

Psalms 14: Question #13 Fools are Going to Ask You

I. Review

Last week we looked at two more key questions that you will be asked by the fools, skeptics, agnostics, atheists, or any man or woman who looks for any reason to reject the word of God. Oftentimes, they're not bad people. Some people just have developed an ingrained bad attitude toward the things of God as they have gone through life, and a lot of the younger ones just don't know any better. Nobody has ever sat down and explained it to them or helped them. You want to get the truth to them so that God's Holy Spirit can do some things in their lives.

What I want to do, not only with these questions but in our Patterns of Human Nature sessions, is give you the ability to deal with people and to give them the truth. We looked at the first coming of Christ last week concerning the three wise men and the question that gets asked all the time: how many wise men were there really? From this question you can see a couple of things. No matter how basic a question may be, or how simple it appears to answer, the depth of the word of God is unbelievable. It shows us their inability to see any truth that lies hidden in any story of the Bible.

When God put the Bible together, He did it in such an incredible way that it's just packed in every aspect with things that God wants to reveal to us. He will take the simplest thing and reveal the deepest process of understanding something about God or what He does. **The things that God has put within the stories of the Bible, that when you believe what you read like the wise men last week, you see how the Holy Spirit of God will unlock these great truths and give you incredible insight not only in the history or the lives of the people, but in the Bible itself.**

I've showed you over the past couple of months the problem found in 1 Corinthians 2:14 is that *the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know [them], because they are spiritually discerned.* He's ignorant of the fact that he can't get the truth because it depends on the Holy Spirit of God to give him the discernment. He basically relies on what he reads, sees, or what people tell him.

➤ Tracking

I knew a guy years ago who was an incredibly good tracker. He told me one time that **the key to being a really good tracker is just simply knowing what to look for.** You can tell the pathway someone took by looking at things like broken branches, footprints, and matted down grass. When he wanted to scout for turkeys, he'd look for their scratching which he could distinguish from bird scratching. He could find where deer had rubbed their antlers on trees, and he could spot blood trails. He could look at any trail and tell you what went down it, and if he was on your trail, he would find you.

I thought many times how when it comes to God, the Bible, and man, we too should be able to track the footsteps of God down through history. It's great to find whatever you're looking for in the woods when you're hunting, but we as God's people ought to be able to track the Holy Spirit of God.

Genesis 1:2. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

That's the first time you find the Holy Spirit of God in the Bible, and the first time you find the Holy Spirit of God, it's moving. **If you have a trained eye, you ought to be able to track from that God's movement through the Holy Spirit of God down through history.**

I want you to be able to track the patterns of people. I want you to be able to understand the teachings, the tracking, and the technical side of things. Basically, what you look for, and that you see God's hand in people's lives and circumstances. **It all comes down to being able to track God through every situation in life.** I want you to be able to get into a situation dealing with people and find out what's real and what isn't real. People won't always be honest with you. They don't necessarily do it because they're dishonest, but rather, that's what they do; they've done it all their lives.

I want you to be able to track the difference between Godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. There's a difference between the two. Many times, you start working with people, and what you think is Godly sorrow is really worldly sorrow. A lot of people won't be sorry for what they did, but they're sorry that they got caught. These are the things that you need to be able to understand and work through. **It all comes down to tracking through the patterns** and this is where our study of Patterns of Human Nature will be vital.

➤ **How Many Wise Men were there Really?**

So we looked at how many wise men there were, and some great Bible came out of that question. I showed you two key passages—Luke 2 and Matthew 2. Both deal with the time of Christ's coming with His birth; however, looking at each one, you see how similar but totally different they are. They present two completely different things. When you miss that and try to put the two together, you know what happens.

We saw how the key to the story was not how many wise men came, but how and why they came and how they knew about the king of the Jews and knew exactly where to go. It's about the Old Testament scriptures and the star that God gave them. **The story is built around, not just the three wise men, but the three gifts that they brought. That's really where the whole concept is.** Gold, frankincense, and myrrh...the three gifts that will represent the three offices of Jesus as the king of the Jews. Gold represents the king, frankincense the priesthood, and myrrh the fact that He was a prophet.

➤ Do You Believe in Fate?

