

drugs. The median age of death of married men was 75 however the median age of death of homosexuals was 42. Homosexuals were 116 times more apt to be murdered, 24 times more apt to commit suicide, and had a traffic-accident death rate of 18 times the rate of comparable aged white males. Heart attacks, cancer and liver failure were exceptionally common. (8)

The disease AIDS originated among homosexuals, and has been largely spread by practicing homosexuals and intravenous drug users and now spreading among promiscuous bisexuals and heterosexuals. Tragically a number of innocent victims such as hemophiliacs, other blood recipients and even children have been stricken by the disease." (9) Our society seems more concerned about finding a cure for STD's than discouraging the illicit sex that spreads them.

**MENTAL RESULTS OF SODOMY** -- The homosexual lifestyle is not a happy one at all but leads to great unhappiness along with serious physical, emotional, and social problems. (3) "Studies show that approximately 35-40 percent of ... the homosexual population have had a history of major depression which is why 40% have seriously contemplated or attempted suicide." (7) They experience loneliness, rejection by family, friends and most of society, and guilt. They burned in their lust one toward another" (Rom. 1:27) because their sexual desires were out of control leading to enslaving addiction.

**SPIRITUAL RESULTS OF SODOMY** -- Free from the deterrent of a healthy conscience and without God's gracious restraint, runaway lust inevitably lead to the most debased and perverted kinds of sexual sin. Fleshly desires deteriorate to become 'degrading passions.' They bottom out spiritually as well as morally."

(1) They begin by suppressing the truth of God (vs 18), then refusal to honor and thank God (vs 21). This leads to foolish thinking (vs 21), loss of moral discernment (vs 21), idolatry (vs 23) and then to rebellious lust and behavior. (vs 24-25) (Romans 1:18-26) We read in (1 Cor. 6:9, 10) Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (homosexuals), nor abusers of themselves with mankind (sodomites) ... Shall inherit the kingdom of God."

**FREEDOM AND FORGIVENESS** -- The homosexual can be free from the penalty and enslaving power of his sins. After listing the sins that exclude people from eternal life Paul writes And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of God. (1 Cor. 6:11) Once a homosexual, always a homosexual is Satan's lie. These people were changed by God. We can obtain this by faith and repentance. We must acknowledge to God our sins and be genuinely sorry that we have sinned against our Holy God. We must believe that Jesus Christ, God the Son died for our sins and rose again the third day. We must receive Christ as Lord and Savior and surrender our lives to Him in obedience. Then we will be able to live the kind of life for which God created us.

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Until recently, most Americans considered homosexuality as perverted sex that was socially unacceptable behavior and sinful. However in the last 20 years the gay rights movement has made tremendous gains in changing public attitudes. Their cause has been promoted in magazines, newspapers, books, TV and the movies. They have tried to convince society that sodomy is an "alternative lifestyle, a sexual orientation and that it has genetic causes. Politically they have been successful in changing many of our nation's laws that were designed to discourage sodomy. Tragically, there are ...many churches and denominations ... now ordaining practicing homosexuals to the ministry (1) This shows the extent of apostasy that is now present in these last days. The preachers and churches who advocate the homosexual lifestyle, simply do not know the Bible or believe what it says. Both the Old and New Testaments bear abundant proof that God considers it to be a wicked and terrible sin.(2)

God precisely demands that there be none among his people involved in sodomy (Deut. 23:17) God praised King Asa (1 Kings 15:11,12), King Jehoshaphat (1 Kings 22:43, 46) and King Josiah (2 Kings 22:2; 23:7) for removing sodomites from the land, however God condemned King Rehoboam and the nation of Judah for tolerating sodomy. (1 Kings 14:24) It is significant that when a nation came to the point of openly condoning and tolerating the sin of sodomy, God brought destruction to that nation. (Deut. 7:1, 22, 23, 1 Kings Ch. 21-28)

**GOD'S CREATIVE DESIGN** -- Our triune God has created every one of us. "Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves... (Ps. 100:3 and Ps. 139:13-16) Jesus Christ is our Creator. (Col. 1:16, John 1:1-3) God is involved in the reproductive process to create us as He wants us to be. "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him, male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth... (Gen. 1:27, 28) God repeated this command to reproduce to Noah and his three sons. (Gen. 9:1) This command was to take place only in the bonds of marriage. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife; and they shall be one flesh." (Gen. 2:24) God's creative design of our reproductive organs is for the obvious purpose of bearing children. This is why God says sodomy is "against nature" (Rom. 1:26, 27) No one is born a homosexual, it is a learned behavior pattern. (3)

