

HOW DO WE APPROACH THIS ISSUE TEXTUALLY?

1. The Ten Commandments / basic morality

Exodus 20:14 Thou shalt **not** commit adultery.

Deuteronomy 5:18 **Neither** shalt thou commit adultery.

What **role** does Leviticus 18 have in this discussion? What does it **add** to the discussion?

Leviticus 18:1-5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. **After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments:....**

Hebrews 13:4 Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled:
but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge.

2. God's original intent

Genesis 1:26 And God said, **Let us make man in our image, after our likeness:** and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. Genesis 1:27 **So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.** Genesis 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth,** and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. Genesis 2:18 And the LORD God said, **It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him.**

Genesis 2:21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; Genesis 2:22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. Genesis 2:23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Genesis 2:24 **Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**

What NT texts would we **add** to this? Matthew 19, Ephesians 5:31-32

3. Natural law, as created by nature's God!

Romans 1:24 Wherefore **God** also **gave them up** (παρέδωκεν) to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Romans 1:25 **Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.** Romans 1:26 For this cause **God** **gave them up** (παρέδωκεν) unto vile affections: for even their women did change the **natural** use (τὴν φυσικὴν χρῆσιν) into that which is **against** nature (τὴν παρὰ φύσιν): Romans 1:27 And likewise also the men, leaving the **natural** use (τὴν φυσικὴν χρῆσιν) 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.

[Romans 11:21] For if God spared not the **natural** (κατὰ φύσιν) branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.

Romans 11:24 For if thou wert cut out of the olive tree which is wild **by nature** (κατὰ φύσιν), and wert grafted **contrary to nature** (παρὰ φύσιν) into a good olive tree: how much more shall these, which be the **natural** (κατὰ φύσιν) branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?]

****What is the problem with nature today?**

4. The specific commands & illustrations in the Bible

Leviticus 18:22 Thou shalt **not** lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is **abomination**.

Leviticus 18:23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: **neither** shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: **it is confusion**.

What stories does this include?

1. Genesis 19

2. Judges 19

[Ezekiel 16:46] And thine elder sister is Samaria, she and her daughters that dwell at thy left hand: and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. **Ezekiel 16:47** Yet hast thou not walked after their ways, nor done after their abominations: but, as if that were a very little thing, **thou wast corrupted more than they in all thy ways**. **Ezekiel 16:48** As I live, saith the Lord GOD, Sodom thy sister hath **not** done, she **nor** her daughters, **as thou hast done, thou and thy daughters**. **Ezekiel 16:49** Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. **Ezekiel 16:50** And they were haughty, **and committed abomination before me: therefore** I took them away as I saw good.]

Jude 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, **giving themselves over to fornication** (ἐκπορνεύσασαι), and going after **strange flesh** (σαρκὸς ἑτέρας), are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.

5. The NT warning passages

How do these relate to the OT?

1 Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be **not** deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **effeminate** (μαλακοί), nor abusers of themselves with **mankind** (ἀρσενικοῖται), **1 Corinthians 6:10** Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. **1 Corinthians 6:11** **And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

1 Timothy 1:7 Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm. **1 Timothy 1:8** But we know that **the law** (ὁ νόμος) is good, if a man use it **lawfully** (νομίμως); **1 Timothy 1:9** Knowing this, that the law is **not** made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers, **1 Timothy 1:10** For whoremongers, **for them that defile themselves with mankind** (ἀρσενικοῖταις), **for menstealers** (ἀνδραποδισταῖς), for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;