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**Leviticus 18-20**

Tonight we begin the second major division of the book of Leviticus which deals with, how to walk with God Ch.18-26.

- This section has been called by some the "Holiness Code" since the late 19th century.
- The standards are not mere moral and ethical values of human standard but God's revelation of His will and holiness for man.
- \* These moral and ethics are foundational for a healthy, functional and productive society, and the heart of society is the family and home where it must begin.

**18:1-30 Laws of sexual morality.**

**18:1** Introductory formula of divine authority. 19:1, 20:1.

**18:2-5 God's standard from the negative and positive.**

**18:2** I am the Lord your God. 18:4, 30, 19:3-4, 10, 25, 31, 34, 36, 20:7, 24.

**18:3** Negative  
1) not do. (failure)

2) not walk. (life style)**18:4-5 Positive**1) observe. (born)2) keep. (do)

I am the Lord - 19:12, 14, 16, 18, 30, 32, 37.

**18-6-18 God's sexual standards for the family.****18:6**

No one is to have sexual intercourse with a family relative, beginning with the closest relationship of Father and Mother and extends from there.

\* The man is the one addressed primarily since he is the initiator in the sexual relationship and head of the home not the woman.

\* Yet the willingness of the woman is implied or it would be rape!

**18:7-17** Various family relations.**18:18**

To prevent cruelty and rivalry  
\* Rachel and Leah, Peninnah and Hannah.

**18:6-18 God's sexual standard for society**

**18:19** God gave the woman one week out of the month to be separated from sex or 3 months out of the year.

**18:20** **adultery** - 7th commandment punishable by death 20:10  
- Paul's of the adulterous women. Prov.5-7.

**18-21** **Molech** - god of fertility and pleasure of the Canaanites, Carthaginians and Phoenicians. 2 King 23:10, Jer.32:35, Ezk.16:20-21.

**18:22** **Homosexuality** - Gen.19, Rom.1, 1 Cor.6:9.

**18:23** **bestiality** - Deut.27:21, Ex.22:19.

**18:24-30** **Reasons for sexual standards.**

**18:24** 1) Defile oneself.

**18:23** 2) God visits punishment on them.  
3) The Lord vomits them out.

**18:29** 4) The person is cut off from Israel.

**19:1-37** **The moral and ceremonial law is based on holiness.**

**19:1-2** Israel was to resemble their God in holiness.

**19:3** 1) honor Father and Mother  
Ex.20:12, Deut.5:16.  
2) Sabbath Ex.20:8, Deut.5:12.

**19:4** 3) honor God in spirit

**19:5-8** peace offering

**19:9-10** provisions for the poor and stranger  
- Ruth 2:14-16, Deut.24:19-22, Lev.23:32

**19:11-18** various offenses against man

**19:12** **swear** - Matt.5:33-37.

**19:13** Ja.5:14, Deut.24:15.

**19:15** **partiality** - Ex.23:1-3, 6-8, Deut.16:19-20, 19:15-21, Prov.16:13.

**19:6** **slander** - Prov.11:13, 20:19.

- 19:17** Confrontation will keep you from harboring bitterness Matt.18:15-17.
- 19:18** **vengeance** - Deut.32:35, Rom.12:19, Heb.10:30.  
**Love** - Matt.5:43-44, Rom.13:9-10, Ja.2:8.
- 19:20** She had been betrothed but not paid for therefore property of her master.  
Deut.22:23-30, Ex.21:7-11.
- 19:21-22** Sacrifice offered.
- 19:23-25** planting of trees and eating of fruit.
- 19:26-28** Occultic practices and mourning rituals Deut.18:9-12, 14:1, 1 King 18.  
- **Tattoo** - as a sign of ownership to the gods.
- 19:29** As a temple prostitute worshipping the principle of fertility to gain favor on land.
- 19:32** Respect the aged 16:31, 20:29.

- 19:33-34** Proper treatment of strangers.
- 9:35-36** Work ethic Deut.25:13-16, Prov.11:1, 20:23, Amos 8:5.
- 19:37** Concluding summary.
- 20:1-27** **The penalties for crimes**.
- 20:1-5** 1) For offering up their children to Molech - death.  
2) For ignoring such a sin - death.
- 20:6** **prostitute** - there is a becoming one with the spirit.
- 20:7-8** God sanctified the believer.
- 20:9-21** Various sins punished by death.
- 20:22-23** Warning
- 20:24-25** Promise
- 20:26** Covenant