

Leviticus 19 Pt 2 and 20

Jesus

Theme of Leviticus: Holiness
Laws of Practical Righteousness: God's Standard

- Who says what is right/wrong?
- What standards do an atheist have?
- How much of what is right/wrong is built-in? Internal Compass?
- Can we override the God's built-in standard/Suppress the truth?

Isaiah 5:20 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put **darkness for light**, and **light for darkness**; Who put **bitter for sweet**, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight! ...**24** Therefore, as the fire devours the stubble, And the flame consumes the chaff, So their root will be as rottenness, And their blossom will ascend like dust; Because they have **rejected the law of the Lord of hosts...**

11 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. 12 And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

- **Do not Steal:** Implication? Personal ownership is not sin. Communism is wrong.

Exodus 20:15 [8th Commandment] **"You shall not steal. 16 "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**

- **Do not Deceive:** Dealing falsely
- **Do not Lie**
- **Do not swear falsely using the Name of God**

Matthew 5:33 [3rd Commandment] ...you have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not swear falsely, but shall perform your oaths to the Lord.' 34 But I say to you, **do not swear at all ...37** But let your **'Yes' be 'Yes,'** and your **'No,' 'No.'** For whatever is more than these is from the evil one.

James 5:12 ...above all, my brethren, **do not swear**, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath. But let your **"Yes" be "Yes," /your "No," "No,"** lest you fall into judgment.

Replace Old with New

Ephesians 4:25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another. 26 "Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil. 28 Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. 29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

- **Do not Profane the Name of God:** Treat as common vs Holy
 1. **Profane** heb. *ḥālal*. To defile, pollute, desecrate
 2. rt. heb. *ḥālâ* lit. To consider weak, sick, diseased

Exodus 20:7 You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain. [C.f. Deut. 5:11]

- Do not take the Name of the LORD in vain
 1. **In Vain:** heb. šāv' lit. emptiness, vanity, emptiness of speech
 2. **rt. šô'** lit. To Ravage. Devastate. Waste. Ruin [here His Name]

The Name of Jesus is treated as Common and Worse
I am the LORD. Do not Deal Falsely

13 'You **shall not cheat your neighbor**, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall **not remain with you** all night until morning. 14 You **shall not curse the deaf**, nor **put a stumbling block before the blind**, but shall fear your God: **I am the LORD.**

- **Do not Cheat/Steal**
- **Pay what you owe** immediately

Malachi 3:5 And I will come near you for judgment; I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, **Against those who exploit wage earners** and widows and orphans...

James 5:4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

Deuteronomy 24:15 **Each day you shall give him his wages**, and not let the sun go down on it, for he is poor and has set his heart on it; lest he cry out against you to the Lord, and it be sin to you.

- **Do exploit people w/disabilities**

Deuteronomy 27:18 'Cursed is the one who **makes the blind to wander off the road.**

- Ancients thought PWDs were cursed. Not so..

Exodus 4:10 ...Moses said to the Lord, "O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue." 11 So the Lord said to him, "**Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord?**"

- **Remember:** Those with disabilities today will not have them in heaven

Spiritual Application: Do not stumble but lift up and over
Jonathan strengthened David's hand in God

Luke 17:1 Then He said to the disciples, "It is impossible that no offenses [lit. stumbling blocks] should come, but **woe to him through whom they do come!** 2 It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.

15 You **shall do no injustice** in judgment. You **shall not be partial to the poor**, nor **honor the person of the mighty**. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor. 16 You **shall not go about as a talebearer** among your people; **nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.**

- **Do no Injustice:** To Judges, E.g. Apologizing to criminals. Setting little/No bail.

Deuteronomy 16:19 You shall **not pervert justice**; you shall not show partiality, nor take a bribe, for a **bribe blinds the eyes** of the wise and **twists the words** of the righteous.

Spiritual Application
Do not judge by appearance and/or for self-gain

John 7:24 [After Jesus falsely accused] Do not judge *according to appearance*, but judge with *righteous judgment*.

Judgment perverted to retain power/acquire bribes. Thus...

- **Do not show Favoritism**

Exodus 23:3 You **shall not show partiality to a poor man** in his dispute ...6 "You shall not pervert the judgment of your poor in his dispute.

