

Answering the Homosexual Agenda - “Male and Female” (Genesis 2:4)

In our first study, we saw how the homosexual agenda was essentially a theological issue:

- It questions the foreknowledge of God: Did he not know about the issue?
- If he did, why did he not say anything positive about it in scripture?

Today, we continue to diagnose the agenda by focusing on its anthropological import. Specifically:

- How that it is actually an attempt to redefine what it means to be human
- How that, in this, it also constitutes a serious threat to human society

Man made in the Image of God

- There are various opinions on the *imago dei*, but one that is helpful for present discussion is this:
- Love (agape) is that divine attribute which makes man so different from all other creatures
- Agape defined: A self-sacrificial affection which benefits “the other”
- This is the deepest want of mankind: To be truly loved by another
- Homosexuality, by very definition, denies the “otherness” and becomes a perverse self-love
- When this happens, fallen man turns in on himself... more details in the next study: Romans 1

Main point for today: Man being made in God’s image requires that we affirm the following:

- The male-female sex distinction is inherent to humanity
- True “love” or “romantic union” requires “otherness”
- Marriage is an inherently hetero-sexual institution
- Procreation is an essential element of marriage
- * The homosexual agenda explicitly denies each one of these points

It is also important that we acknowledge hetero-sexual marriage to be a civil or social ordinance

- Marriage is the first institution created by God on earth
- Marriage is the appointed means for the fulfillment of the creation mandate
- Marriage is, therefore, the most basic “building block” of human society
- This makes the homosexual agenda more than just a “Christian” concern

Pastoral Advice

- Don’t lazily affirm these things with snarky slogans like “Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve”
- Don’t be selective in your defense of marriage: Divorce, polygamy, birth control, *etc.* stand condemned
- Realize that the desire for love/relationship flows from the *imago dei* (though marred) in the homosexual
- Perhaps affirm their desire for companionship as normal and offer to explain the created order:
- *God created man in his own image; in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.* (Gen 1:27)