

What is the Biblical Response to Transgenderism?

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It is obvious that our society has become obsessed with the transgender issue. Daily, we are bombarded with news reports on various aspects of transgenderism: transgenders in advertising; male transgenders in women's sports; transgender "rights" in the public square; and, recently, transgender violence against those that disagree with them. It is yet one more issue that divides Americans, usually along political lines –Left versus Right, with conservatives putting forth rational arguments and scientific data that reveal how transgenderism destroys those who are deceived into this lifestyle and society at large. Also, there are those who are taking a stand for biblical sexuality in a powerful way, and we thank God for them. However, rarely if ever do we hear someone warn us that God views this as an abomination that will bring His judgment upon the people that embrace it.

God's "Transgender Law" is in Deuteronomy 22:5: "A woman shall not wear anything that pertains to a man, nor shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all who do so are an abomination to the Lord your God" (NKJV). Leviticus Chapters 18 and 19 address other forms of sexual immorality and perversion that were prevalent in the Canaanite tribes living in the land of Canaan and the surrounding nations at the time of Moses. God tells them, "Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: **I am the Lord your God**" (Leviticus 18:30 NKJV).

God knew that such practices destroy people, and He loved the Israelites (and us) enough to warn that He will judge the nation if they adopt these practices. Despite God's loving warnings, we know from history that the Jews rejected God's warnings. In fact, we see multiple cycles throughout Israel's history comprising: (1) obedience; (2) decline into sin; (3) God's judgment; and then (4) revival. Secular history also reveals that sexual perversion always led to a nation's decline and eventual destruction, sometimes from without (the Grecian Empire), sometimes from within (the Roman Empire). We can expect impending judgment on our nation as we see even those in the "church" refusing to stand for God's truth, and in some cases, even embracing those who openly practice LGBT lifestyles that God calls sin.

So what should be our response to those that challenge the biblical stance? It should be, *"It doesn't matter what I think. It only matters what our Creator has said. Our Creator has told us that these things are an abomination to Him. He has told us that He will destroy those who call evil (these abominations) "good" and calls what God calls good (biblical sexuality) to be "evil". Look at how our nation is being destroyed. I just don't want to contribute to the destruction of our country and the destruction of people's lives. So I am going to embrace God's laws, not behavior that He calls abominable."*

Christians that do not hold to biblical truth on this issue for the sake of "getting along" care more about pleasing people than they do about pleasing God. It is better to please God, even if it brings persecution in the short term, which it will, than to please the world and contribute to the destruction of people and our nation. As always, however, we are to speak the truth in love, recognizing that those who do suffer gender dysphoria need the healing, love, and hope that Jesus brings to those who receive Him. Who will share this with them if not us?