I showed you the idea behind the second question. Do you believe in fate? You're going to get it a lot when you talk with people. Fate is the catchall today for life when you don't really know how to explain it. "Well, it was fate that I met this person or did this or that." **I showed you how fate is defined as life, circumstances and happenings beyond your control.** In philosophy, it's called fatalism. **I showed you that for an unsaved man or woman, that fate is absolutely the order of the day; however, for a saved man or woman, there is no fate in their lives.** God, at salvation, begins to unfold a plan for them. He gives a saved person the Holy Spirit of God first, then a local church, and through that local church, he gets the word of God. From those three, God develops the plan. There's no fate involved; there are no accidents.

I gave you three great verses. Ecclesiastes 3:19 **for the unsaved person:** *For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all [is] vanity.*

For the Christian, I gave you *Romans 8:28: And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to [his] purpose.* And *Psalms 37:23: The steps of a [good] man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way.*

II. The Closer We Get to the End, the Farther We're Going to Get from the Truth

These questions are all based on our text in Psalms 14:1, *The fool hath said in his heart, [There is] no God.* I want you to be an effective witness in these last days. I told you a few weeks ago that the closer we get to the end, the farther we're going to get from the truth. That is one of the most profound statements that you'll ever put into your life and use in dealing with everything around you today.

If you would have told me 30-40 years ago that the world, our country, and Christianity would have disintegrated to the place it has, it would have been hard for me to believe. I would have thought maybe in 100 years but not 30 years; however, **the world and everything in it has drastically changed in the last 30-40 years.**

A very wise man said that no country on Earth, who once had the word of God, ever survived past 200 years once they rejected the word of God. When he said that, I started looking at the examples in history. Every one of them that went into total apostasy, totally collapsed in time. Their societies fell into sin and ruin. There was a time when Germany, under Martin Luther, had the word of God, but look where they're at today. Look at Czechoslovakia and Jan Hus. There was a time in his ministry where almost everybody in Czechoslovakia was a born-again believer. It's gone now; there is no country now. It's the same with England, France, Holland, and now we see the problem in America. The answer to what you're seeing is that **America made her official rejection of the King James 1611 Authorized Version (the word**

of God) around 1888, and now for over 135 years, we have seen this country in demise. The world certainly doesn't understand it, but what's even more tragic is that most of God's people don't understand it.

Preachers this morning are saying that we could have one more great revival in America. Hey! **There is no revival where there is no word of God.** Are you kidding me? A man who would say something like that has obviously not been tracking the flight plan of the Holy Spirit of God.

What you're seeing today in America and the world is the fulfillment of the great prophecies that I have given you over and over again.

*Hosea 8:12. I have written to him **the great things of my law**, [but] they **were counted as a strange thing**. This was true of Israel, but it's also true of us.*

*Isaiah 5:20. Woe unto them that **call evil good, and good evil**; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*

*Isaiah 59:14. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for **truth is fallen in the street**, and equity cannot enter.*

*Hosea 4:1. Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel: for **the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because [there is] no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land**. That's where we're at today, too.*

The news and everything around us promotes the idea that God doesn't care about America. They claim that they are the ones making things happen, and they'll make our country great. Nobody understands it. Each party thinks that the other party will destroy America. **Little do they know; God is going to destroy America. It has nothing to do with the Republicans or the Democrats; it has to do with a people who had the word of God and rejected it, and now have rejected God to the place that evil is now called good, and truth has fallen in the streets. The great things that God would do now become strange things to God's people.**

III. Another Question asked by Fools

Now we're going to look at the 13th question today. This next question will be thrown at you in America time and time again. You're going to face this one in every part of your life every day with the people that you talk to at work, friends, etc. **You need to be ready for it, and you need to understand it completely—not just what you believe but why you believe it.** Then you become invaluable to God.

Question 13: Fools believe Sodom and Gomorrah was not destroyed for homosexuality but for wickedness.

I have been asked this question, often in the form of a statement, so many times based on where the mindset of this country is concerning things like this. I had a guy say to me one time that Sodom and Gomorrah weren't destroyed by God for their rampant homosexuality. He claimed

the story of Sodom and Gomorrah never gets specific as to their sin, but rather, it's general wickedness. He claimed there was no mention of them being gay.

