

The controversy: Sex in the Bible

Controversy?

It's funny (or not) that we have a sex controversy right in the second chapter of the whole Bible. In Genesis 2 of God's word it says in verse 24 **"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh."** It's not necessarily a big deal but people have made it a big deal. On one side we have those who believe in the Holiness of marriage. They believe passages like the one found in Genesis that say God only sanctions a marriage between a man and woman. That's no controversy right?

There are tons of scriptures against what is called sexual sin. I guess the controversy is whether or not you believe the Bible. Some Scriptures point towards a union between a man and a woman. Other verses say we should avoid bad sexual practices like adultery. These days all sexual sin is permissible with humans except between children or animals. The Bible is clear on animal sex, but not on children. However; let's face it just because it's not point blank clear, sexual sin is bad.

So what is controversial sex in the Bible? Sex between people and animals is bad. Lev 18:3 **"Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion."** They say sex between two people of the same sex is bad Lev 18:22 **"You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination."** Adultery is a bad thing too in the Bible. Hebrews 13:4 **"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous."** Lev 18: 6 says sex with your family is bad too **"Do not have sex with any of your close relatives. I am the Lord."** Certainly some scripture in the Bible is not hot on some types of sex.

If your gay, transgender or a person who had sex with a horse, mother, brother, or another person's spouse, in the Bible, it's not going to go well with you before God (so the Bible says). These days that is a huge controversy. The laws around the world say we can have sexual freedom in our private lives. Who we love, marry, or sleep with is our business. Is it Gods business? I am not here to judge you on your sexual preference. These are points of controversy that run deep in this world. If God exists, then sexual sin (As in any sin) is a problem with God, or is it. There inlays the controversy. What do you believe?

Maybe?

Maybe sex is just sex in the Bible? Maybe adultery and sexual indiscretions are what happens to normal people. There are though, some controversial incest sexual events in the Bible. Some versions of the Bible flirt (pun intended) with different word meanings. In Lev 18 we have a series of "Don't have sex commands." Verse 9 can say "Don't uncover the family's nakedness." Does that mean they had sex with them? Is God warning about incest? We amazingly enough have several instances of incest in the Bible.

Take for instance the sex scandal with Noah. Ok it might not be sex but there is nakedness. Noah comes out of the ark after many months and I bet has had enough; had enough of rain, his sons, and the animals. Noah decides to get stinking drunk and passes out naked. His son Ham finds him butt naked, and decides to not cover him up. God ensuingly punishes the line of Ham for this injustice. Some question if Ham preformed sex on Noah. Was Noah doing himself? It's all weird because the Leviticus laws had not been given yet. Yikes, what a scandal.

Wow can I top that one? Well yes we have another scandal just 10 chapters later still in the same book. In Chapter 19 of Genesis we have this fella named Lot. His two Daughters decide they need to preserve the family line, so they devise a plan to sleep with their father. What is

interesting in all this is the family tree. Ham (Son of Noah) has a son named Canaan and the daughters of Lot bore Ammon and Moab. All three of these kids became terrible sexual nations that were eventually destroyed. Maybe God tells us about weird sexual events in the Bible, but they seem to always have a bad end.

Sometimes the sex is rape. In 2 Samuel 13 king David has a beautiful daughter named Tamar. King David had many wives and one of the sons Amnon decided he loved Tamar his step sister. He raped her and King David did nothing about it. Another of David's sons named Absalom (Tamar's real Brother) took matters into his own hand and killed Amnon. This is terrible sex scandal with the great King in the Bible. Afterwards David's family line is virtually ruined because of the way he let his kingdom run. His son Absalom was killed not long after too. Maybe sexual sin has a price? What do you believe?

Yes?

Yes, Sex can be a good thing in the Bible. There are a couple of things I'd like to point out. If sex was dirty and ungodly then why make it so evident in the Bible? Adam was alone for a time in the beginning. God decided to give Adam a mate. It says the animals God provided were not good enough. Why not give Adam another man to play with? God decided to make a woman. Right after that it says he lay (had sex) with her. There is a whole book in the Bible that is somewhat erotic called the "Song of songs" This book talks about a lover and how they taunt each other in a sexual way. Yes, sex is ok by God.

Did you ever wonder why they have those family lines listed in the Bible? I think it's because God knows what sex can do if it's done properly. You see, we were meant to populate this earth. The "Song of Songs book" proves sex can be just fun, but that's only part of the story.

If we did not have babies this would have been a short Bible. Sex and family lines are important to further the human race. If we began with Adam and Steve it would be a short list. Sex is precious to God because it covers two bases. One, is that it continues what God created. Secondly, it is a gift given to us by God for pleasure. We love pleasure and God knows that. Sex is by design in the Bible.

Sometimes we want more in the Bible than there is. People ask questions about two sexual things in the Bible many times. One is “Did David have a sexual relationship with Johnathan”? It says in 1 Samuel 20 “**And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.**” Sure it’s possible they had sex but it never really says that. People just want it that way. They were bigtime friends. They loved each other. They could have used many words but the Bible chose love. Still, each man had many wives, so does love in the Bible have to mean gay?

The second uses the same language. Some people ask if Jesus slept with Mary Magdalen. In John 11 Jesus says he loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. Does that mean he slept with all three of them? No silly, it means he cared deeply for them. It is true that Mary was at Jesus feet all the time. Mary came to the tomb and was at the cross. She cared for and loved him too. Why must we sexualize some things in the Bible? Yes, God approves of sex. Yes, God disapproves of some sexual deviances. In my mind there is nothing sexual about Jesus. It comes down to 1 John 4:8 “God is love.” What do you believe?

No?

What if God said “No” to sex? When I read the Bible it seems to endorse sex. Sometimes it is implied in the phrases “He went into her” or “They lay together.” Ruth lay at the feet of Boaz all night. Did they have sex? Some say yes and others say no. Some Christian institutions

insert the book "Song of songs" in the Bible while others do not. I have heard many Pastors make excuses for the book as if it's dirty, yet here it is in God's word. Paul says it's better to be single so we can focus on God better. Does that mean being married is a bad idea? Go back to the family lines throughout the Bible. It would be a short list if we leave out sex. Maybe sex is a necessary evil?

Ok, let's talk about the gay thing. I'm sure we have beaten this thing to death in our culture by now. Some say the gay lifestyle is good and others say "No" it's bad. Personally what you do in your private time is fine by me. If God exists then take it up with him. If God does not exist then who cares what you do. There are many scriptures that say this lifestyle is bad in God's eyes like 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 **"Or do you not know that wrongdoers will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men 10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.** Why do you care what the Bible says if you think it's ok to be gay?

That passage above talks about a lot of sin. Some people say that "No" God does not have a problem with sexual preference because they do it a lot in the Bible. It is not easy to know what God thinks sometimes. Some scriptures are vague on issues. I don't think pedophilia is directly or indirectly mentioned in the Bible but most consider it a sin. Look at John 3:16 for instance. It says that all who believe in Jesus will be saved. If your gay and love Jesus are you saved? If you commit adultery and love Jesus are you saved? If there is an end to this world and a judgment seat of God then these questions will be answered one way or another. If you don't believe then why do care what God might or might not think about your sexual preference? What do you believe?