James 2:1 My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool," 4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become **judges with evil thoughts?**

Deuteronomy 1:17 You shall not show partiality in judgment; you shall hear the **small as well as the great**; you shall not be **afraid in any man's presence**, for the judgment is God's.

Justice should be blind

- Leader are to be Fair/Impartial
 1. Judge Rich/Poor [all] in the same manner.
 2. Do not fear what men might do if they dislike your decision
 3. Know that you stand before God/So seek His judgment...

Matthew 18:19 [Context: Judgment of a brother] ... if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. 20 For where two or three are **gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.**"

IOWs I am w/you as you seek My decisions in judgment

Deuteronomy 10:17 For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who **shows no partiality nor takes a bribe.**

- **Do not Gossip/Slander**

Proverbs 11:13 A talebearer reveals secrets...he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter.

Proverbs 18:8 The words of a talebearer are like **tasty trifles**, And they go **down into the inmost body**.

Proverbs 20:19 He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets; Therefore **do not associate with one who flatters with his lips**.

- IOWs Those who flatter are usually those who end up gossiping

James 3:8 But **no man can tame the tongue**. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. 10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

[Adam Clarke on Gossips] A more despicable character exists not: such a person is a pest to society, and should be exiled from the habitations of men.

Do not take a stand against the life of your neighbor: IOWs do not wish the worst for your neighbor by waiting for an opportunity to hasten his demise. [NJC] ?

I am the LORD
Do not show Favoritism. Do not Gossip

17 'You **shall not hate your brother** in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 **You shall not take vengeance**, nor bear any **grudge** against the children of your people, but you shall **love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD**.

- **Do not Hate:** Feminine **n.** heb. *sinah* No real def. in heb. Make an enemy of.
- **To Hate:** **v.** Heb. *sane*. Intense hostility, enmity. Strong dislike. 145x in OT

Active Distancing/Avoidance: Rt. related to a thorn that one turns away from, implying hate as a response to being wounded or a decision to avoid pain.

1 John 2:9 He who says he is in the light, and **hates his brother, is in darkness** until now ... 11 But **he who hates his brother is in darkness** and walks in darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the **darkness has blinded his eyes**.

1 John 3:15 Whoever **hates his brother is a murderer**, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

Have a grudge? Don't conceal it by pretending love/Thus sin yourself
Talk to them. Work it out w/them. Forgive them

Matthew 18:15 ...if your brother sins against you, go and **tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother**.

None the less we are to Love/Bless/Do Good/Pray for our enemies

Matthew 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' 44 But I say to you, **love your enemies, bless those who curse you**, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, 45 that you may be sons of your Father in heaven

- Do not seek your own Vengeance

Deuteronomy 32:35 Vengeance is Mine, and recompense...

1 Samuel 24:12 [David to Saul] ... **let the Lord avenge me on you. But my hand shall not be against you.**

We must be Consistent in Leaving Room

1 Samuel 25:12 [Nabel disrespects David] So David's young men turned on their heels and went back; and they came and told him all these words. 13 Then David said to his men, **"Every man gird on his sword."** So every man girded on his sword, and David also girded on his sword. [Abigail saves the day keeping Dave from vengeance]

Romans 12:19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather **give place to wrath**; for it is written, **"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"** says the Lord.

- **Do not bear a grudge:** Irreconcilability as a norm is a sign of end times. 2 Tim 3
- **Instead love your neighbor** a yourself Lev 19:18 first mention

Same God of OT as NT
Love your Neighbor as Yourself

Luke 10:27 ... " 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,' and **'your neighbor as yourself.'** "

Romans 13:9 For the commandments, "You shall not commit adultery," "You shall not murder," "You shall not steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Galatians 5:14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "You shall **love your neighbor as yourself.**"

James 2:8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, **"You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well...**

Parable of the Good Samaritan: **Q.** Who is my neighbor? **A.** Everyone
It is impossible to Love God w/out Loving Others

1 John 4:20 If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother **whom he has seen**, how can he love God **whom he has not seen?** 21 And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

IOWs We love God by loving those created in His image
I am the LORD. Do not hate or take vengeance. Trust Me

19 `You shall keep **My statutes. You shall not** let your livestock **breed with another kind.** You shall not **sow your field with mixed seed.** Nor shall a garment of **mixed linen and wool** come upon you.

