

Session #17: “LAWS OF SEXUAL MORALITY” — Leviticus 18:1-30

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, also to comments/notes from Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- **Questions:** What does “uncovering nakedness” mean?
- What sin of impurity is mentioned more frequently than any other in the Bible?
- How obsessed is our society/culture in the USA with sex/sexual immorality? If the majority of our country vote for “free sex”, does that make it right?
- Are we individually compromising with what the LORD says regarding sexual immorality?
- Are not only tolerating sexual immorality but parading it.
- Can you think of any practices condemned here in chapter 18 that are not being done in our nation today? Are we either doing these things or watching these things?
- How about the killing of our children?– (Through the fires of Molech) Are you walking in the law of our land or in the law of God?

The theme of the book is a “CALL TO HOLINESS” with the first 16 chapters dealing with the WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE, and the last 11 chapters dealing with our “WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION.” In chapter 17 we studied the “CLEANSING OF BLOOD.”

Now, in chapter 18, we are examining issues of sexual purity under the title, “LAWS OF SEXUAL MORALITY - THE COVERING OF SEXUALITY.” This chapter uses the word “uncover” 16 times, and the word “nakedness” 24 times. The Hebrew word for “nakedness” is ‘*ervah*’ which appears 54 times in the OT, of which 32 usages are in Leviticus, all in chapters 18 and 20. The NIV properly translates it “to have sexual relations”. The Amplified Bible says in *verse 7* quite clearly that it means “you shall not have intercourse.”

This chapter is divided naturally into three sections:

- ❖ 1A. A STRONG REMINDER FROM THE LORD – 18:1-5
- ❖ 2A. THE SEXUAL RELATIONS THAT ARE FORBIDDEN - 18:6-23
- ❖ 3A. THE SERIOUS RESULTS THAT WILL HAPPEN IF WE DO NOT STAY AWAY FROM SEXUAL SIN - 18:24-30

- ❖ 1A. A STRONG REMINDER FROM THE LORD - 1-5
 - 1B. REMEMBER Who He is - 2
 - “I am the LORD your God” - cf. vv. 2, 3, & 5 - repeated in vv. 6, 21, and 30
 - 2B. REFUSE to follow the practices of the world around you - 3 - cf. Jeremiah 10:1-7
 - 1C. The Egyptians - Ezekiel 20:5-9; 23:8
 - 2C. The Canaanites - Deut. 7:1-6; 20:17-18
 - 3B. RESPOND to the commandments of the Lord - 4 cf. Psalms 33:11-22
 - 4B. REALIZE the blessing if you obey - 5
 - “which if a man do, he shall live in them” - cf. Ezekiel 20:10-11“

- ❖ 2A. THE SEXUAL RELATIONS THAT ARE FORBIDDEN - 18:6-23
 - 1B. Sex with blood relatives - 6-16 (incest)
 - v. 6 - “near of kin” NIV - “close relative”
 - NASB - “blood relative” - cf. Deut. 27:20, 22-23
 - Cf. I Corinthians 5:1ff - cf. Lev. 20:11-12, 17
 - 2B. Sex with relatives by marriage - 17-18
 - 3B. Sex during a woman’s menstruation - 19 - cf. Lev. 20:18
 - 4B. Sex with another man’s wife - 20 - (adultery) - cf. Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22; Prov. 6:29

- 5B. Sacrificing your children to the god Molech - 21
- 6B. Sex with a person of the same sex – 22 - (homosexuality/lesbianism) - cf. **Lev. 20:13** - cf. **Romans 1:26-27** God loves homosexuals, but He hates the sin! Be straight on the sin! Don't compromise on what God says about sin! **1 Cor. 6: 18!**
- 7B. Sex with animals - 23 - cf. **Lev. 20:15-16** - cf. **Deut. 27:21**

- ❖ 3A. THE **SERIOUS RESULTS** THAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DO NOT STAY AWAY FROM THESE SEXUAL SINS - 24-30 - Cf. **PSALM 106:34-48**
 - 1B. Personal **DEFILEMENT** - 24a, 30 *Do not defile yourselves with any of these things*
 - 2B. National **DESTRUCTION** - 24b-28 *“for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you”* cf. Lev. 20:23
 - 3B. Spiritual **DEATH** - 29
“For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people” - cf. **Deut. 17:2-7; Cf. Gal 5:19-21; Eph.5:3; 1 Thess. 4:4-8; Rev. 22:15; 1 Cor. 6:9-11!**