This kind of statement is for the purpose of making homosexuality, lesbianism, and that kind of lifestyle legitimate. They want credibility as to it being a normal lifestyle. I got a phone call this week from a guy asking me about a situation where a 14-year-old girl thought she was a male. She would change into men's clothes at school. Her parents knew nothing about it; however, the school knew what she was doing and protected her in it. This is what you're up against today. This society is so loose and wrecked that it sows doubts in these kids' minds. Where they ought to be getting the stabilization of the truth of life, they're getting all the falsehood that the devil wants to propagate. These kids are young and naive enough to believe that maybe God made a mistake; maybe they got the wrong parts.

➤ The Letter of the Law and the Spirit of the Law

With what I'm about to lay out for you, I want you to understand some things. In the world that we live in today, I don't hate gay or lesbian people. If I knew any Christians who ran bakeries and two homosexuals came in to get a wedding cake, I'd say sell them a cake—who cares! It's the difference between the letter of the law and the spirit of the law. **I know what the letter of the law says, but what's important is how you apply grace to the letter of the law to reach people through it.**

➤ How Did We Get Here?

First, you got rid of the Bible. Now you have no judgment; you have no moral compass. You have no absolute standard for any truth. Now maybe you can see what I've tried to tell you for years. This started with the Bible colleges and scholarship that first told God's people that they had no absolute truth. Then the world hitchhiked off it, and they told everybody there is no absolute truth. Now you've got Christians being taught there's no absolute truth, and you've got the world saying there's no absolute truth. It's no wonder why we've got people who are running around confused.

Second—once the truth goes, the next thing is to get rid of anybody who still preaches the truth. What I'm about give you today would cause some people to label me as homophobic. They would say this is a hate message, and it's not. This sin has become an accepted lifestyle today. Any speech that is contrary to it, if you don't take the world's opinion, then you're the bad guy. You can't have your own opinion anymore. There was a time in this country where we had free speech. That's gone now. Any speech against it will be hate speech because Isaiah 59:14 says *truth is fallen in the street* and Isaiah 5:20 says *Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil.* I want you to know that before we read this.

➤ Answering the Question

Now let's answer this question, and when we answer this question you're going to get everything you need. To do this, we need to go back to obviously the story in Genesis 19 and see what's going on.

Genesis 19:1-25. **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;

² And 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.**

³ And 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.

⁴ But 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:

⁵ And 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.**

⁶ And Lot went out at the door unto them, and shut the door after him,

⁷ And said, I pray you, **brethren**, do not so wickedly.

⁸ **Behold 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.

⁹ And 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.

¹⁰ But the men put forth their hand, and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut to the door.

¹¹ And 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.

¹² And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the city, bring [them] out of this place:

¹³ For we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us to destroy it.

¹⁴ And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the Lord will destroy this city. **But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.**

¹⁵ And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters, which are here; lest thou be consumed in the iniquity of the city.

¹⁶ **And while he lingered,** the men laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters; the Lord being merciful unto him: and they brought him forth, and set him without the city.

17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed.

18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my Lord:

19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy mercy, which thou hast shewed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me, and I die:

20 Behold now, this city [is] near to flee unto, and it [is] a little one: Oh, let me escape thither, [is] it not a little one?) and my soul shall live.

21 And he said unto him, See, I have accepted thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, for the which thou hast spoken.

22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

23 The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zoar.

24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire from the Lord out of heaven;

25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground.

This will be the famous passage for the question today. It's a strange statement to say that no homosexual activity is going on here and that it's just a general wickedness. Let's see what we have, go back to the Bible and break it down, and put it into a format we can understand.

I don't have any personal feelings about this country other than from God's standpoint. I'm not a Republican or a Democrat. **I have one goal in my life: I want the truth. I want to be able to understand, from the word of God, which I know is the only truth, what truth really is.** You parents who have teenagers, occasionally you must deal with them about something, and they start to tell you their version of what happened. Then you stop them, and you simply say you want the truth. Do you know why you say that? It's because there are not different versions of the truth. It's like your King James Bible. You've got all these other versions out there that claim to be truth. **There are no other versions of the truth—there is only one.**

In life, I want the truth. I don't care what I've got to fix or change about myself, I just want to know the truth. I want you to understand that as we get into this. I have no dog in this fight. I'm not out to bash anybody. I want my people in this church to know the depths of what you're dealing with and then what the Bible says about it. I want you to go home today with the truth.

