

## Answering the Homosexual Agenda - “Have you not read?” (Matthew 19:4)

From the beginning, the authority of God’s Word has been called into question:

- Satan undermines it because he hates God and man
- Mankind agrees with Satan’s suggestions because they suit his sinful desires

This makes the modern “homosexual agenda” more of a theological issue than a political or sociological one.

Whether intentionally or not, this modern movement raises deep theological questions such as:

- Did God know that some people (3% of our population) would be same-sex attracted?
- Did he also know that these people would be hurting, depressed, and even suicidal?
- If he did know, then why did he say nothing positive *about* them or *to* them in the Bible?

In raising such questions, the following theological suggestions are being made:

- God’s foreknowledge was somehow deficient
- The scriptures are somehow insufficient (or at least grossly misunderstood)

When faced with similar debates over sex and marriage in his day, Jesus simply responded: “Have you not read?”

- The scriptures he had in mind were, at that time, about 4,000 years old
- Yet, he believed they spoke clearly and authoritatively to the issues of his day

These introductory considerations clarify the Christian’s chief calling in the modern homosexual debate:

- Believe that God *knew* all about homosexuality
- Believe that God *spoke* to the matter in scripture

More specifically, the perfections of scripture which are presently at stake are:

- Inspiration (that God *breathed-out* every word) 2 Timothy 3:16
- Authority (that all scripture is applicable in every culture) 2 Timothy 3:17
- Perspicuity (that the Bible says what it appears to be saying) Psalm 119:105, 130

This is the heart of the modern issue, but understanding this does not make our calling any easier:

- Many in the church have NOT read... or they have, but don’t trust the Bible
- Those who have read, allow the “hermeneutic of love” to cloud their judgment

Pastoral Advice

- Do not be too quickly side-tracked by psychological, sociological, or political discussions
- Try to bring clarity to the discussion by imitating Jesus... “Have you not read?”
- Realize that the modern debate is only an example of man’s ancient lust for autonomy