

Homosexuality & The Bible

First Universalist-Secular Bible Study Joint Meetup, Tuesday 7:00 p.m., July 12 & 26, 2011

I. Bible Verses Referring (or Proposed to Refer) to Homosexuality

Included Translations: King James Version (KJV), American Standard Version (ASV), The Message (MSG), Good News Translation (GNT), New Living Translation (NLT), GOD'S WORD Translation (GW), New American Standard Bible (NASB)

Leviticus 18:22

KJV/ASV: Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

MSG: Don't have sex with a man as one does with a woman. That is **abhorrent**.

GNT: No man is to have sexual relations with another man; **God hates that**.

NLT: Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. **It is a detestable sin.**

GW: Never have sexual intercourse with a man as with a woman. **It is disgusting.**

NASB: You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female; it is an abomination.

Leviticus 20:13

KJV/ASV: 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.

MSG: If a man has sex with a man as one does with a woman, both of them have done what is **abhorrent**. They must be put to death; **they are responsible for their own deaths**.

GNT: If a man has sexual relations with another man, they have done a **disgusting** thing, and both shall be put to death. They are responsible for their own death.

NLT: If a man practices homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman, both men have committed a **detestable act**. They must both be put to death, for **they are guilty of a capital offense**.

GW: When a man has sexual intercourse with another man as with a woman, both men are doing something **disgusting** and must be put to death. **They deserve to die.**

NASB: If there is a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. **Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.**

Deuteronomy 23:17-18

(Interpretation: LXX translators interpreted "qadesh" as "male temple prostitute." The root, Q-D-Sh, is used for lots of other words that mean holy, clean, sanctified, consecrated... so the original meaning may only have been "priests.")

KJV: There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are abomination unto the LORD thy God.

ASV: There shall be no **prostitute** of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a sodomite of the sons of Israel. Thou shalt not bring the hire of a **harlot**, or the wages of a dog, into the house of Jehovah thy God for any vow: for even both these are an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

MSG: No daughter of Israel is to become a **sacred prostitute**; and no son of Israel is to become a **sacred prostitute**. And don't bring the **fee of a sacred whore** or the **earnings of a priest-pimp** to the house of God, your God, **to pay for any vow**—they are both an abomination to God, your God.

GNT: No Israelite, **man or woman**, is to become a **temple prostitute**. Also, **no money earned in this way** may be brought into the house of the Lord your God **in fulfillment of a vow**. **The Lord hates temple prostitutes**.

NLT: No Israelite, whether man or woman, may become a **temple prostitute**. When you are bringing an offering to fulfill a vow, you must not bring to the house of the Lord your God any offering from the earnings of a prostitute, whether a man or a woman, for both are detestable to the Lord your God.

GW: No Israelite man or woman should ever become a **temple prostitute**. **Never bring gifts or money earned by prostitution into the house of the Lord your God as an offering you vowed to give. These earnings are disgusting to the Lord your God.**

NASB: None of the daughters of Israel shall be a **cult prostitute**, nor shall any of the sons of Israel be a **cult prostitute**. You shall not bring the **hire of a harlot** or the **wages of a dog [male prostitute, sodomite]** into the house of the LORD your God **for any votive offering**, for both of these are an abomination to the LORD your God.

Ruth 1:14-18

KJV/ASV: 14 And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth clave unto her. 15 And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her gods: return thou after thy sister in law. 16 And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God: 17 Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me. 18 When she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, then she left speaking unto her.

MSG: 14 Again they cried openly. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye; but **Ruth embraced her and held on**. 15 Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is going back home to live with her own people and gods; go with her." 16-17 But Ruth said, "Don't force me to leave you; don't make me go home. Where you go, I go; and where you live, I'll live. Your people are my people, your God is my god; where you die, I'll die, and

that's where I'll be buried, so help me God—**not even death itself is going to come between us!**" 18-19 When Naomi saw that **Ruth had her heart set on going with her**, she gave in. And so the two of them traveled on together to Bethlehem.

