

Episcopal Homosexuality

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Because of Hospitality

Currently, the Episcopal Church's position is that the Bible remains supreme, but that the Bible does not say much about homosexuality. To discount the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, they also say the reason for that destruction was hospitality¹. From this position, they are saying that because of the hospitality of even the little children, God completely destroyed the area the size of one of our small states (including five large cities and all the soil in that large area). Using this reasoning, they then say that there are only four scriptures (instead of thirty or so) condemning homosexuality in the Bible, as if that were not enough. To discount those four scriptures, they say that homosexuality (rather than a sin directly against God for which we have no advocate, and for which we are guilty when we do not act or speak out and just hide our eyes) is just another sin. Considering how many times the Bible mentions Sodom, the Episcopal Church must believe hospitality one of the reasons God wanted His People to completely destroy everyone living in the Promised Land.

Loving God Comes First

Sins against God come first. Our first commandment is to Love God. Our first commandment is to have no other gods. Our second commandment is to make no image of God. However, the Bible says we are made in the image of God. We are male and female. For some reason, we are to wear clothes that match our gender. He also says that only when we love him will he reveal his Son. In the end, our homosexuals and the Sodomites will love God, but the sooner the better. Loving God comes first.

Summary: Episcopal Homosexuality

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¹ The New Church's Teaching Series Volume 10 – Christian Social Witness, Chapter 7- Human Sexuality, Page 127, Harold T. Lewis, Cowley Publications, Cambridge – Boston, Massachusetts, 2001.

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