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*God, through His Son Jesus, provides eternal grace for our failures and human limitations.*

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## **Sodom. Same Sex Relationships. Love, Grace and the Bible. Homosexuals and Lesbians.**

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The Bible not only reveals God's eternal Plans, Purposes and Promises,  
But also shows how you can know God for yourself.

*Teach it, don't demand it.*

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Thank you for clicking on this topic, my aim in this study is not to change anyone's mind to a particular view, but rather to dispel some of the antipathy and hostility there is toward those who love Christ, but happen to be born for whatever scientific or medical reason with a natural attraction to a partner of the same sex. Please take the time to read the title, "About the Author and Testimonies" to understand the motive and intent of my heart in writing these articles.

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## Sodom (Genesis 19:1-5).

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Primarily the story of Sodom and Gomorrah takes place in Genesis chapter nineteen with God about ready to pass judgment on the evil people of Sodom. But before He does, He elects to give them one last chance. God agrees to send two of His angels to the city. If they can find ten righteous among the citizens of Sodom, God will spare the city from destruction, however, if they cannot find ten righteous people then His judgment would stand and the city destroyed.

We catch the story as the angels are coming into the town: -

- The two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom. When Lot saw them, he rose to meet them and bowed himself with his face to the earth <sup>2</sup>and said, "My lords, please turn aside to your servant's house and spend the night and wash your feet. Then you may rise up early and go on your way." They said, "No; we will spend the night in the town square." <sup>3</sup>But he pressed them strongly; so they turned aside to him and entered his house. And he made them a feast and baked unleavened bread, and they ate. <sup>4</sup>But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, both young and old, all the people to the last man, surrounded the house. <sup>5</sup>And they called to Lot, "Where are the men who came to you tonight? Bring them out to us, that we may know them." (Genesis 19:1-5)

That evening as the angel's bed down for the night, the entire male population of the city encircles Lot's home and accuses Lot of harbouring these uninvited strangers. They demand that Lot hand the angels over to them so that they may know them.

The word (*know*) comes from the Hebrew word (*yada*) and from Strong's concordance means to know properly, but it is used in a great variety of senses. Because of this there has been debate over the interpretation of the word (*yada*), but there is no need to spend time on theological debate since the context of the story clearly shows that the intention of the men was to take Lot's two visitors by force and rape them.

Whatever the exact translation of the word (*yada*) is it is very clear the people of Sodom meant the angels harm since the angel's had to blind the men to protect Lot and his two daughters. After Lot and his family were a safe distance away, the city was destroyed just as God had originally planned.

From this story the question that is debated is this: "Is God condemning the people because they were homosexual or because they intended to take the men by force and rape them, clearly showing that they were cruel, selfish and showed no mercy or compassion to others?"

Concerning the sins of Sodom Ezekiel wrote: -

- Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had pride, excess of food, and prosperous ease, but did not aid the poor and needy. <sup>50</sup>They were haughty and did an abomination before me. So I removed them, when I saw it (Ezek. 16:49-50).

In other words they were evil and self-centred people who totally ignored God and thought nothing of attacking and violently raping people. The fact these men of Sodom wanted to attack and harm the strangers at all demonstrated the evil nature of these people and their complete abandonment of God and the law of love.

They were prepared to violently rape lots guests and rape has nothing to do with a loving and committed relationship, even the homosexual community condemns the act of rape in any relationship.

It could be reasoned that when the Bible refers to the sin of the Sodomites God is not talking about the specific sexual act of sodomy as some translations might imply, but to the overall spiritual state of the person that leads them to embrace a sinful lifestyle that is totally selfish, full of pride and completely devoid of love.

**SUMMARY:** to use the story of Sodom to condemn men and woman who love the Lord Jesus Christ, are law abiding citizens and show kindness to others but for whatever medical or scientific reason have been born with an natural orientation and disposition toward people of the same sex gender (homosexuals and lesbians) is I suspect reading far more into the story than God intended especially since Sodom's attempted sexual act was not a loving one but one of violent force and rape, which even the Gay community themselves condemn.

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I, like the Jews of old who had to work their way through adopting Gentiles into their midst and work out-together what that meant for each group, still have certain questions that I am working though myself and for that reason my aim in these articles is not to tell anyone what they should or should not believe, but simply present unbiased information that hopefully will help people who like myself were influenced by my generation to dehumanize homosexuals and lesbians and by certain church leaders to condemn everyone who was in a same sex relationship to condemnation and hell-fire.

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End.