GNT: 14 Again they started crying. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye and went back home, but **Ruth held on to her**. 15 So Naomi said to her, Ruth, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her god. Go back home with her. 16 But Ruth answered, Don't ask me to leave you! Let me go with you. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. 17 Wherever you die, I will die, and that is where I will be buried. **May the Lord's worst punishment come upon me if I let anything, even death, separate me from you!** 18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more.

NLT: 14 And again they wept together, and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law good-bye. But **Ruth clung tightly to Naomi**. 15 "Look," Naomi said to her, "your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. You should do the same." 16 But Ruth replied, "Don't ask me to leave you and turn back. Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you live, I will live. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. 17 Wherever you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I allow anything but death to separate us!" 18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she said nothing more.

GW: 14 They began to cry loudly again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but **Ruth held on to her tightly**. 15 Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. Go back with your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth answered, "Don't force me to leave you. Don't make me turn back from following you. Wherever you go, I will go, and wherever you stay, I will stay. Your people will be my people, and your God will be my God. 17 Wherever you die, I will die, and I will be buried there with you. May the Lord strike me down if anything but death separates you and me!" 18 When Naomi saw that Ruth was determined to go with her, she ended the conversation.

NASB: 14 And they lifted up their voices and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but **Ruth clung to her**. 15 Then she said, "Behold, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or turn back from following you; for where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God. 17 Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. Thus may the LORD do to me, and worse, if anything but death parts you and me." 18 When she saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

1 Samuel 18:1-4

KJV: 1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

ASV: 1 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his **apparel**, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

MSG: 1 By the time David had finished reporting to Saul, **Jonathan was deeply impressed with David—an immediate bond was forged between them**. He became **totally committed to David**. **From that point on he would be David's number-one advocate and friend**. 2 Saul received David into his own household that day, no more to return to the home of his father. 3-4 **Jonathan, out of his deep love for David, made a covenant with him. He formalized it with solemn gifts: his own royal robe and weapons—armor, sword, bow, and belt**.

GNT: 1 Saul and David finished their conversation. After that, **Saul's son Jonathan was deeply attracted to David and came to love him as much as he loved himself**. 2 Saul kept David with him from that day on and did not let him go back home. 3 **Jonathan swore eternal friendship with David because of his deep affection for him**. 4 **He took off the robe he was wearing and gave it to David, together with his armor and also his sword, bow, and belt**.

NLT: 1 After David had finished talking with Saul, he met Jonathan, the king's son. **There was an immediate bond between them, for Jonathan loved David**. 2 From that day on Saul kept David with him and wouldn't let him return home. 3 And **Jonathan made a solemn pact with David**, because he loved him as he loved himself. 4 **Jonathan sealed the pact by taking off his robe and giving it to David**, together with his **tunic**, sword, bow, and belt.

GW: 1 David finished talking to Saul. After that, **Jonathan became David's closest friend**. He loved David as much as he loved himself. 2 (From that day on Saul kept David as his servant and didn't let him go back to his family.) 3 So **Jonathan made a pledge of mutual loyalty with David** because he loved him as much as he loved himself. 4 **Jonathan took off the coat he had on and gave it to David** along with his **battle tunic**, his sword, his bow, and his belt.

NASB: 1 Now it came about when he had finished speaking to Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as himself. 2 Saul took him that day and did not let him return to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan made a covenant with David because he loved him as himself. 4 Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his **armor**, including his sword and his bow and his belt.

1 Kings 14:22-24

KJV: 22 And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and images, and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And there were also sodomites in the land: and they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

ASV: 22 And Judah did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 23 For they also built them high places, and pillars, and **Asherim**, on every high hill, and under every green tree; 24 And there were also sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which Jehovah drove out before the children of Israel.

