

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

October 14, 2026

Leviticus 18:19-30

Introduction:

1. After the introduction of the subject of sexual sins, there are two major divisions.
 - a) **Leviticus 18.6-18:** Sexual immorality within the family.
 - b) **Leviticus 18.19-23:** Sexual immorality outside of the family.
2. What do these laws mean to us? (Eph. 2.14,15; Lev. 18.3,27; 2 Cor. 6.17,18)

I. A WOMAN DURING HER CUSTOMARY IMPURITY

- A. **Leviticus 18.19:** *“Also you shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness”* Same euphemisms as in verse 6 addressing the same subject.
- B. Ceremonial uncleanness or sexual immorality?
 1. Contextual setting. (Lev. 15.19,24; 20.18; Ezek. 18.6)
 2. Is this repeated in the New Testament? (cf. 1 Pet. 4.11)
 3. Husbands are to honor and respect their wives. (1 Pet. 3.7; 1 Cor. 7.3-5)

II. A MAN HAS HIS NEIGHBOR’S WIFE

- A. **Leviticus 18.20:** *“you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor’s wife”*
 1. Literally, “you shall not give your seed.”
 2. To Israel, lineage was held in high value. (cf. Deut. 25.5,6; Matt. 1.1)
 3. “Neighbor” translates a noun describing one who is trusted. (Zech. 13.7)
- B. Is this universally sinful? (Heb. 13.4)

III. SACRIFICING YOUR CHILDREN TO MOLECH

- A. **Leviticus 18.21:** *“any of your descendants pass through the fire to Molech”*
 1. Literally, “you shall not give your seed.” Same as verse 20.
 2. Children belonged to God. (Ezek. 16.20,21)
- B. What was the nature of the sin?
 1. Slaying or dedicating them? (Deut. 12.31; Jer. 7.31; Ps. 106.37,38)
 2. It became the practice of Israel. (2 Kings 16.3)

IV. SAME-SEX RELATIONSHIPS

- A. **Leviticus 18.22:** *“You shall not lie with a male as with a woman.”*
 1. “Male” is the common word for the male gender (cf. Gen. 1.27; Rom. 1.26,27)
 2. **Leviticus 18.22:** *“It is an abomination.”* Lit., it is abhorrent, detestable.
- B. Is this condemned today? (Jude 7)

V. LYING WITH AN ANIMAL

- A. **Leviticus 18.23:** *“Nor shall you mate with any animal”*
- B. **Leviticus 18.23:** *“It is perversion.”* Lit., “confusion.” (cf. Gen. 11.9). You are blurring the boundaries.