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## **Establishing Bible Authority**

How Authority works in the Old Testament  
(Part 2 of 3)

### **Man's Divinely Appointed Responsibility**

Man is to know his divinely created place in this universe. Man's highest priority in this life is meeting Jehovah's authorized standard (Exodus 10:3; Leviticus 11:44; Job 4:12-21; 38:1ff; Proverbs 2:1-9; 3:13-18; 4:7; 8:7-9; Psalms 9:20; 119:72; Jeremiah 6:16-20). To sin against Jehovah's divine will is to transgress against one's own nature (Ezekiel 14:12-13). Man; however, was never designed by Jehovah to create spiritual laws to follow (Jeremiah 10:23). Those individuals who do not follow the natural God appointed life of perfect obedience are deemed rebellious, polluted (Zechariah 3:1), and hard hearted (Exodus 5:1-2). Such individuals forsake all God's mercy (Jonah 2:8).

Man has absolutely no right to create even one law in relationship to his spiritual direction (see Leviticus 10:1ff). Jehovah is clear regarding His divine will for man. He has set the standard for man to meet. No other way of life will be acceptable to Jehovah (Hosea 5:11; 11:6). No other person (even a king or a nation), no amount of riches, no personal conscience, no amount of personal conviction, confidence, opinions, reasoning, ignorance, or deluded belief can change or create spiritual laws (Hosea 4:12; 5:13; 7:11; 10:3, 13; 11:2; 12:8; 13:10 etc.). Man ought to be terrified to say, "Its my opinion that the church should do this that or the other..." "I personally believe that the qualification of elders is this that or the other..." When matters of our faith are involve man has one directive, "Thus saith Jehovah."

When man speaks he has the responsibility to speak truth alone (Zechariah 8:16). Those who dare to speak words contrary to Jehovah's standard seek to change God himself. History reveals

## Local News:

### Welcome to all our visitors:

We pray that you will be edified by our service and that you will ask questions if things are not as you are accustomed to seeing. Please do come back at your every opportunity!

**Bill Lee's mother Johnnie Lee** is in fair condition at the Texoma Christian Care Center room 210. She enjoys visits but make them brief.

July 16th will be the moving date for **Alex and Madison Hamilton**. They will be moving to Omaha Nebraska. July 16th will also be the last day for **Chance McGraw**. Chance will be relocating to Fort Benning Georgia.

### Summer Gospel Meeting:

Mark August 22nd through the 27th on your calendars for our 2010 summer gospel meeting.

**Dennis Scroggins** of Lometa Texas will be doing the preaching. The elders have set the time for each nightly meeting (i.e., Monday through Friday) at 7:00 PM (Normal times on Sunday). There will also be a daily Bible study with Dennis at 9:30 AM Monday through Friday.

### Continue to pray for our shut-ins:

**Stella Davidson**  
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(at home but request no calls)

such daring men identified as false prophets (Ezekiel 13:1-8). Such work is not tolerated by Jehovah God and is not to be tolerated by man (see Balaam – Numbers 22 compared to 2 Peter 2:15; Jude 11; Revelation 2:14; Deuteronomy 13 all; 20:16-18).

### Man's Divinely Appointed Attitude

Again, if man is to obtain unto God's divine nature he must share God's attitude toward His divine standard. Jehovah's view of sin is clearly documented. God hates sin (Zechariah 8:17). Often the word "*abomination*" is used regarding God's passionate hatred for sin (see Proverbs 15:26 etc.). God's people are to have the same view of sin. Man is to "*utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it*" (Deuteronomy 7:26; see also Leviticus 20:23; Joshua 7:24-26; Psalms 119:104; Proverbs 8:13; Jeremiah 15:16-18; Ezekiel 36:31; Amos 5:15). Our natural response to sin is to be shame and embarrassment (Ezra 9:5ff; Jeremiah 3:25; Hosea 9:10; Zephaniah 2:1). Sin is to be viewed as a "horrible" thing (Hosea 6:10) and thereby it should bother me if I have participated in it (Ecclesiastes 7:4, 19-20). Seeing that man is created in the image of God, knowing God's view of sin, and knowing what God expects of me I ought to have a sense of righteous indignation against sin (Exodus 32:20; Numbers 25:6ff; Joshua 7:24-26; 1 Samuel 15:10-11; Jeremiah 15:16-18) rather than indifference (Zephaniah 1:12-13). Man's attitude toward those things that violate Jehovah's authorized word should be that of humble sorrow (Numbers 21:1-9; Psalms 51:1-17; Isaiah 57:15; 66:1-2; Joel 2:12-14).

### Man's Divinely Appointed Approach to serving God

All mankind must understand that it is God alone that sets the standard and has the sole power to save man from the consequences of sin (Hosea 13:10; 14:3). My approach to Jehovah God, as creator of all things, is nothing less that great respect, awe, reverence, and fear (Psalms 119:161; Proverbs 1:7; 2:1-5; Ecclesiastes 12:13). The prophet Ezekiel summarizes man's approach to God by the word "*just*" (Ezekiel 18:5-9). Each man is to purpose within their hearts to know and do all that God commands (Ezra 7:10). The greatest mistake man can make is to look to self for divine authority in spiritual matters (Proverbs 16:2, 25; 23:4; 24:21 etc.) (Part 3 next week).

*John C. Robertson*

# Homosexuality is Sinful

## Introduction:

More and more headlines, through the years, have revealed public opinion yielding to the error of homosexuality. Though our Bible clearly condemns the sexual act of man with man or female with female people find ways to justify their error or their friends error. This sermon shall deal with the subject of homosexuality to expose the true sinfulness of the act.

## I. Homosexuality in the Headlines:

### A. Military's "Don't ask don't tell" policy:

1. The Federal Law (Public Law 103-160): DADT ("Don't ask don't tell):
2. Changes on the horizon to permit gays and lesbians to openly serve in the military.

### B. Federal and State Laws:

1. Legalized homosexuality nation wide in 2003 after the Lawrence vs. Texas case of sodomy.
2. Same sex marriages are not recognized by the federal government; however, "Same-sex marriages are currently granted by five of the fifty states and one indian tribe. Twelve states recognize "same sex unions."

## II. A Homosexual's Defense:

### A. Bible condemnation "Deals with rape not homosexuality"

### B. Laws are "antiquated and no longer applicable"

### C. Laws against homosexuality is directed at heterosexuals who violate their nature or conscience.

### D. Greek words used for homosexuality are "ambiguous"

## III. The Bible and Homosexuality:

### A. The Bible condemns the act of homosexuality

### B. See Genesis 19; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10.

## Conclusion:

No matter what the laws of our land permit. No matter what one's personal conscience, opinions, and convictions may conclude. No matter the justifying excuse. God's laws remain in place. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Howbeit the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, the Lord knows them that are his: and, let every one that names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness" (2 Timothy 2:19).