MSG: 22 Judah was openly wicked before God, making him very angry. They set new records in sin, surpassing anything their ancestors had done. 23 They built **Asherah sex-and-religion shrines** and set up **sacred stones** all over the place—on hills, under trees, wherever you looked. 24 **Worse, they had male sacred prostitutes, polluting the country outrageously—all the stuff that God had gotten rid of** when he brought Israel into the land.

GNT: 22 The people of Judah sinned against the Lord and did more to arouse his anger against them than all their ancestors had done. 23 They built **places of worship for false gods** and put up stone pillars and **symbols of Asherah to worship** on the hills and under shady trees. 24 **Worst of all, there were men and women who served as prostitutes at those pagan places of worship.** The people of Judah practiced all the **shameful things** done by the people whom the Lord had driven out of the land as the Israelites advanced into the country.

NLT: 22 During Rehoboam's reign, the people of Judah did what was evil in the Lord's sight, provoking his anger with their sin, for it was even worse than that of their ancestors. 23 For they also built for themselves **pagan shrines** and set up **sacred pillars and Asherah poles** on every high hill and under every green tree. 24 **There were even male and female shrine prostitutes throughout the land.** The people imitated the **detestable practices of the pagan nations** the Lord had driven from the land ahead of the Israelites.

GW: 22 The people of Judah did what the Lord considered evil. Their sins made him more angry than anything their ancestors had done. 23 They built **worship sites** for themselves and put up large stones and **Asherah poles to worship** on every high hill and under every large tree. 24 **There were even male prostitutes in the temples of idols throughout the land.** The people of Judah did all the **disgusting practices done by the nations** that the Lord had forced out of the Israelites' way.

NASB: 22 Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy more than all that their fathers had done, with the sins which they committed. 23 For they also built for themselves high places and sacred pillars and **Asherim [wooden symbols of a female deity]** on every high hill and beneath every luxuriant tree. 24 There were also **male cult prostitutes in the land.** They did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD dispossessed before the sons of Israel.

1 Kings 15:11-12

KJV/ASV: 11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father. 12 And he took/put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.

MSG: 11 Asa conducted himself well before God, reviving the ways of his ancestor David. 12 **He cleaned house: He got rid of the sacred prostitutes** and threw out all the idols his predecessors had made.

GNT: 11 Asa did what pleased the Lord, as his ancestor David had done. 12 **He expelled from the country all the male and female prostitutes serving at the pagan places of worship,** and he removed all the idols his predecessors had made.

NLT: 11 Asa did what was pleasing in the Lord's sight, as his ancestor David had done. 12 **He banished the male and female shrine prostitutes from the land** and got rid of all the **dung** his ancestors had made.

GW: 11 Asa did what the Lord considered right, as his ancestor David had done. 12 **He forced the male temple prostitutes out of the land** and got rid of the idols his father had made.

NASB: 11 Asa did what was right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father. 12 He also **put away the male cult prostitutes from the land** and removed all the idols which his fathers had made.

2 Kings 23:7

(Interpretation: Same "qadesh" caveat.)

KJV: And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the grove.

ASV: And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were in the house of Jehovah, where the women wove hangings for the **Asherah.**

MSG: He tore out the rooms of the **male sacred prostitutes that had been set up in The Temple of God;** women also used these rooms for weavings for Asherah.

GNT: He destroyed the **living quarters in the Temple occupied by the temple prostitutes.** (It was there that women wove **robes used in the worship of Asherah.**)

NLT: He also tore down the living quarters of the **male and female shrine prostitutes that were inside the Temple of the Lord,** where the women wove coverings for the **Asherah pole.**

GW: He tore down the **houses of the male temple prostitutes who were in the Lord's temple,** where women did **weaving for Asherah.**

NASB: He also **broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes which were in the house of the LORD,** where the women were weaving **tent houses for the Asherah.**

Romans 1:26-27

KJV: 26 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: 27 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, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.

