

Leviticus 18

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Unlawful Sexual Relations

(Matthew 5:27–30)

1And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying: **2**Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them: I am the LORD your God. **3**After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do; and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do; neither shall ye walk in their statutes. **4**Mine ordinances shall ye do, and My statutes shall ye keep, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. **5**Ye shall therefore keep My statutes, and Mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

6None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness. I am the LORD. **7**The nakedness of thy father, and the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. **8**The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. **9**The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of thy mother, whether born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. **10**The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover; for theirs is thine own nakedness. **11**The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. **12**Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. **13**Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister; for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. **14**Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. **15**Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. **16**Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. **17**Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; thou shalt not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness: they are near kinswomen; it is lewdness. **18**And thou shalt not take a woman to her sister, to be a rival to her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her lifetime.

19And thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is impure by her uncleanness. **20**And thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. **21**And thou shalt not give any of thy seed to set them apart to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. **22**Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind; it is abomination. **23**And thou shalt not lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie down thereto; it is perversion.

24Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things; for in all these the nations are defiled, which I cast out from before you. **25**And the land was defiled, therefore I did visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land vomited out her inhabitants. **26**Ye therefore shall keep My statutes and Mine ordinances, and shall not do any of these abominations; neither the home-born, nor the stranger that sojourneth among you— **27**for all these abominations have the men of the land done, that were before you, and the land is defiled— **28**that the land vomit not you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. **29**For whosoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people. **30**Therefore shall ye keep My charge, that ye do not any of

these abominable customs, which were done before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.