Lecture #16: Homosexuality (Part 2) (Lecture Outline)

"When the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?" (Psalm 11:3)

1. Introduction

- a. Bible is clear: Homosexuality is a sin, but since it is a sin, there is hope! (1 Cor 6:9-11)
- b. The Bible does not condone homosexuality in any form on the contrary it condemns it in some of the strongest language found (see Session #15 and Handout: "Homosexuality The Biblical View")
 - o It is listed along with other capital crimes of: murder; rape and kidnapping (O.T.)
 - o We are to hate that which is abominable to God (Psalm 119:128) just as with all sin
 - o But, is this sin any worse than any other sin? (James 2:10)
 - o We are to be compassionate with those who are repentant, or are involuntary victims
- c. God's pattern for us was established at the creation
 - o God <u>created</u> the human race male and female (Gen 1:27; 5:2)
 - o God designed us for sexual relations in the form of male-female union
 - o "This creation of sexual differentiation by God from the beginning established heterosexuality as the normative direction for the sexual impulse and act" (ref a)
 - o These relations are to be pursued within marriage only (Gen 2:24); and are for
 - a "man" and "woman" to become one flesh (Mark 10:6-8; 1 Cor 6:16; Eph 5:31)
 - o The NT maintains that the heterosexual drive is the natural God-given orientation of males and females (1 Cor 7:2-5); in that fashion within marriage is the bed undefiled (Heb 13:4)
- d. Homosexuality specifically is a choice (see below), and is:
 - o Not consistent with God's divine order of creation, but comes about through man's fall into sin
 - o Not natural, but is a perversion of man's nature
 - o A sin that defiled the land in the O.T. (Lev 18:22,24-25 ff), thus it is not a victimless crime
 - o So abhorred by God that in the O.T. He commanded capital punishment as the just payment for it (Lev 20:13) (Murder and rape could have mitigating circumstances (Deut 19:4-13; 22:23-29), but this sin has none!)
 - o Brought to a halt and replaced with God's pattern for men and women through the redemptive act of Christ (2 Cor 5:17; 1 Cor 6:9-11)
- e. It is not acceptable to be a "non-practicing" homosexual
 - o Implies it is a condition such as a genetic defect or illness not responsible for
 - o Our thought life is as important as our acts of sin (Matt 5:27-28; 15:19)
 - o It denies the transforming power of God that changes our sinful nature and removes even ungodly desires (1 Thess 5:23; Gal 5:24; 2 Cor 7:1; Rom 12:2)
- f. Acceptance of homosexuality is a sign of God's judgment upon us (Isa 5:20; Rom 1:18-27; Gen 19)
- 2. Three General Propositions All False (see Handout: "Homosexuality Three Key Secular Lies and the Actual Truth"):
 - a. Biological argument homosexuality is an innate, genetically determined condition
 - b. Psychological argument homosexuality is irreversible
 - c. Sociological argument homosexuality is normal
- 3. Tactics of the Gay Movement (see Handout: "Homosexuality: Tactics and Counter-Tactics")
- 4. What can we do? See Handout: Homosexuality: Tactics and Counter-Tactics
- 5. References:
 - a. "Homosexuality, a Biblical View" by Greg Bahnsen; Presbyterian and Reformed Publishing Co, 1978
 - b. "Unnatural Affections" by George Grant & Mark Horne; Legacy Communications, 1991
 - c. "When the Wicked Seize a City" by Chuck & Donna McIlhenny & Frank York; Huntington House Publishers, 1993
 - e. "The Unhappy Gays What Everyone Should Know About Homosexuality"; Tim LaHaye, 1978
- 6. Selected Organizations and Resources ministering Specifically to Homosexuals
 - a. Exodus International (umbrella organization with over 75 similar ministries worldwide)
 - b. L.I.F.E. of New York City, N.Y.
 - c. Jesus People USA in Chicago, IL.
 - d. White Stone Ministries in Boston, MA.
 - e. Desert Stream Ministries in Santa Monica, CA.
 - f. Regeneration, Baltimore, MD.
 - g. "National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuals" ("www.narth.com")