ASV: 26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile **passions:** for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: 27 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was **due.**

MSG: **Worse followed. Refusing to know God, they soon didn't know how to be human either—women didn't know how to be women, men didn't know how to be men. Sexually confused, they abused and defiled one another, women with women, men with men—all lust, no love. And then they paid for it, oh, how they paid for it—emptied of God and love, godless and loveless wretches.**

GNT: 26 Because they do this, God has given them over to **shameful passions.** Even the women **pervert** the natural use of **their sex** by **unnatural acts.** 27 In the same way the men **give up natural sexual relations with women** and burn with passion for each other. Men do **shameful things** with each other, and as a result they **bring upon themselves the punishment they deserve for their wrongdoing.**

NLT: 26 That is why God abandoned them to their **shameful desires.** Even the women **turned against the natural way to have sex** and instead **indulged in sex with each other.** 27 And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of **this sin,** they **suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved.**

GW: 26 For this reason **God allowed their shameful passions to control them.** Their women have **exchanged natural sexual relations for unnatural ones.** 27 Likewise, their men have given up natural sexual relations with women and burn with lust for each other. Men commit **indecent acts** with men, so they **experience among themselves the punishment they deserve for their perversion.**

NASB: 26 For this reason God gave them over to **degrading passions**; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, 27 and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the **due penalty of their error**.

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

KJV/ASV: 9 I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: 10 Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. 11 But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. 12 For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.

MSG: 9 I wrote you in my earlier letter that you shouldn't make yourselves at home among the **sexually promiscuous**. 10 **I didn't mean that you should have nothing at all to do with outsiders of that sort**. Or with crooks, whether blue or white-collar. Or with spiritual phonies, for that matter. You'd have to leave the world entirely to do that! 11 **But I am saying that you shouldn't act as if everything is just fine when a friend who claims to be a Christian is promiscuous or crooked, is flip with God or rude to friends, gets drunk or becomes greedy and predatory**. You can't just go along with this, treating it as acceptable behavior. 12 **I'm not responsible for what the outsiders do, but don't we have some responsibility for those within our community of believers?** 13 **God decides on the outsiders, but we need to decide when our brothers and sisters are out of line and, if necessary, clean house.**

GNT: 9 In the letter that I wrote you I told you not to associate with **immoral people**. 10 **Now I did not mean pagans** who are immoral or greedy or are thieves, or who worship idols. To avoid them you would have to get out of the world completely. 11 **What I meant was that you should not associate with a person who calls himself a believer but is immoral or greedy or worships idols or is a slanderer or a drunkard or a thief**. 12-13 **After all, it is none of my business to judge outsiders. God will judge them. But should you not judge the members of your own fellowship? As the scripture says, Remove the evil person from your group.**

NLT: 9 When I wrote to you before, I told you not to associate with **people who indulge in sexual sin**. 10 **But I wasn't talking about unbelievers who indulge in sexual sin**, or are greedy, or cheat people, or worship idols. You would have to leave this world to avoid people like that. 11 **I meant that you are not to associate with anyone who claims to be a believer yet indulges in sexual sin, or is greedy, or worships idols, or is abusive, or is a drunkard, or cheats people. Don't even eat with such people**. 12 **It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning**. 13 God will judge those on the outside; but as the Scriptures say, "You must remove the evil person from among you."

GW: 9 In my letter to you I told you not to associate with people who continue to commit sexual sins. 10 **I didn't tell you that you could not have any contact with unbelievers who commit sexual sins**, are greedy, are dishonest, or worship false gods. If that were the case, you would have to leave this world. 11 Now, what I meant was that you should not associate with people who call themselves brothers or sisters in the Christian faith but live in sexual sin, are greedy, worship false gods, use abusive language, get drunk, or are dishonest. Don't eat with such people. 12 After all, do I have any business judging those who are outside the Christian faith? Isn't it your business to judge those who are inside? 13 God will judge those who are outside. Remove that wicked man from among you.

