

EQUIPPING THE SAINTS
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LESSON STUDY: *Simplicity of the Gospel*
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SIGNS OF HIS COMING
The Gospel Simplified: Jesus In, Satan Out
SCRIPTURE: JOHN 14:1-3

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

We are living in the last days. Some signs are so prevalent that we won't be able to deny them.

1. Matt 24:3: "And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?"

If the bible says it, it is true whether you or I believe it or not.

2. Luke 17:26-30: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. ²⁸Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; ²⁹But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

As it was in the days of Lot, what was happening back then that is corresponding with what is happening today?

3. Gen 19:1-5: "And there came two angels to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot seeing them rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face toward the ground; ²And he said, Behold now, my lords, turn in, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your ways. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. ³And he pressed upon them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. ⁴But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: ⁵And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them.
4. "And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord." Gen. 4:1. To know is to have sex with another person. These men wanted to have sex with Lot's guest, even by force.
5. Gen. 19:6-11: "And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him, ⁷And said, I pray you, brethren, do not so wickedly. ⁸Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; for therefore came they under the shadow of my roof. ⁹And they said, Stand back. And they said again, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and came near to break the door. ¹⁰But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door. ¹¹And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door."

In the beginning of Creation, God created male and female for a certain purpose. To repopulate heaven. "God's purpose to repopulate heaven with the human family, if they would show themselves obedient to His every word." God Amazing Grace 344.

6. Gen. 1:27, 28: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. ²⁸ And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth...."

God created Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve. Two males or two females cannot be fruitful and multiply. They could never fulfill God's purpose for replenishing the earth and repopulate heaven. They are going against creation and their Creator.

God knew what Adam needed and desired before Adam knew. God had him see and name the other animals so he could understand and appreciate what God had for him, a woman, his help meet. Help meet means someone created just for him.

7. Gen. 2:18-23: "And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. ¹⁹ And out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto Adam to see what he would call them: and whatsoever Adam called every living creature, that was the name thereof. ²⁰ And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for Adam there was not found an help meet for him.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;²² And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.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."

Did God change his mind in the New Testament and say that it was ok for a male to be with male or for female to be with female as sexual partners? No, No, No.

8. Rom 1:18,21,22, 24-28,32: "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ²¹ Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. ²² Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, ²⁴ Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: 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.²⁶ For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature:²⁷ And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use 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.²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; ³² Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Heb. 13:8: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever."

Mal 3:6: "For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed."

What is different about this sin than any other, is that people have deceived themselves to make themselves think it is ok. A thief knows that he is wrong. A robber knows that he is wrong. A rapist knows that he is wrong. That is why they hide out. However, Homosexuals have deceived themselves, and most of the world have accepted it. That is why this sin is not sin to them and they are not ashamed. Isa 3:9 "... and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul!"

A person may say they were born that way, no problem. Or maybe you were abused as a child. Everyone born into this world are born with defects. Babies are born addicted to drugs, some are born with perverted sexual drive, addicted to tobacco products, and alcohol. Some people are born evil, with evil thoughts through and through, does this give them the right to kill? Does that give them the right to murder? No matter what our situation in life may be, Jesus can heal us if you or I want to be healed.

If a person is a homosexual can they be saved? Rom. 5:20 "But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:"

Even if a heterosexual has lust in their heart this is also sin. What did Jesus have to say? Matt. 5:28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her have committed adultery with her already in his heart. Sin is sin, there is no little sin, no white sin, no black sin, or no brown sin. Sin is sin.

What you are struggling with, everyone in the world is struggling with something. 1 Cor. 6:9-11 "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.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."

Clear Word Bible 1 Cor.6:9-11: "Don't you know that evildoers will not inherit the kingdom? Don't be fooled. Those who are immoral, who worship idols, commit adultery, practice homosexuality, abuse themselves or others sexually,¹⁰ who steal, lie, cheat, get drunk, slander and defraud others-none of these will have a part in God's kingdom. ¹¹Some of you were like that before you heard the gospel, but through Christ you have been washed, sanctified and made right with God. And by the power of the Holy Spirit you have started a whole new life.

James 1:15: "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: ¹⁴But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.¹⁵ Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
1 John 1:9.

"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."
Prov. 28:13.

Jesus said we must be born again by the in dwelling of the Holy spirit. We become a new creature or a new creation. We can have a new beginning; will you choose to start over again? You are getting a special invitation from Jesus, and it is for each person on earth. Matt. 11:28-30: "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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