

Defining Marriage

God created the first couple and declared marriage to be the union of a man and a woman. Originally, governments were not even involved in marriage. At one time, in



our own country, only the church had a registry of marriages performed. Once the government began to grant special privileges to married couples, controls began to be legislated. The government took an interest in who was marrying whom and who was performing the ceremony. Now, the government even dares to redefine marriage to include what God did not include. Since marriage is a moral and religious concept, the government should never have made this intrusion into our religious freedom; that is, the freedom to define marriage as God defines marriage.

According to Leviticus 18:22 (NKJV), homosexual acts are an abomination to God. It is difficult to avoid God's disapproval of homosexual acts if we read Scripture passages for their natural meaning. Romans 1 (NKJV) makes it clear that God's attitude toward a sexual union of two women is under the same condemnation as the sexual union of two men.

We are not "homophobic", as those who favour name calling over logical reasoning would like to believe. The term homophobic has come to mean those who put down homosexuals. It is not a matter of putting down homosexuals; it is simply a matter of believing that God says what He means and that we are responsible to obey God. We are not judging homosexuals. We do not judge anyone who differs with us because God has reserved judgement for Himself. We are merely repeating what we believe God has said in Scripture.

Homosexual acts and the temptation to do homosexual acts are not the same thing. The temptation is not an abomination but a spiritual struggle. There is no sin in being tempted; sin comes only from giving into the temptation.

We believe in showing Christian love to everyone, including those who do not agree with us on the teachings of Scripture. The Scripture lists many other things as sinful too, but we believe in being respectful to every human being even those who do things we believe are sinful to do.

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