

sometimes by foolish experimentation in youth). It can be repented of, and a person can seek help to turn their passions around to the natural way God has created in us.

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## NEWSWEEK AND HOMOSEXUALITY

by Bob Pulliam

**M**y radio broadcast this morning was a review of an article in the December 15, 2008 issue of Newsweek (if all went well at the radio station). The article was entitled “*Our Mutual Joy*”. The publication of this article by such a well known news magazine prompts me to say a few things here as well. If you did not hear the broadcast, I urge you to download it and listen. It contains a great deal of information not included here.

### *The Bible Under Attack...*

The article makes a feeble attempt to justify homosexual relations from the Bible. It is no surprise that the author of this article (Lisa Miller) must attack the credibility of scripture. What amazes me is that anyone would try to justify a practice from a book that they attack as being filled with unsound teachings! That’s right. The author isn’t just knocking the Bible down in this article. She is also trying to use scripture to justify homosexuality. Just below the title of the article we read this introduction: “*Opponents of gay marriage often cite Scripture. But what the Bible teaches about love argues for the other side.*” Now if the Bible is such a bad book (according to the remainder of the article), then how would it’s teaching in favor of homosexuality be a good thing?

This illustrates the convoluted reasoning of a people bent on having their way... No matter how wrong it may be!

### *Jesus Under Attack...*

Ms. Miller writes in her article: “*Jesus himself was single and preached an indifference to earthly attachments—especially family.*” Is this innuendo? (possibly implying something about Jesus of a sordid nature) Or is she just saying that Jesus had psychological hangups on the family? Of course the statement is a lie. She also wrote: “*He preached a radical kind of family, a caring community of believers, whose bond in God superseded all blood ties. Leave your families and follow me, Jesus says in the gospels.*” Where did he tell people to leave families? Perhaps Ms. Miller is referring to the charge given to the apostles. If so, she has shown a woeful ignorance of Jesus’ teachings. And what is this “radical kind of family”? Jesus taught that a man was to leave father and mother, and cling to his wife. They were not to part from each other (Mt 19:4-6).

### *What the Bible Does Teach...*

New Testament passages on the subject of homosexuality were not even covered; except to generally tell us what liberal thinkers have to say about them.

Passages like Romans one should have been quoted, which says:

*“For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature. Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.” (Romans 1:26f)*

According to this text, these were engaged in shameful practices, were in error, had left what was natural, and had been given up by God. In short, God was not happy with them!

### *Think About It...*

**What the New Year brings us will depend a great deal on what we bring to the New Year.**

Another very clear passage on this subject was written to the Corinthians:

*“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 homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.” (I Corinthians 6:9f)*

Who will not inherit the kingdom of God (salvation)? Here we find the homosexuals in this list.

Ms. Miller wants us to believe that such passages were aimed at the excesses of the emperors. But the very next verse of this text says, “And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.” (v11) He is not writing about Caesar’s household in Rome. He is writing about the Corinthians. Some of them had been engaged in such sins. But just as the Corinthians had been washed and justified, so also can the sinner today. The homosexual cannot be saved *in* his sin, anymore than the adulterer or thief. But these can be saved *from* their sins by repenting, which will involve a change of mind that causes a change of life.

This has been God’s attitude on the subject from the beginning of time. God created woman for the man in the very beginning. When He did so, every other creature was shown to man as being unsuitable for companionship (Gen 2:18-20). God did not create another man for Adam. He created a woman, and decreed that woman be man’s lifelong companion.

When the Bible story comes to the circumstances of Sodom, the reader is expected to understand what was wrong when “*the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both old and young, all the people from every quarter, surrounded the house. And they called to Lot and said to him, ‘Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us that we may know them carnally.’*” (Gen 19:4f) The author does not need to detail their error. These two verses say all that needs to be said on the reason for their imminent destruction.

### *Conclusion...*

Homosexuality is a perversion of what God intended from the beginning. In more recent years, we have been told that the homosexual is born this way. There is no evidence of such (although there are a couple of studies placing monkeys in very unnatural, forced circumstances). Homosexual relations are an acquired passion (sometimes by having been forced,