

Leviticus 18: Sexual Purity.

1. (1-5) Introduction to the commands regarding sexual conduct.

The pagan cultures practiced all these acts of wickedness in honoring their idols and pleasing their flesh.

2. (6-18) Incest: sex with relatives.

The nakedness of an individual belongs to their spouse and no one else, and it is a violation of God's law to give that nakedness to anyone else, or for anyone else to take it.

Sex between parents and children, parents and step-children, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews; parents and the spouses of their children, siblings and the spouses of their other siblings, the children of a spouse, the sibling of a spouse...is prohibited.

There is *both* a **moral** and **genetic** reason for these commands. Surveys in different parts of the world where inbreeding occurs have shown that it is accompanied by an increase in congenital birth defects...retardation...

3. (19) Sex during menstruation.

Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her *customary* impurity (menstrual cycle).

4. (20) Adultery.

This is an echo of the seventh commandment in Exodus 20:14.

5. (21) Idolatry-child sacrifice.

Molech was worshipped by heating a metal statue representing the god until it was red hot, then by placing a living infant on the outstretched hands of the statue, while beating drums drowned out the screams of the child until it burned to death. This was a method of infanticide to eliminate illegitimate children, eliminating the fruit of the immoral sexual conduct God has commanded against.

6. (22) Homosexuality. God calls homosexuality an abomination; 43% of homosexuals say that they have had 500 or more sexual partners in their lifetime. Only 1% of homosexuals say they have had four or less sexual partners in their lifetime. It's immoral, unnatural and unhygienic.

7. (23) Bestiality - sexual relations with animals.

8. (24-30) Summation:

Our modern culture often refuses to see any aspect of sexual conduct as *defiling*. The only measure is immediate pleasure, not right or wrong. But sexual sin *does defile* us and it *does* harm us.

1 Corinthians 5:1-5 - *It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife! And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.*

1 Corinthians 6:15-20 - *Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a harlot? Certainly not! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "shall become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.*

1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 - *For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from **sexual** immorality; that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor...*

Romans 1:18-32...Exodus 32:28...three thousand men of the people fell that day, a total of 24,000...