- Mixed Breeding/Mixed Sowing/Mixed Fabrics

The mixing of these things — different species of livestock, seeds, and fabrics — was usually seen by ancient pagans to be a source of magical power. God wanted Israel to have no association with these pagan customs. [Guzik]

- **Holiness:** Separate from practices of Pagan nations
- **Today:** E.g. Blurring distinctions between Genders

20 `Whoever lies carnally with a woman who is betrothed to a man as a concubine, and who has not at all been redeemed nor given her freedom, for this there shall be scourging; but **they shall not be put to death**, because she was not free. 21 And he shall **bring his trespass offering** to the LORD, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, a ram as a trespass offering. 22 The priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he has committed. And the sin which he has committed **shall be forgiven him.**

- **Concubine:** In context; Slave girl eligible to be married

A slave girl is engaged to marry a free man, and then a different man has sex with her. Normally, the penalty was death; but because the woman was a slave and was presumed to be not free to resist (or guarded by a father), the penalty was not death. Yet, because of the rape, she was not marriable to her fiancée, so he must be reimbursed [the punishment mentioned]. Then the moral guilt would be settled by sacrifice, and presumably the man who had sex with her would be obliged to marry her. [Guzik]

It is worth noting that only the man was considered blameworthy, not the female slave. Being a slave, the woman may have felt she had little recourse in resisting a male who was a free man and thus more powerful both in the social and economic spheres. [Rooker]

23 `When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall **count their fruit as uncircumcised.** Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. **It shall not be eaten.** 24 But in the **fourth year all its fruit shall be holy**, a praise to the LORD. 25 And in the **fifth year you may eat its fruit**, that it may yield to you its increase: **I am the LORD your God.**

- Do not eat the fruit of the Promised Land for 3 yrs.
- The fruit of the 4th yr belonged to the LORD
- The fruit of the 5th yr could then be eaten

God did not need botanical advice from Ciscoe Morris

He knew this technique was beneficial: Trees/Ecology/Future Fruit

I am the LORD
Application vv19-23: Do not mix the Holy w/Profane

26 'You **shall not eat anything with the blood**, nor shall you **practice divination or soothsaying**. 27 You shall **not shave** around the sides of your head, **nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard**. 28 You shall not make **any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo** any marks on you: **I am the LORD.**

▪ **5 more Pagan practices for Israel to avoid**

1. **Eating blood:** 1]Pagan Practice 2] Foretold blood of Jesus
2. **Divination/Soothsaying:** Astrology/Guts of animals
3. **Disfiguring the Beard:** Orthodox Jews today don't touch the sides
4. **Cutting Flesh:**

The reference here is to the practice of making deep gashes in the skin while mourning the death of a relative. This was done to provide life blood for the spirit of the dead person rather than to express sorrow." [Peter-Contesse]

1 Kings 18:28 [Elijah's challenge to prophets of Baal] So they cried aloud, and cut themselves, as was their custom, with knives and lances, until the blood gushed out on them.

5. **Marking the Flesh:** Signified being a slave to a particular deity

I am the LORD
Do not imitate Pagan Practices continued...

29 '**Do not prostitute your daughter**, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the **land fall into harlotry**, and the land become **full of wickedness**. 30 'You shall **keep My Sabbaths** and **revere My sanctuary**: I am the LORD.

- **Pagans offered** their daughters as ritual prostitutes at a Pagan temple
- **Keep My Sabbaths:** Sign to Israel fulfilled in Jesus
- **Revere My Sanctuary:** As prescribed to Moses for the Priests/People

Ecclesiastes 5:1 Walk prudently when you go to the house of God; and draw near to hear rather than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they do evil.

