



## *The Issue of Homosexuality*

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Modern society no longer allows the practice of homosexuality to be kept from view and avoided. “Coming out of the closet” has resulted in the polarization of people on the subject. Tolerance of “victimless lifestyles” is one response, while “gay bashing” has characterized the extreme opposing position. You can no longer be passive and positionless on the issue, as government deals with those who practice this lifestyle by granting minority status and proclaiming specific civil rights. Is it time for God to be heard on the issue?

### ■ **Current Conditions**

### ■ **Contemporary Findings**

### ■ **Findings of Fact**

1. God’s design is fulfillment in heterosexual marriage.  
Genesis 2:24
2. God’s tradition is judgment of homosexual tolerance.  
Genesis 19:1-28
3. God’s standard is condemnation of homosexual practice..  
Leviticus 18:22; 20:13
4. God’s glory is dishonored by homosexual perversion.  
Romans 1:24-27
5. God’s kingdom is devoid of unrepentant homosexuals.  
1 Corinthians 6:9-11

### ■ **Specific Instructions**

1. Remember that homosexuality is not the unpardonable sin.  
1 Corinthians 6:9-11
2. Recognize the difference between temptation and practice.  
1 Corinthians 10:13; Romans 1:32
3. Remove yourself from the company of Christian homosexuals.  
1 Corinthians 5:9-11
4. Refrain from condemning the unbelieving homosexual.  
1 Corinthians 5:12-13; John 3:16-17
5. Reach out to homosexuals as a target group for spiritual help.  
Luke 5:30-32