

it spewed out the nations that were before you

chapter eighteen Leviticus

~ Immorality will be unapologetically condemned in this report from our Spiritual Safari as we draw a wholly dogmatic and unbending application of the seventh commandment from the Mosaic System of Levitical Law. Up until this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God, we have only dealt with laws concerning ceremonial cleansing. All of the rules we have been given thus far are simply instructions concerning regulating the rituals of the nation Israel's religion and rules for the Jewish home. God deals with the moral aspect in the lives of the children of Israel for our edification and learning. This chapter and the next two chapters combine to constitute a special spiritual section of the Book of Leviticus that applies the Ten Commandments to our everyday life situations. We're going to get down to the nitty-gritty of it all in this report, friends.

A preamble begins this section of Scripture; and the same thoughts close this passage in chapter twenty. Rules and regulations are laid out for the lives of the children of Israel. Today, morals have been broken down and removed altogether. Morality has become utterly subjective in contemporary society. The atheist says he is a moral person - but the question is: who makes the rules? They say they don't trust the Bible because it was written by man - but they will feign being law abiding citizens - keeping laws written by man - that are all predicated upon Scriptural commandments. There is simply no objective reasoning with unbelievers. The question of the sneering skeptic and cynic regarding what is right and what is wrong echoes endlessly, and the question goes seemingly eternally unanswered. Well, we have our answer coming up; but it is a two-fold explanation that also requires postscript to examine properly, correctly and completely....

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God.

3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.

5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD.

~ Verses one through five constitute the preamble to specific social prohibitions commanded by the Lord. We live in a day and age when societal sinful saturation has permeated every culture of the globe. I'm certain that very few – VERY FEW – people have ever read this eighteenth chapter of Leviticus. This list of sinful awfulness is as old as the hills. Man is not doing anything that hasn't been done before - but man used to be ashamed of his sins. Today, he's proud of them. Well, the children of Israel had broken all the commandments by the time they came out of Egypt. Of course, in Egypt they didn't have the commandments yet; but they were naturally doing the things the commandments forbade. God's people are being prepared to enter the land of Canaan now. I think most people's conception about the children of Israel entering the Promised Land is nothing but milk and honey. Well, there were Canaanites there - and other things – some very bad things. We must bear in mind the Egyptians may be behind us, but the Canaanites are ahead of us! Israel is between a rock and a hard place; and both of those places are totally and completely immoral and corrupt.

God tells Moses three times in five verses to tell the children of Israel that He is the Lord their God! This is where we establish Who dictates what is right and what is wrong. God says He makes the rules of this life, friends. If you don't want to follow them, that's okay - because God still makes the rules. You simply choose to be lawless. Don't blame God for your problems; although He will take full responsibility for them. You will still pay the

penalty for your sins and willful rebellion. The only reason in the world that breaking the Ten Commandments is wrong is because God says it's wrong! That SHOULD be enough to satisfy the heart of the child of God. The critic today will not be satisfied with any argument against sin - and he doesn't intend to accept ANYONE'S rules - because he makes his own rules. That's why we have such a hypocritical global society. Of course, that unbelieving man believes – whether he is aware of it or not – that he is his own god. The unbeliever says, "*.... I will be like the Most High God.*" Sound familiar?

Taking the atheistic stand that there is no such thing as sin would necessarily imply you are the center of your own universe; and I would think you would have to have a whole planetary system, complete with stars, to accomplish that status - seeing how that is the definition of a universe. Let's come back down to earth today, friends, shall we? As long as we're breathing God's air and using His earthly resources, we're obligated to Him and His rules and His laws and His precepts. As you go through life, you're going to find out that certain things are against God's laws; and if you break those laws, there will be a consequence! God gives us the injunction to be holy because He has separated us that we might be holy. God demands that His people be holy, friends!

