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Text: Selected Verses
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II. The Bible Teaches that Homosexuality is Sin

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A. Before the Law

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The expression of sexual love is a pure and precious gift from God and is to take place only between one man and one woman who are married to each other. That is the only kind of physical intimacy that God declares to be holy.

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IV. Our Need for Conviction and Compassion

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