

LEVITICUS CHAPTER 18

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the children of Israel, and you shall say to them, 'I *am* the Lord your God. ³ You shall not do according to what is done in Egypt, in which you dwelt: and according to what is done in the land of Canaan, into which I bring you, you shall not do; and you shall not walk in their ordinances. ⁴ You shall observe My judgments, and shall keep My ordinances, and shall walk in them: I *am* the Lord your God. ⁵ So you shall keep all My ordinances, and all My judgments, and do them; which if a man shall do, he shall live in them: I *am* the Lord your God.

⁶ 'No man shall draw near to any of his relatives to uncover their nakedness; I *am* the Lord. ⁷ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father, or the nakedness of your mother, for she is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. ⁸ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness. ⁹ The nakedness of your sister by your father or by your mother, born at home or abroad, their nakedness you shall not uncover. ¹⁰ The nakedness of your son's daughter, or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; because it is your nakedness. ¹¹ You shall not uncover the nakedness of the daughter of your father's wife; she is your sister by the same father: you shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹² You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister, for she is near akin to your father. ¹³ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is near akin to your mother. ¹⁴ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother, and you shall not go in to his wife; for she is your relation. ¹⁵ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law, for she is your son's wife, you shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹⁶ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife: it is your brother's nakedness. ¹⁷ The nakedness of a woman and her daughter shall you not uncover; her son's daughter, and her daughter's daughter, shall you not take, to uncover their nakedness, for they are your kinswomen: it is impiety. ¹⁸ You shall not take a wife in addition to her sister, as a rival, to uncover her nakedness in opposition to her, while she is yet living.

¹⁹ 'And you shall not go in to a woman under separation for her uncleanness, to uncover her nakedness. ²⁰ And you shall not lie with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her. ²¹ And you shall not give of your seed to serve a ruler; and you shall not profane My holy name; I *am* the Lord. ²² And you shall not lie with a man as with a woman, for it is an abomination. ²³ Neither shall you lie with any animal, to mate with it, *and* be polluted by it: neither shall a woman present herself before any animal to mate with it; for it is an abomination.

²⁴ 'Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for in all these things the nations are defiled, which I drove out before you, ²⁵ and the land is polluted; and I have recompensed their iniquity to them because of it, and the land is aggrieved with them that dwell upon it. ²⁶ And you shall keep all My statutes and all My ordinances, and you shall do none of these abominations; neither the native, nor the stranger that joins himself with you: ²⁷ (for all these abominations the men of the land did who were before you, and the land was defiled) ²⁸ and lest the land be enraged with you in your polluting it, as it was enraged with the nations before you. ²⁹ For whosoever shall do any of these abominations, the souls that do them shall be destroyed from among their people. ³⁰ And

you shall keep My ordinances, that you may not do any of the abominable practices, which have taken place before your time; and you shall not be polluted in them; for I *am* the Lord your God.”