I am the LORD: Be Separate

31 'Give **no regard to mediums and familiar spirits**; do not seek after them, to **be defiled by them**: **I am the LORD your God.**

Deuteronomy 18:11 ...or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. **12** ...all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

- **Do not seek Mediums:** Conjurers
- **Do not seek Familiar Spirits:** That which is conjured
 1. **Familiar:** Deceased recognized by the consumer
 2. Personal information only the dead would know

Do not seek these things
Doing so will defile you

Isaiah 8:19 And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? **Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?**

I am the LORD
Do not Seek the Mediums or Familial Spirits

32 'You shall **rise before the gray headed** and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: **I am the LORD.** 33 'And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you **shall not mistreat him.** 34 The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and **you shall love him as yourself;** for **you were strangers** in the land of Egypt: **I am the LORD your God.**

Vv 32:37 More Examples of Loving the LORD by Loving Others

- **Respect the Elderly:** Reveals our fear of the LORD
- **Do not mistreat a Stranger:** Reminding us we were all strangers

Exodus 22:21 "You shall neither mistreat a stranger nor oppress him, **for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.**

Exodus 12:48 And when a stranger dwells with you and wants to keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as a native of the land. For no uncircumcised person shall eat it.

- **Strangers:** Assimilate into Jewish culture not demand maintaining their own

I am the LORD
Respect the Elderly. Love the Stranger who Seeks Assimilation

35 'You shall do **no injustice in judgment,** in measurement of length, weight, or volume. 36 You shall have **honest scales,** honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

- **Judge Honestly:** No favoritism/ No bribes
- **Measure Rightly:** Take thumb off the scale

I brought you out of Egypt
A people unto Myself: Display My Attributes/My Qualities

37 'Therefore **you shall observe all My statutes** and all **My judgments**, and perform them: **I am the LORD.'** "

- Observe/Perform all My Statutes
- Observe/Perform all My judgments

I am the LORD. Be honest in your business dealings
I am the LORD 15X in Ch.19

Leviticus 20

Jesus

I. Penalties for Breaking the Law

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "**Again**, you shall say to the children of Israel:

Leviticus 18:1 [1x] Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'I am the Lord your God. 3 According to the doings of the land of **Egypt, where you dwell, you shall not do**; and according to the doings of the land of **Canaan, where I am bringing you, you shall not do; nor shall you walk in their ordinances.**

No past Sympathies/No future Curiosities
You can't/don't want to imagine where they will take you

2b... [Speak to the children of Israel] 'Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who **gives any of his descendants to Molech**, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall **stone him with stones**. 3 I will **set My face against that man**, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given some of his descendants to Molech, to **defile My sanctuary** and **profane My holy name**. 4 And if the people of the land should in any way **hide their eyes from the man**, when he gives some of his descendants to Molech, and **they do not kill him**, 5 then **I will set My face against that man and against his family**; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with **Molech**.

Leviticus 18:21 [1x] And you shall not let any of your descendants pass through the fire to **Molech**, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

All who give their children to Molech shall die
All who know and turn a blind eye shall also die

- **Those who sacrifice children to Molech?**
 1. My face against him
 2. Cut off. Put to death by stoning

- **Those who protect those who sacrifice children to Molech?**

1. My face against them/their family/any sympathizers
2. Cut off. Executed. Mandatory reporters for the LORD

- **Cut off:** heb. *kaw-rath* Cut off, cut down, cut off a body part, cut out, eliminate, kill

Deuteronomy 17:2 [God's Mandatory Reporter] "If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing His covenant, 3 who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 and it is told you, **and you hear of it**, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 5 then **you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.**

- **Molech:** 4X in 4 verses lit. king

1. god of the Ammonites/Phoenicians
2. Israelites sacrificed infants in the valley of Hinnom; I.e Lamentations

Jeremiah 7:31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the **Valley of the Son of Hinnom**, to **burn their sons and their daughters in the fire**, which I did not command, **nor did it come into My heart.**

2 Chronicles 33:6 [**Manasseh** King of Judah]... caused his sons to pass through the fire in the **Valley of the Son of Hinnom**; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.

2 Kings 23:10 [Josiah] defiled Topheth, which is in the **Valley of the Son of Hinnom**, that no man might make his son or his daughter pass through the fire to Molech.

6 'And the person who **turns to mediums and familiar spirits**, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and **cut him off** from his people.

