dominant male sexual partners)</p>	<p>We understand this: the Law isn't established for a righteous person but for people who live without laws and without obeying any authority. They are the ungodly and the sinners. They are people who are not spiritual, and nothing is sacred to them. They kill their fathers and mothers, and murder others. They are people who are sexually unfaithful, and people who have intercourse with the same sex. They are kidnappers, liars, individuals who give false testimonies in court, and those who do anything else that is opposed to sound teaching.</p>	<p>All rights reserved. No part of these materials may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and recording, or by any information storage or retrieval system, except as may be expressly permitted by the 1976 Copyright Act, the 1998 Digital Millennium Copyright Act, or in writing from the publisher.</p>
<p>RSV You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination.</p>	<p>If a man lies with a male as with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination; they shall be put to death, their blood is upon them.</p>	<p>and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in their own persons the due penalty for their error.</p>	<p>Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither the immoral, nor idolaters, nor sexual pervers, nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor robbers will inherit the kingdom of God.</p>	<p>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholly and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, immoral persons, sodomites, kidnapers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,</p>	<p>Transcribed from: The Holy Bible: Revised Standard Version containing the Old and New Testaments, translated from the original tongues: being the version set forth A.D. 1611, revised A.D. 1881-1885 and A.D. 1901: compared with the most ancient authorities and revised A.D. 1946-52. — 2nd ed. of New Testament A.D. 1971. There should be enough in the rest of the description to identify the text. Freely available for non-commercial use provided that this header is included in its entirety with any copy distributed.</p>

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ASV	Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination .	And if a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination : they shall surely be put to death ; their blood shall be upon them.	and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness , and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.	Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men , nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.	as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinners , for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine;	Thomas Nelson & Sons first published the American Standard Version in 1901. This translation of the Bible is in the public domain.
NASB	You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination .	If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death . Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.	and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error .	Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor homosexuals , nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.	realizing the fact that law is not made for a righteous person, but for those who are lawless and rebellious, for the ungodly and sinners , for the unholy and profane, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers and immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,	The text of the New American Standard Bible® may be quoted and/or reprinted up to and inclusive of five hundred (500) verses without express written permission of The Lockman Foundation, providing the verses do not amount to a complete book of the Bible nor do the verses quoted account for more than 25% of the total work in which they are quoted. "Scripture taken from the NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE®, Copyright © 1960, 1962, 1963, 1968, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1975, 1977, 1995 by The Lockman Foundation. Used by permission."
KJV	Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination .	If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination : they shall surely be put to death ; their blood shall be upon them.	And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly , and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.	Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals , nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.	Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners , for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, for whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;	Outside of the United Kingdom, the KJV is in the public domain. Within the United Kingdom, the rights to the KJV are vested in the Crown. This Bible is printed and published by Cambridge University Press, the Queen's royal printer, under royal letters patent. The text commonly available now is actually that of the 1769 revision, not that of 1611. The text used here is the current 1769 edition.

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YLT	<p>‘And with a male thou dost not lie as one lieth with a woman; abomination it [is].</p>	<p>‘And a man who lieth with a male as one lieth with a woman; abomination both of them have done; they are certainly put to death; their blood [is] on them.</p>	<p>and in like manner also the males having left the natural use of the female, did burn in their longing toward one another; males with males working shame, and the recompense of their error that was fit, in themselves receiving.</p>	<p>have ye not known that the unrighteous the reign of God shall not inherit? be not led astray; neither whoremongers, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, the reign of God shall inherit.</p>	<p>having known this, that for a righteous man law is not set, but for lawless and insubordinate persons, ungodly and sinners, impious and profane, parricides and matricides, men-slayers, whoremongers, sodomites, men-stealers, liars, perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that to sound doctrine is adverse,</p>	<p>The Young's Literal Translation was translated by Robert Young, who believed in a strictly literal translation of God's word. This version is of the Bible is in the public domain.</p>
WYC	<p>Thou shalt not be meddled, [(or) mingled,] with a man, by lechery of a woman, for it is abomination. (Thou shalt not be mixed together with a man, like in fleshly coupling with a woman, for it is an abomination.)</p>	<p>If a man sleepeth with a man, by lechery of a woman, ever either hath wrought unleaveful thing, die they by death; their blood be on them. (If a man sleepeth with a man, like in fleshly coupling with a woman, they both have done an unlawful thing, and they both shall be put to death; their blood be on them.)</p>	<p>Also the men [the males, or men,] forsook the natural use of woman, and burned in their desires together, and men into men wrought filthhood, and received into themselves the meed that behooved of their error [males into males working filthhood, and receiving in themselves the meed, or hire, that behooved of their error].</p>	<p>Whether ye know not, that wicked men shall not wield the kingdom of God? Do not ye err; neither lechers, neither men that serve maumets [neither men serving to idols], neither adulterers, neither lechers against kind, neither they that do lechery with men, neither thieves, neither avaricious men [neither covetous men, or niggards], neither men full of drunkenness, neither cursers, neither raveners, shall wield the kingdom of God.</p>	<p>and witting this thing, that the law is not set to a just man, but to unjust men and not subject, to wicked men and to sinners, to cursed men and defouled, to slayers of father, and slayers of mother, to manslayers [witting this thing, that the law is not put to a just man, but to an unjust and not subject, to unpious men and sinners, to cursed men and defouled, to slayers of fathers, and slayers of mothers, to menslayers] and lechers, to them that do lechery with men, lying-mongers and forsworn, and if any other thing is contrary to the wholesome teaching,</p>	<p>Wycliffe Bible Copyright © 2001 by Terence P. Noble. For Extensive Use, please email ... for further information.</p>