NASB: 9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; 10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler—not even to eat with such a one. 12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church? 13 But those who are outside, God judges. **REMOVE THE WICKED MAN FROM AMONG YOURSELVES.**

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

KJV: 9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, 10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

ASV: 9 Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **effeminate**, nor **abusers of themselves with men**, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

MSG: **Don't you realize that this is not the way to live? Unjust people who don't care about God** will not be joining in his kingdom. **Those who use and abuse each other, use and abuse sex, use and abuse the earth and everything in it, don't qualify as citizens in God's kingdom.**

GNT: 9 Surely you know that the wicked will not possess God's Kingdom. Do not fool yourselves; people who are immoral or who worship idols or are adulterers or **homosexual perverts** 10 or who steal or are greedy or are drunkards or who slander others or are thieves, none of these will possess God's Kingdom.

NLT: 9 Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are **male prostitutes**, or **practice homosexuality**, 10 or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God.

GW: 9 Don't you know that wicked people won't inherit the kingdom of God? Stop deceiving yourselves! People who continue to commit sexual sins, who worship false gods, those who commit adultery, **homosexuals**, 10 or thieves, those who are greedy or drunk, who use abusive language, or who rob people will not inherit the kingdom of God

NASB: 9 Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **effeminate (by perversion)**, nor **homosexuals**, 10 nor thieves, nor the covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers, will inherit the kingdom of God.

1 Timothy 1:10

KJV: [The law is...] For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

ASV: [The law is...] For fornicators, for **abusers of themselves with men**, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine;

MSG: [The law is...] For the irresponsible, who defy all authority, riding roughshod over God, life, **sex**, truth, **whatever!**

GNT: [The law is...] For the immoral, for **sexual pervers**, for kidnappers, for those who lie and give false testimony or who do anything else contrary to sound doctrine.

NLT: The law is for people who are sexually immoral, **or who practice homosexuality**, or are **slave traders**, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching.

GW: Laws are intended for people involved in sexual sins, for **homosexuals**, for kidnappers, for liars, for those who lie when they take an oath, and for whatever else is against accurate teachings.

NASB: [The law is for...] immoral men and homosexuals and kidnappers and liars and perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound teaching,

II. Is Homosexuality Worse Than Modern “Venial Sins” According to The Bible?

Exodus 21:12: He who **strikes a man** so that he **dies** shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:15: He who **strikes his father or his mother** shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:16: He who **kidnaps** a man, whether he sells him or he is found in his possession, shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:17: He who **curses his father or his mother** shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 21:29: If, however, an **ox was previously in the habit of goring** and its **owner has been warned, yet** he does not confine it and **it kills a man or a woman**, the **ox shall be stoned** and its owner **also** shall be put to death.

Exodus 22:19: Whoever **lies with an animal** shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 31:14: Therefore you are to observe the sabbath, for it is holy to you. Everyone who **profanes** it shall surely be put to death.

Exodus 31:15: For six days work may be done, but on the seventh day there is a sabbath of complete rest, holy to the LORD; **whoever does any work on the sabbath day** shall surely be put to death.

Leviticus 19:20: [Rape of slave women]: Now if a **man lies carnally with a woman who is a slave** acquired for another man, but who has in no way been redeemed nor given her freedom, there shall be punishment; **they shall not, however, be put to death**, because **she was not free**.

Leviticus 20:2 [Child burnt-sacrifice]: Any man from the sons of Israel or from the aliens sojourning in Israel who **gives any of his offspring to Molech**, shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

Matthew 5:32 [Divorcees are adulterers]: But I say to you that everyone who **divorces his wife**, except for the reason of unchastity, **makes her commit adultery**; and whoever **marries a divorced woman** commits **adultery**.