Let's look at our story here. These men that show up to Lot's house are angels. If you go back to Genesis 18, you'll find that the Lord and these angels show up to meet with Abraham. Then these angels leave Abraham, and they go down to Sodom for the purpose of destroying it.

➤ Lot is a Picture of a Child of God who gets Caught up in the World System

I know this is hard to believe, but Lot is a saved man. I look at Lot, and I don't understand how he could possibly be a saved man; however, the Bible says in 2 Peter 2:7, *And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation of the wicked:* In God's eyes, he was justified with God. **He will be a picture of a child of God, and you will deal with people like this, who get caught up in the world's system and get vexed with a filthy conversation.** In the Bible, the word conversation means more than just speech; it's lifestyle.

Lot is a great study of how fathers will lose their kids to the world. When you read this story, it becomes obvious that his number one flaw, setting aside the fact he is in Sodom with the wrong crowd, is that he is weak. When you read the whole account, **he doesn't take a stand anywhere**—not with his own girls in his home, not when he goes to see his daughters and their husbands, not with the angels, and certainly not with the men in Sodom who want to take the angels. In fact, when he closes the door, he refers to the men of Sodom as *brethren*. Are you kidding me? Lot is the type of man, and I've seen this in fathers, that can't take a stand for anything. In Christianity, you're going to find two kinds of bad fathers. There are fathers who continually make bad choices and decisions in the family; however, even worse is a father who cannot make any decisions in the family. When that happens, the wife takes over and starts to run the family. If she doesn't do it, the kids take over and start telling you what they're going to do, and you can't take a stand for anything. That's Lot!

The first thing I saw is that when the angels show up, they don't even want to stay in his house. They knew what Sodom and Gomorrah were, yet they said, "No thank you. We'll stay in the street. We'll take our chances out here!" He presses on them, and they finally come in. When the men of Sodom start beating down the door, he goes out, and what he says shows his value system. He calls them brethren and says not to do this wickedness to these men. Then offers his virgin daughters! I know parents would never openly prostitute their children in a situation like this, but I'm telling you, you may not physically bring them out the door, but you'll turn them over to the world system that in time will do the exact same thing.

When they finally get through to him that God is going to destroy this place, the Bible says he goes to the house of his daughters and sons in law. He's telling them that they've got to get out because God is going to destroy Sodom. After all the time and the relationship he had as their father, **when he finally had a message from God, they didn't believe it.** *But he seemed as one that mocked unto his sons in law.*

When he finally gets out, reluctantly the angels must put hands on Lot and his wife to get them out. His wife just never could get out. She's lingering behind and famously turns into a pillar of salt. **The great principle, typified by this story, was that the problem wasn't getting Lot out of Sodom. The problem was getting Sodom out of Lot. The problem you're going to be dealing with is not getting people out of the world but getting the world out of them.**

Lot gets out of Sodom, reluctantly. He winds up in a cave and then, rationalizing the circumstances, he has incest with his own two daughters. When you look at the long term, the

children they produced became the two natural enemies of Israel for the next 4,000 years up to today.

➤ How Do We Know Sodom and Gomorrah were Filled with Homosexuality?

How do we know this town was filled with homosexuality? Fools claim that's an assumption and that the Bible doesn't say it was. **To begin, let's see what the Bible says about this kind of lifestyle so that we have a base text to work with. I'm interested in the truth, not anyone's opinion.**

You're told today that it's an alternative lifestyle. We have what we call our gay community, and we're told that it's a natural act of human behavior; it's just different. If you don't accept it, you're told that you're full of hate and that you're homophobic (have a fear of homosexuality and a hatred for it). In our country, even in our own city, we have gay pride week, rainbow festivals, and politicians and other community leaders wearing little rainbows on their lapels. We have gay rights. The country is filled with it. They will even use the Bible and churches. Here we have the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, and they say that it was just a general wickedness and nothing to do with homosexuality. You'll find that people who support homosexuality in the Christian realm, and I say there's no way you can be a Christian and be a part of that, but let's just use the terminology. They like to talk about David and Jonathan and how the Bible says *that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul*. They try to make that story that they were homosexuals.