So my exhaustive Bible reference tally regarding homosexuality is: negative: 9, neutral: 0, positive: 0.

Homosexuality is a sin and therefore a choice, so it deserves no protection and no benefits. Like any sin, some people are more tempted by homosexuality than others, but we must all repress any urge to sin and acknowledge that any thought or activity is wrong. That being said, nobody deserves persecution (not even homosexuals) and all people need protection (even homosexuals) from evil (in its many forms). Remember this is not an unforgivable sin and these people need to be treated with love just like anyone else. (John the Baptist said Jesus is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” ([John 1:29](#)) and Jesus said he came to save us all ([John 12:47](#)) which is the followup to the Leviticus passage that cites the death penalty.) We must also be careful how we handle sins we do not personally struggle with, lest our motives and intentions be misinterpreted. But fewer people will misinterpret love than condemnation, and the Holy Spirit can take care of convicting any sinner.

The only justification for addressing this sin so sternly is so many people deny it is sin at all. God wants us “to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with” Him. ([Micah 6:8](#)) Part of being humble is respecting that God is God and we are not, and so what God says and prefers *matters*. He very well may be speaking to you personally, but it would be against His character to contradict Himself as revealed in the Bible. It is a strange idea to some, but just because same gender attraction is a sin does not mean two men or two women cannot be better friends than some married couples. And that is fine, however this should not be used as an excuse to either (1) pervert the concept of marriage nor (2) tolerate sexual immorality.

The concept of marriage is based in Genesis where the first time God says anything is “not good” is when Adam is alone ([Genesis 2:15](#)). So God makes a woman to be with Adam, and God tells the two to multiply and fill the earth. It is understood that the way that happens is by having sex, and therefore we now know the purpose of sex. Further, sex is a consecration of marriage not the other way around, and when used appropriately these two together will lead to the creation of family units. The goal, or mission, of family units is that they are stable organizations that nurture the human mind, body, and spirit, and serve as a tangible representation of our relationship with our Creator. We can not alter the definition of sex without altering the definition of marriage, which will in turn alter the nature of family, which will then cause us to lose invaluable perspective on our relationship with God.

The vast majority of us recognize that adultery is wrong. Besides being listed in the Ten Commandments ([Exodus 20:14](#)), it is also wrong because it is betrayal. Betrayal is intuitively, universally, undeniably wrong because no one would want it done to them. Remember that one of the primary purposes of a wedding is to stand before witnesses who will keep us accountable and promise to commit to an exclusive family unit with someone until either of us dies. Adultery (a.k.a. having an affair) is betraying that promise/commitment, and is another form of sexual immorality. The difference between these two forms of sexual immorality is no one makes statements like “not that there's anything wrong with that,” and no one is changing the law to provide benefits to adulterers. (For example, allowing adulterers to marry and automatically thereby divorce their original spouse, protecting adulterers by law from even *hearing* that adultery is wrong when listening to the radio, including adulterous preference to be protected by law as strongly and explicitly as *non-chosen* demographics like race and gender.) Remember, lust is natural for every human, but that does not excuse us to *be* lusting/ lustful, and certainly does not excuse us from *acting* on that lust. Jesus himself said in [Matthew 5:28](#) that we are not permitted to even think about adultery. So if none of these things are acceptable for adultery, why should we allow any of them for homosexuality?

A final note: this document is not about *personal commentary* but rather an honest *interpretation* of what the Bible really says. For more of my research on other topics in the Bible, see <http://rock.jayden12.com/biblical-worldview.php>.

A final quote:

[Jude 1:22–23](#) NLT: And you must show mercy to those whose faith is wavering. Rescue others by snatching them from the flames of judgment. Show mercy to still others, but do so with great caution, hating the sins that contaminate their lives.

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