

Leviticus 18:1-30 **Sexual Restrictions**

Keep the Commandments of God – Avoid the Customs and Practices of Other Nations

¹ 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 dwelt, 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. ⁴ You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the LORD your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

Forbidden Sexual Contacts

Near of Kin

⁶ 'None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: I am the LORD.

⁷ The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness.

⁸ The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness.

⁹ The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, 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; for theirs is your own nakedness.

¹¹ The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, begotten by your father--she is your sister--you shall not uncover her nakedness.

¹² You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister; she is near of kin to your father.

¹³ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is near of kin to your mother.

¹⁴ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother. You shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt.

¹⁵ You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law--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 You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness. They are near of kin to her. It is wickedness.

¹⁸ Nor shall you take a woman as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive.

A woman during her Menstrual cycle

¹⁹ 'Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is in her customary impurity.

Adultery

²⁰ Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.

Idolatry

²¹ 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.

Homosexuality- Sodomy

22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.

Bestiality - Sodomy

23 Nor shall you mate with any animal, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. It is perversion.

Reason for Sexual Restrictions

24 'Do not defile yourselves with any of these things; for by all these the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you. 25 For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land vomits out its inhabitants. 26 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you 27(for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), 28 lest the land vomit you out also when you defile it, as it vomited out the nations that were before you. 29 For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people. 30 Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: I am the LORD your God.' " NKJV

Facts Revealed:

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- ✧ This commandment is directly from Yehowah Elohey (the Lord your God)
- ✧ All the sexual practices listed as forbidden are common practices among the nations God is bringing into judgment.
- ✧ God wants His people to separate themselves from these common practices of sinfulness and to be faithful to obey His commandments for a life of Sexual Purity.
- ✧ If a man keeps the Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments of God, he will live by them.
 - ◇ This is a commandment that carries the promise of life. [Leviticus 18:5, 19:19, Deuteronomy 4:1, 5:33, 8:1-3, 16:20, 30:15-20, Nehemiah 9:29, Proverbs 7:2, Ezekiel 18:9, 19, 21-23, 27-32, 20:11-13, 21, 33:11-19, Amos 5:14, Luke 10:25-28, Romans 10:5, Galatians 3:12]
- ✧ I am Yehowah.

Forbidden Sexual Contacts

- ✧ Sin has always been sin, but until it was given in the Laws of God, it was not imputed as sin. [Romans 5:18]

Near of Kin

- ✧ Father or mother
- ✧ Father's wife [Reuben lay with Bilhah Jacob's third wife Genesis 35:22]
- ✧ Sister [The sons of Adam had to marry near of kin at first since there were no other women available, Eve was the mother of all living human beings. She could not have been the mother of any of the animals since they were created before Adam, nor could she be the mother of Adam since she was created out of a rib taken from the side of Adam. Genesis 2:21-25, and 3:20]
- ✧ Son's daughter
- ✧ Daughter's daughter
- ✧ Father's wife's daughter [Abraham married Sarah his half sister Genesis 20:12]
- ✧ Father's sister
- ✧ Mother's sister
- ✧ Father's brother or his wife your aunt
- ✧ Daughter in law

- ✧ Brother's wife
- ✧ A woman and her daughter, her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter
- ✧ A woman as a rival to her sister while the first is still alive [[Jacob was given Leah and Rachel Genesis 29:1 through 30:26](#)]

Other forbidden sexual contacts

- ✧ A woman during her menstrual cycle
- ✧ Adultery (defiles self)
- ✧ Idolatrous ((profanes the name of Yehowah Elohey (the Lord your God))
- ✧ Homosexual, Sodomy (Abomination)
- ✧ Bestiality, Sodomy (Perversion)

These sins **defile the land** and will lead to the Judgment and Wrath of God

- ✧ Do not defile yourselves with any of these things.
- ✧ By all of these things, the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.
- ✧ The land is defiled, therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and cast out its inhabitants.
- ✧ You and everyone among you shall therefore keep My Statutes and My judgments, and you shall not commit any of these abominations.
- ✧ All of these abominations have been done by the men of the land who were before you, and thus the land is defiled.
- ✧ Obey My Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments, lest the land cast you out also when you defile it, just as I am casting out the nations that were before you.
- ✧ Whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people.
- ✧ Keep My Ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and so that you do not defile yourselves by them.
- ✧ I am Yehowah Elohey (the Lord Your God).

For further consideration, click on this link: [What does the Bible teach about human sexual practices?](#)