All who seek Mediums/Familiar Spirits for Guidance shall die
I am the LORD who Sanctifies you

7 **Consecrate yourselves** therefore, and **be holy, for I am the LORD your God.** 8 And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I am the LORD who **sanctifies you.**

We Consecrate: Outwardly setting ourselves apart from sin/Unto Jesus
God Sanctifies: Making us more like Jesus from the inside out

Sanctification Process
God the Spirit making us like God the Son For the sake of God the Father

Ezekiel 37:28 The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” ’ ”

9 `For everyone who **curses his father or his mother** shall surely be **put to death**. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood shall be upon him.

Children who curse their parents shall die
IOWs They will not receive the promise of long life for those who bless

Exodus 21:17 "And he who curses his father or his mother shall surely **be put to death**."

- Religious Leaders found a Loophole in Lev 20:9

Instead of helping their parents financially
They gave to the Temple in turn giving to themselves

Matthew 15:4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, **let him be put to death**.' 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is **a gift to God**"— 6 then **he need not honor his father or mother**.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. **7 Hypocrites!**

10 `The man who commits **adultery** with another man's wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be **put to death**.

All adulterers shall die

11 The man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. 12 If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be **put to death**. They have committed **perversion**. Their blood shall be upon them.

Son/step mother sleeping together...both shall die [c.f. 1 Cor]
Father sleeping w/daughter in law...both shall die

Perversion: It carries the idea of 'confusion' or of something that is out of harmony with the normal order of creation. In view of the context it may be legitimately translated incest here." [Peter-Contesse]

13 If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be **put to death**. Their blood shall be upon them.

Homosexuality... both shall die

Though God here commanded the death penalty for the practice of homosexual sex acts, we should note this was the same punishment as for adultery or incest. Homosexual practices were regarded as these other **family-killing sins**. [Guzik]

14 If a **man marries a woman and her mother**, it is wickedness. They shall be **burned with fire**, both he and they, that there may be no wickedness among you.

Man marries both Mother/Daughter..Burned with fire

It is very likely that the crime mentioned in this verse was not punished by burning alive, but by some kind of branding, by which they were ever after rendered infamous.... Branding with a hot iron would certainly accomplish every desirable end both for punishment and prevention." [Clarke]

15 If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. 16 If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be **put to death**. Their blood is upon them.

Bestiality punishable by death

17 'If a man takes his sister, his father's daughter or his mother's daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And they shall be **cut off** in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness. He shall bear his guilt.

Those voluntarily involved in incest shall die [Lev 18:6-18]

18 If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. **Both** of them shall be **cut off** from their people.

Sex during menstruation punishable by death of both
Severity? Lack of Restraint would become pervasive in other areas of society

19 'You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister nor of your father's sister, for that would uncover his near of kin. They shall bear their guilt. 20 If a man lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; **they shall die childless**. 21 If a man takes his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness. **They shall be childless**.

Matthew 14:3 For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. 4 Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

The last two sins in this section (sexual activity with an aunt or adultery) bear penalties that seem to belong to God alone — they shall be childless. [Guzik]

Dying childless was regarded as a tragedy in biblical times.... In a sense dying childless was a form of death because the guilty party's name became extinct." [Rooker]

- **Childless:** lit. Stripped

They shall be 'stripped of posterity,' indicating not only that the guilty parties would not bear any children, but also that any offspring that they already had separately would be taken from them." [Peter-Contesse]

22 'You shall therefore **keep all My statutes and all My judgments**, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not **vomit you out**. 23 And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them. 24 But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

If you walk in the ways of those I am about to vomit out of the land
I will then vomit you out of the land for its cleansing/My Name [3X in history]

25 **You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean**, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. 26 And **you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy**, and have **separated you from the peoples**, that you should be Mine.

Teach My people to use Discretion/Discernment/Discipline in all things
To Differentiate between Clean/Unclean. Good/Evil. Right/Wrong

Exodus 33:16 For how then will it be known that Your people and I have found grace in Your sight, except **You go with us? So we shall be separate**, Your people and I, **from all the people who are upon the face of the earth."**

27 'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall **surely be put to death**; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.' "

The medium or the one who dealt with familiar spirits in ancient Israel led others into sin. It is a much more serious thing to lead others into sin than to sin ourselves — and so the penalty is greater, even as Jesus said: But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

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