Leviticus 20:10: If there is a man who **commits adultery** with another man's wife, one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

Leviticus 20:11: If there is a man who **lies with his father's wife**, he has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Leviticus 20:12: If there is a man who **lies with his daughter-in-law**, both of them shall surely be put to death; they have committed incest, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Leviticus 20:13: If there is a man who **lies with a male as those who lie with a woman**, both of them have committed a detestable act; they shall surely be put to death. Their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Leviticus 20:15: If there is a man who **lies with an animal**, he shall surely be put to death; **you shall also kill the animal**.

Leviticus 20:16: If there is a **woman who approaches any animal to mate with it**, you shall kill the woman **and** the animal; they shall surely be put to death. **Their** bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Leviticus 20:27: Now a man or a woman who is a **medium or a spiritist** shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.

Leviticus 24:16: Moreover, the one who **blasphemes the name of the LORD** shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him. The **alien as well as the native, when he blasphemes the Name**, shall be put to death.

Leviticus 24:17: If a man **takes the life of any human being**, he shall surely be put to death.

Leviticus 27:28-30 [Human sacrifices to the LORD]: But **nothing that a man irrevocably devotes to God from what belongs to him, whether human or animal or family land, may be either sold or bought back**. Everything devoted is holy to the highest degree; it's God's inalienable property. **No human who has been devoted to destruction can be redeemed. He must be put to death.**

Numbers 1:51 [Outsiders]: So when the tabernacle is to set out, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle encamps, the Levites shall set it up. But the **layman (stranger) who comes near** shall be put to death.

Deuteronomy 13:5: But that **prophet or that dreamer of dreams** shall be put to death, because he has counseled rebellion against the LORD your God who brought you from the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of slavery, to seduce you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from among you.

Deuteronomy 13:6-10 [Spiritual explorers]: If your brother, your mother's son, or your son or daughter, or the wife you cherish, or your friend who is as your own soul, entice you secretly, **saying, 'Let us go and serve other gods'** (whom neither you nor your fathers have known, 7 of the gods of the peoples who are around you, near you or far from you, from one end of the earth to the other end), 8 you shall not yield to him or listen to him; and your eye shall not pity him, nor shall you spare or conceal him. 9 But you shall surely kill him; your hand shall be first against him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10 So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Joshua 1:18 [Those who do not obey God's word]: Anyone who **rebels against your command and does not obey your words in all that you command him**, shall be put to death; only be strong and courageous.

Judges 6:31 [Worshippers of other gods]: But Joash said to all who stood against him, “Will you **contend for Baal**, or will you deliver him? Whoever will **plead for him** shall be put to death by morning...”

Judges 21:5 [Refusing to gather in worship of the LORD]: Then the sons of Israel said, “Who is there among all the tribes of Israel who did not come up in the assembly to the LORD?” For they had taken a great oath concerning him who **did not come up to the LORD** at Mizpah, saying, “He shall surely be put to death.”

1 Samuel 15:3 [Being a family member of one adjudged sinful]: [And the LORD said...] Now go and strike Amalek and utterly destroy **all that he has**, and do not spare him; but put to death both man and **woman, child and infant, ox and sheep, camel and donkey**.

2 Samuel 8:2 [Being a random selectee of a defeated people]: [David] **defeated** [the city of] Moab, **and measured** them with the line, making them lie down on the ground; and he measured **two lines to put to death** and **one full line to keep alive**.

2 Chronicles 15:13: Whoever would **not seek the LORD** God of Israel should be put to death, **whether small or great, man or woman**.

Ezekiel 18:13 [Bankers]: He **lends money on interest and takes increase**; will he live? He will not live! He has committed all these abominations, he will surely be put to death; his blood will be on his own head.

Matthew 15:4: For God said, “HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER,” and, “HE WHO SPEAKS EVIL OF FATHER OR MOTHER IS TO BE PUT TO DEATH.”

Ezra 9:14 [Intermarriage with Non-Faithful]: Shall we again **break Your commandments and intermarry with the peoples who commit these abominations**? Would You not be angry with us to the point of destruction, until there is no remnant nor any who escape?

