

**Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13 - You shall not have sexual intercourse with a man as you would with a woman, etc.**

Shows God's intention that sexual intimacy be between a man and a woman		No specific prohibition against two females having intercourse
A man having intercourse with a man is prohibited		These OT codes operated within a specific worldview in a particular time and place.
		There are other prohibitions in Leviticus which we do not follow today re mixing fibers in clothing, tattoo, planting two types of seed in one field

**Matthew 19:4-6 - God created male & female, a man should leave his parents for a wife, the two will be one flesh**

God created humans as male and female		Jesus was answering a question about divorce
Marriage is between a man and a woman		Question was posed in heterosexual terms; Jesus responded in kind
		Jesus never commented on homosexuality directly, to our knowledge
		This same passage has been used to say that divorce is wrong; the UMC regards divorce as a regrettable outcome, but does allow divorced persons to remarry and be ordained

**Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 1 Tim. 1:9-11 - degrading lust, won't inherit God's kingdom, immoral, ungodly sinners**

The Bible consistently prohibits same-sex intercourse		We should read these passages in light of the common practices of cultic prostitution and child molestation
The broad witness of scripture positively affirms only heterosexual marriage as God's intention for creation		Jewish and early Christian worldviews regarded all same-sex intercourse as unnatural and therefore prohibited
		Authors had a very different view of "homosexual behavior" than many in our world do today
		These prohibitions reflect a very different reality than we face today: we permit divorced persons to remarry and have no qualms about wearing cotton and wool together

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