If you want the greatest picture of the craziness that's going on, in not only the world but America, you'll want to watch the movie *The Big Red One*. It's about the First Infantry Division that went ashore in Normandy. It follows this squad through World War II. My favorite part (and I looked at this years ago and thought this is the world we live in) is when they're going to destroy this German gun; however, the German gun is conveniently hidden in an insane asylum in the yard. They roll it out, fire, and roll it back. So these guys must go in and destroy this gun, and the German garrison is living in the asylum with the crazy people. The Americans sneak in to wipe out the Germans, and a firefight breaks out. Amid the Americans shooting the Germans, one of the crazy people in his pajamas picks up a machine gun and begins shooting all the other crazy people. He shouts, "Look, I'm sane! I'm sane!" He thought that is what sane people do. **That's the greatest picture of what's going on in America with all the filth and ungodliness going on and everybody out there saying, "We're sane! This is the way it's supposed to be!" This country is an insane asylum run by the inmates!** There's nothing sane about it.

➤ What the Old Testament Says About Homosexuality

Leviticus 18:22-23. Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination. 23. Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it [is] confusion. Despite the warnings, this is what Israel got into with Baal worship.

Leviticus 20:12-13. And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood [shall be] upon them. 13. If a man also lie with

mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood [shall be] upon them. Now it doesn't get any clearer than that.

Deuteronomy 22:5. The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so [are] abomination unto the Lord thy God.

Now here is your transgender and cross-dressing crowd. Baptists for 50 years have used this verse to say that this is why a woman should not wear slacks to church because she's wearing that which pertaineth unto a man; therefore, it's an abomination. Are you kidding me? Hey pal, back in this time, every man wore a skirt! I've heard that all my life, but it's talking about the ungodliness that was taking place within the nation of Israel. Now you can begin to see why you've got to get rid of your Bible.

➤ What the New Testament Says about Homosexuality

Romans 1: 24-27. 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 (now we're going to give you versions of the truth), 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.

It doesn't get any clearer than that. The Bible says uncleanness based on the lust of their heart and their vile affections. Why? They changed the truth. They took truth and made variances of the truth. They gave you versions of the truth, but not the truth.

I Corinthians 6:9-10. 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.

It's clear from the Old Testament and the New Testament that this lifestyle is an abomination to God, and God does not accept it. Having laid this out, let's now go back to Genesis 19 and see a little bit about this place called Sodom and Gomorrah. These are things fools can't see. They have no discretion, no discernment, and no trained eye.

➤ Things you see with a Trained Eye

Genesis 19:4-5—the angels go into the house, and before they lay down, word has spread that there are some new men in town. They show up at Lot's door and say to bring them out that they may know them. One gay commentator I read argued that this was the welcoming committee wanting to meet the new men in town. Here is the problem with that. Look at verse seven. Lot says to *do not so wickedly*, and then he offers his daughters to the “Welcome Wagon.”

The key word here is to bring them out that we may *know* them. In your Bible, which is truth, he defines for you the word *know* in a sexual context. Genesis 4:1 says, *And Adam **knew** Eve his wife; and she conceived.* Genesis 4:17 says, *And Cain **knew** his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch:* Genesis 4:25 says, *And Adam **knew** his wife again; and she bare a son.* So, *knowing* is the sexual relationship between a man and a woman that brings about conception, but in Genesis 19, it was to know them sexually as homosexuals.

Now the greatest proof that Sodom was a cesspool of homosexuality is not just found in the story but in two other places that are found in the Old Testament with the kings of Israel.

*I Kings 15:9-12. And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel reigned Asa over Judah. 10. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem. And his mother's name [was] Maachah, the daughter of Abishalom. 11. And Asa did [that which was] right in the eyes of the Lord, as [did] David his father. 12. And he took away the **sodomites** out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made.*

I want you to see how this homosexuality had infected the nation of Israel through Baal worship. **Now this is at least 2,500 years after Genesis 19. I want you to see that these homosexuals are called sodomites.** Now why are they called sodomites? It's because they came out of Sodom and Gomorrah. You simply can't beat the Bible to lay it all out for you.