Proverbs 16:5: Everyone who is **proud in heart** is an **abomination** to the LORD; Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

Proverbs 20:23: **Differing weights** are an **abomination** to the LORD, And a **false scale is not good**.

Isaiah 1:13 [The Sanctimonious]: Bring your **worthless offerings** no longer, **Incense** is an **abomination** to Me. **New moon** and **sabbath**, the **calling of assemblies**— **I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly**.

Leviticus 7:21 & 11:7-8 [Eaters of Pork]: When anyone **touches anything unclean**, whether **human uncleanness**, or an **unclean animal**, or any unclean detestable thing, and eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which belong to the LORD, that person **shall be cut off from his people**... 11:7-8: and the pig, for though it divides the hoof, thus making a split hoof, it does not chew cud, it is unclean to you. You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their carcasses; they are **unclean** to you.

Ezra 2:61-63 [Lost Records]: These **searched among their ancestral registration, but they could not be located**; therefore they were considered **unclean** and **excluded from the priesthood**.

III. Acceptance of Biological Gender Preference & Homosexuality from The Bible?

1 Corinthians 7:7-20

KJV: 7 For **I would that all men were even as I myself. But every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that...**20 **Let every man abide in the same calling wherein he was called.**

ASV: 7 Yet I would that all men were even as I myself. Howbeit **each man hath his own gift from God**, one after this manner, and another after that...20 Let each man abide in that calling wherein he was called.

MSG: 7 **Sometimes I wish everyone were single like me—a simpler life in many ways! But celibacy is not for everyone any more than marriage is. God gives the gift of the single life to some, the gift of the married life to others...**20 **Stay where you were when God called your name.**

GNT: 7 Actually I would prefer that all of you were as I am; but each one has a **special gift from God**, one person this gift, another one that gift...20 Each of you should **remain as you were** when you accepted God's call.

NLT: 7 But I wish everyone were single, just as I am. **But God gives to some the gift of marriage, and to others the gift of singleness...** 20 Yes, each of you should remain as you were when God called you.

GW: 7 I would like everyone to be like me. However, **each person has a special gift from God, and these gifts vary from person to person...**20 All people should **stay as they were** when they were called.

NASB: 7 Yet I wish that all men were even as I myself am. However, each man has his own gift from God, one in this manner, and another in that...20 **Each man must remain in that condition in which he was called.**

Romans 14:13-14

KJV/ASV: **Let us not therefore judge one another any more:** but judge this rather, that **no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way.** I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, **that there is nothing unclean of itself:** but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

MSG: **Forget about deciding what's right for each other. Here's what you need to be concerned about: that you don't get in the way of someone else, making life more difficult than it already is. I'm convinced—Jesus convinced me!—that everything as it is in itself is holy. We, of course, by the way we treat it or talk about it, can contaminate it.**

GNT: So then, let us **stop judging one another**. Instead, you should decide never to do anything that would make others **stumble or fall into sin**. My union with the Lord Jesus makes me certain that **no food is of itself ritually unclean**; but if you believe that **some food is unclean**, then it becomes unclean for you.

NLT: So let's **stop condemning each other**. Decide instead to live in such a way that you will not cause another believer to stumble and fall. I know and am convinced on the authority of the Lord Jesus that **no food, in and of itself, is wrong to eat**. But if someone believes it is wrong, then for that person it is wrong.

GW: So let's **stop criticizing each other**. Instead, you should decide never to do anything that would make other Christians have doubts or lose their faith. The Lord Jesus has given me the knowledge and conviction that **no food is unacceptable in and of itself**. But it is unacceptable to a person who thinks it is.

NASB: Therefore **let us not judge one another anymore**, but rather determine this—**not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way**. I know and am convinced in the Lord Jesus that **nothing is unclean in itself**; but to him who **thinks** anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean.

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