**A VIOLATION OF THE 10 COMMANDMENTS** -- The 7th Commandment Thou shalt not commit adultery forbids all sexual acts outside of the marriage of a man and woman. Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers. For whoremongers (fornicators), for them that defile themselves with mankind (sodomites)... (1 Tim. 1:9, 10) "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." (Lev. 18:22; 20:13) These sexual violations required death in the Old Testament law may seem harsh but God knows these acts would destroy a nation as we see happening today. We now live in an age of God's grace however God's laws have not changed nor has His hatred for sins. Sodomy being an obsession that it is would also violate the 2nd Commandment of idolatry and the 10th Commandment of coveting. (Exodus 20:1-17)

**CHILD ABUSE** -- One of the most wicked outcomes of the sexual revolution and rebelliousness against God's moral standards is child abuse. Countless numbers of children have been raped, defiled, even murdered. Those who survive will bear the mental scars of such encounters for life. Others will become sexually active at a very young age. In Leviticus 18, Moses expressed to his people what God said about the dangers of adultery, incest, homosexuality, and bestiality ... he made capital crimes of sexual contact with children..." (4) Pedophilia has become a major criminal problem. Our newspapers frequently give accounts of adult men even in trusted positions as teachers

and clergymen involved with younger boys. The gay movement is forthright about seeking to legitimize child-adult homosexual sex. Large proportions of Americans regard that as ... giving sexual predators free reign to take advantage of vulnerable children. There is a strong, disproportionate association between child molestation and homosexuality ... the risk of a homosexual molesting a child is 10 to 20 times greater than that of a heterosexual (5) God gives this grave warning to child abusers. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. (Matt. 18:6)

**SIGN OF THE EVIL LAST DAYS** -- Jesus said that the last days before He returned to earth would be as it was in the days of Noah and likewise also as it was in the days of Lot... (Luke 17:26-29) The days of Lot were times of great sexual perversion. (Gen. Ch. 18 and 19) Paul describes how God gives sodomites over to their unrestrained lusts. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves. (Rom. 1:24) For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections; for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature. 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. (Rom. 1:26, 27) And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient." (Rom. 1:28)

**DESTRUCTION OF SODOM AND GOMORRAH** -- God's destruction of these cities is found in (Gen. 18:16 - 19:29) Homosexuality is called sodomy and those who practice it are sodomites, a name given from the city of Sodom. Sodom was a wicked city. But the men of Sodom were wicked sinners before the LORD exceedingly. (Gen. 13:13) The Lord Jesus Christ in one of His many pre-incarnate appearances (Gen. 18:1) spoke with Abraham and revealed His reason for the annihilation of these cities. And the LORD said, Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous. (Gen. 18:20)

Two angels who appeared as men were sent into Sodom to rescue Lot (Abraham's nephew) and his family. While at Lot's house the men of Sodom tried to sodomize the angels. The angels led Lot's family out of the city. Then the LORD rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven. And He overthrew these cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground." (Gen. 19:24, 25) Their sin was so grievous to God that He destroyed every man, woman and child. This was once a fertile land. (Gen. 13:10) Today you can see the barren, lava rock all over the southern sections of the Dead Sea ... the evidence is there for everybody to view, no life growing, no plants, nothing. Miles of lava rock exists today as a testimony of what God did to the cities of the plain long ago. (6) This is an example for us today. And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly. (2 Peter 2:6) Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. (Jude 7)

**PHYSICAL RESULTS OF SODOMY** -- God says there will be physical results to sodomy. "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections ... working that which is unseemly (shameful) and receiving in themselves that recompense (penalty) of their error which was meet. (due) Most homosexuals are highly promiscuous... averaging 110 sex partners ... a year. (8) They acquire many diseases such as hepatitis B, anal warts, herpes, gonorrhea, syphilis, shigellosis and AIDS. In addition, research shows a significantly higher percentage of alcohol and drug use among both male and females who participate in homosexual activities (7) "The typical life-span of homosexuals suggests that their activities are more destructive than smoking and as dangerous as