Firemen that came across homosexuals committing sexual acts in a Bristol park have been reprimanded by their bosses. The crew came across four men engaged in an illegal activity called " dogging ", in which homosexuals meet up for gay sex with strangers. The firemen discovered the homosexuals in the bushes, and shone their torches at them. The crew then returned to the fire station. But one of the homosexuals lodged a complaint with the fire department following the incident, and as a result the entire crew have been disciplined for a homophobic offence.

**Quote:** *"Yesterday it emerged that two have been fined £1,000 each, another demoted to a rank which will see him forfeit a similar amount of money, while a fourth has received a stern written warning. It is believed Avon Fire and Rescue plans to give the money raised from the fines to a gay rights charity. Among those being considered is the Jamaican Forum for Lesbians All-Sexuals and Gays. The crew have been transferred to other stations and ordered to attend an equality course. But no action has been taken against any of the men believed to have been involved in the dogging.*

In my country you can be fined up to £500 if you let your dog defecate on the pavement and refuse to lift it, yet it seems if you interrupt four men doing the equivalent, it can cost you £1000. According to this article, had the group been heterosexual, the firemen still would have been disciplined despite uncovering what is constituted a public offence. Had that been the case though, I doubt that they would have been sent to attend an "equality course". Perhaps the fire department fears a lengthy legal battle if they are seen to be tolerant of homophobia, even if the accusations are false. There is a big difference between "homophobia" and the Biblical view of homosexuality. Homophobia is an irrational fear of homosexuals because of their different sexual orientation. The Bible holds no fear for homosexuals, rather it simply states that homosexuality is sin in God's eyes. Unfortunately the government doesn't see it that way, and sometimes law-abiding Christians who adhere to God's moral law are branded as homophobes. Christians don't hate homosexuals, but we do believe homosexuality is morally wrong and a sign of the days we are living in. The Lord gave two examples of what we could expect world conditions to be like during the last days... the days of Noah, and the days of Lot...

Luke 17:26-30
And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed [them] all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.

The days of Noah were characterized by violence (Genesis 6:11), while the days of Lot were characterized by rampant homosexuality and fornication (Jude 1:7). It's interesting that in the days of Noah, the Lord mentions that they were giving and taking in marriage, whereas in the days of Lot, there is no mention made of marriage. This world has changed dramatically within the past 30 years, becoming increasingly filled with violence and immorality. And within the past five years or so we have witnessed the rise of homosexuality, with governments around the world legalizing homosexual unions and prohibiting discrimination against it. I think if it was ever possible to say that it was like the days of Noah and the days of Lot, surely it would be now. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

John 3:19

And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

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