

DO YOU AGREE WITH JESUS?

QUESTION: Are homosexual unions condoned by God?

American society has been grappling in earnest with the issue of homosexuality over the last decade or so. Challenges are being made in many states to overturn the traditional definition of marriage (one man and one woman). Some states have already made declarations that same-sex “marriages” will be afforded the same rights and privileges by law that traditional married couples are given. We are constantly bombarded by all forms of media to embrace what are deemed “alternative lifestyles.” To speak out against such is to be guilty of intolerance and bigotry we are told. Does the Bible encourage, or condone, or even turn a blind eye to homosexuality? What does Jesus have to say concerning it?

In speaking about the Divine origin of the marriage institution, Jesus said, “Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?” (Matthew 19:4-5). God ordained marriage in the very beginning; seeing that it was not good that man should be alone, God created a helper suitable for him, and then joined them together as husband and wife (Genesis 2:18-24). It was “for this cause” that God joined man and woman in marriage. Take note that God did not create another man for Adam that he might find fulfillment and happiness. The man was designed for the woman, and the woman likewise for the man.

When man attempts to put asunder what God has joined together, all sorts of evil and heartache ensue. Sexual perversion of every sort (fornication, sodomy, lesbianism, adultery, bestiality, etc.) abounds in our land because so many refuse to submit to the divinely appointed means of sexual gratification: “Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4). We cannot and must not uphold that which the Bible condemns, nor can we simply turn a blind eye to it!

Do you have a question that you would like for us to consider together, or a comment regarding what has been written? If so, please contact us at sixthavenue@bellsouth.net, or write to us at the Sixth Avenue Church of Christ, 1501 Sixth Avenue, Jasper, Alabama, 35501.