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Homosexuality

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With the latest LDS policy reversal on LGBT families, I was wondering what your take on

homosexuality is. Is that just because if we accept the law of Moses was a lesser law, and it condemned homosexuality, then anything of a higher nature would obviously do the same?

Here is my response:

One thing the Lord told me that has helped me understand some things a little better is that one way he helps us derive the benefits from principles higher than we can currently understand (and avoid the consequences of acting contrary to them) is through giving us commandments. We don't always get why, but then after the fact, he will explain it. Through obeying him based only on our trust in him, we can grow in our understanding to the point that he can teach us why.

Homosexuality was forbidden by the law of Moses, and is still a sin today, because a person living in a homosexual lifestyle can't progress as far as one who is not in joy, happiness, etc. It is not always the case that God's commandments are borne out by scientific evidence. In this case, there is abundant evidence that practicing homosexuals are much more likely to suffer from depression, anxiety, and other mental health problems, kill themselves, etc, than heterosexuals.

The world will tell you that the sex you find attractive is not a choice. This is the same world that is now telling you that the sex you are is. Jesus is mighty to save, and he is also capable of doing everything easier than that, including

revealing to you the hard truths that will show you that heterosexuality will lead to greater happiness than homosexuality. If God can change the heart of a person to no longer desire to sin, surely he can also change a heart to no longer desire members of the same sex.

He will lead us to a better place every time, no matter where we stand.

The Lord taught that there is a class of bodily imperfections that we are given by God so that "the works of God should be made manifest":

1 And as Jesus passed by, he saw a man which was blind from his birth.

2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was

born blind?

3 Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned,
nor his parents: but that the works of God
should be made manifest in him. (John 9)

God issues us bodies that have tendencies that deviate from how they would act if they were perfect. Why? So that his glory can be manifest when you, as an entity made to act and not be acted upon, through your spirit, subdue the tendencies in your flesh. This is the purpose of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and it is the end of everyone who seeks, obeys, and trusts Jesus.

Homosexuality is just one of many such tendencies. Too many argue about whether people are "born this way" or not. It actually doesn't matter, at all. Did it matter that this man

was born blind? No it did not. Jesus healed him. If you seek and trust Jesus, he can make you like he is. There are no exceptions to his power to save every individual that puts their trust in him.

Homosexuality deviates as much from God's plan today as it ever did. This isn't an excuse to see homosexuals in any less of a loving light as we do anyone else struggling with any other deviation from God's perfection. The cure to all temptation and all imperfection is to seek more light from God, more knowledge, and to implement it in full trust that he is perfect, loving, and merciful.

On the other hand, how can you say you love a person if you know of information that would make them happier, and do nothing to help them

see it?

You see, this is the same situation as everything else in the gospel: God has all knowledge, and possesses the information needed for all of us to possess what he has. Inasmuch as he has given us light, we ought to spare no effort in helping others receive the same (and obtain it from others when they have more than we do). That is love. It is not loving to encourage people in their denial of reality or in pretending negative consequences don't exist or don't matter.

As far as the LDS church goes, expect acceptance of far greater violations of God's commandments in the future. Two nights ago I had this dream:

I was in an LDS temple. As I walked down a hall, I looked up and saw a big tube of meat taped to the wall where it met the ceiling. I reached up and took it. I went into the locker room and put it on the bench. I noticed there were one or two other people who had found meat and done the same. Then I saw that there were many people grabbing pieces of meat, breaking open the tubes and snatching at as much as they could. I said "excuse me, that is mine." They voraciously stole as much as they could as I tried to keep them away. I decided whether to start throwing punches, but decided to let them go. It was clear they had no intent of eating the meat themselves, they just wanted to ruin it for the few who had found it there.

The LDS church has become a place where very

few look up and obtain the meat they are looking for, and those few who do have it violently stolen from them via the damning traditions embraced by the crowds.

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