

## Points to Ponder

- A. The Bible is clear regarding condemnations of homosexual behavior.
- B. The issue of how we look at homosexuality is becoming increasingly important in terms of how our children and youth are being fed the junk food of political correctness and tolerance for people especially with regard to sexual orientation.
- C. Simply from the Ten Commandments, one can deduce that God is extremely protective of marriage and the family as each has traditionally been viewed. As well, if there is not in society a protective wall around marriage and the family, that society will have a difficult time surviving.
- D. There is tremendous hope for the individual homosexual who wishes to change his or her sexual orientation. Christian ministries, by the power of the Spirit, and clinicians, have had success in this area.

1. The Bible contains clear condemnations against homosexual activity. Please see Lev. 18:22, Lev. 20:13, Rom. 1:26-27, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, 1 Tim. 1:9-10, and Jude 7.

2. Societies in the past which have had a tolerance for homosexual activity have not fared so well in their survival. In a thought-provoking article entitled *When Nations Die*, Kerby Anderson enumerates examples and describes the pattern of how other societies and civilizations have slipped into decay and ruin. Anderson elicits a telling quote from Russell Kirk, "It appears to me that our culture labors in an advanced state of decadence; that what many people mistake for the triumph of our civilization actually consists of powers that are disintegrating our culture; that the vaunted 'democratic freedom' of liberal society in reality is servitude to appetites and illusions which attack religious belief; which destroy community through excessive centralization and urbanization; which efface life-giving tradition and custom."

3. Practicing male homosexuals are demonstrably, as a class of persons, even less healthy than chronic alcoholics. Jeffrey Satinover, MD, cites the research whereby the conclusion may be drawn that homosexual behavior has extremely deleterious health consequences. Satinover wrote this in his 1996 book, *Homosexuality and the Politics of Truth*.

4. There is a strong correlation, in a given society, between an acceptance of homosexual unions and a weakening of traditional marriage.

Stanley Kurtz has studied the state of traditional marriages in countries that tolerate homosexual unions. The countries that he has studied include Holland, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark. Kurtz concludes his study with this statement, "Combine these Scandinavian examples with the Dutch experience, and it's clear that gay marriage weakens marriage itself." Kurtz wrote this in a 2006 article entitled "No Nordic Bliss".

5. A society that weakens traditional marriage is inviting tremendous social decline. Stanley Kurtz, in the same article cited above, also has traced the legalization of homosexual unions with a surge in out of wedlock births. As an example, Kurtz cites Sweden, where in a recent year 56% of the births in that country were out of wedlock. (Stanley Kurtz. "No Nordic Bliss", 2006).

It is increasingly important to understand that one of the reasons that God gave to the Israelites His holy set of laws was for the survival of the Israelites as a people. Please see Deuteronomy 6:24, "So the LORD commanded us to observe all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God for our good always and for our **survival**, as it is today." A nation is already in a great social decline if it has a high rate of births outside of marriage.

6. The once traditional psychiatric estimation of homosexuality as being listed among various disorders is today not very well-known. It was in the 1970's that homosexual activists crusaded for the deletion of homosexuality from the diagnostic and statistical manual. Many of the psychiatrists caved under the pressure. Dr. Irving Bieber describes the deletion of homosexuality from the American Psychiatric Association's diagnostic and statistical manual as "the climax of a sociopolitical struggle involving what were deemed to be the rights of homosexuals."