*Jude 1:7. **Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.*** There is what is unnatural in Romans 1.

➤ The Greatest Proof will be Found Among Unsaved Men

Now the greatest proof will be found among unsaved men. Like I told you a couple of weeks back, **men reject God yet they base time on BC (before Christ) and AD (in the year of our Lord).** In America we have laws to establish order in society (Romans 13). For over 200 years, every state had on its books the crime of sodomy which was defined as sex between two people of the same sex or animal bestiality. As this country went to pieces (no Bible), the states found these laws unconstitutional through Lawrence vs. Texas. There are still 12 states in this country who have on their books the crime of sodomy. Kansas and Missouri are two of them. People simply ignore that, but **why does the law use the term sodomy?** It's the same reason as back in I Kings. **It goes back to homosexuality in Sodom and Gomorrah.** The word sodomy, as defined by the government, is lewd and illicit sex acts between people of the same sex. The name comes right out of Genesis 19.

This sin has become so widespread and accepted, but I always look in every situation in life to find God behind the scenes. If you have a trained eye, you're paying attention, and you know a little bit about the Bible, you can see how God does things in an incredible way right in front of everybody's eyes. Nobody figures it out because there is no truth today.

Why do you think the gay community chose as the symbol of their lifestyle a rainbow? I mean I guess because it stands for the different colors, or the different diversities of the way people are,

but it's one rainbow; however, I see it much more than that because I see the hand of God in everything in this world. **The unsaved world doesn't know what they're doing or why they're doing it, but they're still bound by the word of God. So, the gay community chooses a rainbow, and yet in your Bible, you only find a rainbow two times. Both times, God is judging a godless nation of people and sending them to the lake of fire.**

➤ Studying Words

I study words because I know that every word or phrase that we use in our language will go back to the Bible in some way, shape, or form. You're in a hurry, and you say, "We've got to go. Don't miss the boat!" That was big in Noah's time! There's also "beating around the bush" which goes along with Moses. Well, there's a word in the gay community that you don't hear much anymore. I don't like the word, and I wouldn't use it because I don't want to turn somebody off if I'm going to try to give them the truth. **It's the word "faggot."** I've looked at that word for a long time. Now, I'm a fairly intelligent individual, and I've studied a little bit of history; nevertheless, that word bothered me. Where did that come from? **Once I researched it back, I found out that a faggot is a bundle of sticks that you band together and then you start a fire with them.** If you're at a campfire, and it's been burning for a long time, you look down in the deep of that fire with all the burning embers, those are what they call faggots.

Somebody in the 17th or 18th century, probably a street preacher, was preaching against sin and saw this lifestyle that was completely outside the realm of anything normal. He must have remembered what the Bible says in John 15:6, *If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast [them] into the fire, and they are burned.* So, he used that example knowing what the common word was for a burning faggot in the fire (the wood not the person), and he knew these people were going to wind up in the lake of fire. That's where the word faggot came from. Don't take my word for it. Go to Isaiah 66 down at the end of the chapter where you go forth and look at the carcasses of the men burning in the lake of fire who have transgressed against God. You know what they are? They're faggots in the fire. Everything goes back to the Bible.

➤ Why is Homosexuality so Rampant Today?

Here's the insight as to why it's so rampant today. This is really the icing on the cake and what you need to know with everything else that I have given you.

Luke 17:28-30. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; 29. But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. 30. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

What you're seeing today is the prophecy out of Luke 17. **In the days of Lot, homosexuality was rampant, and that's why you're seeing it today right before the 2nd coming of Christ.**

IV. Conclusion

Now, that's how you deal with this; that's how you understand it. Now I'm not giving you all this so you can give it verbatim to somebody. I'm giving you this so you can get the information down and understand it. Then as God uses you, and we go through the other things we're going through, you'll be able to understand how to intelligently, with grace, seasoned with salt, be able to show someone the truth. It's not your job to get them to accept it. It's your job to lay it out to them, but it's how you lay it out that's important. I want you to learn how to take the truth of the word of God, and then the grace that comes with it, by learning how to take the letter of the law and the spirit of the law and make things happen by working in people's lives.