Purity in every situation of life is the command of God. The child of God today is NOT under this Mosaic System as a way of governing his overall life, but the principles are certainly applicable. The immorality in the Mosaic Law is still immorality today. God hasn't changed His Mind one bit on this. Paul said to the Thessalonians, "*.... not in the lust of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which know not God: That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.*" That is also said to YOU today if you are a child of God, friends. Here's another quote from Paul to you:

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, 18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their

heart: 19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness ~

We could give many Scriptural references to evidence that God has called His children in every age and in every circumstance to live a holy life. Know ye not that ye are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defileth the temple of God then God shall destroy that man because God is holy, Whose temple ye are. Even the holiness people are not emphasizing holiness today, it seems. All I know is that someone needs to emphasize holiness. So, here I am.

There is another great truth here that I would not have you miss for the world. We have a religious theory today that says if we want to witness to the sinful crowd then we have to go down there to them. They mean we need to go into the bars and nightclubs and be amongst them to witness to them. May I say, if you get down there with that group of people – you aren't going to reach them! THEY are going to reach YOU! There are several organizations that have gone out to try to witness to the world on the world's terms, and they have all failed miserably – every single one of them. Those organizations are exactly like the world, and nobody can tell the difference between who's who in that group. None of those people are anything like holy people, you may be sure! God is calling you to holiness.

God says, "I am Jehovah!" Many people say they aren't a Christian and that they aren't interested in any of this. You have a right to live in denial, but God has declared His sovereignty and that declaration was made before YOU arrived on the scene. Make your own oxygen and sunlight and then go declare your independence to the Lord. I would, actually, like to see your list of Ten Commandments. No, friends, this is His universe, and you can't get out. God said He is YOUR God. You have a right to reject that truth - because you have a right to be wrong; but if you reject Christ, you will be wrong. If you accept that premise you will want to please God! The child of God that is filled with the Holy Spirit won't live a life of utter perversion and make claims about being Jesus and other foolish nonsense not worthy of thoughtful consideration. We are in an amplification of the seventh commandment here in Scripture. We are talking about anyone that has any

kind of blood relationship to the other person. This section gets pretty specific about nakedness and uncovering....

6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.

7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.

9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.

~ This is a rather stark and disgusting conversation from God about incest! Paul condemned this with great feeling because it was rampant in the Corinthian church. Paul says it was 'reported commonly' that there was fornication reported amongst them that was not so much as named among the Gentiles! Well, this is exactly what Paul is talking about right here. These things are still talked about today, so God is talking about them here, too. This is what God thinks about these things. Don't believe for a moment that God hasn't **S-P-E-L-L-E-D** it all out for us today - because He certainly has. No reasonable person can mistake what we are talking about....

10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness.

11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman.

13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman.

14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother; thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.

15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness.

17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness.

18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time.

19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her.

21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech; neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD.

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.

23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you:

27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled);

28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.

29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.

30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

~ I hope you read that nasty chapter carefully because God seems to have covered every single instance we could possibly dream up. These are issues of blood and marriage, and they are dealt with very specifically in Scripture. Certain relatives today are thrown together into situations where incestual adultery could easily be practiced. These are the barriers that God places on the roadway to prevent wrong turns. All of these things were common down in Egypt, too. Pharaoh practiced intermarriage amongst brother and sister. The record is such that Cleopatra was married to her brother. Abraham married his half sister; Cain and Seth – same thing! Until now in the Word of God this hasn't been addressed; but the poison of sin is now getting into the blood stream of the children of Israel - and it's becoming dangerous to the human race.

Even in recent history, in certain parts of America, incest and family intermarriage has been the norm - and some strange creatures have been produced as a result. Some areas of Tennessee and Arkansas still have families that are completely inbred. Some of them are the most intelligent

Cretins you can find. Life is never a problem around them until you have to shoo the chickens off the couch to sit down in a pile of dung! Then, we discover, something is terribly wrong! When the horse walks out from the dining room you'll know you're in big trouble. Some do not live on a farm or in a barn, but they are equally as filthy – every single one of them. People who do these things won't get by with it. Their lives and families are absolutely cursed by gross immorality, sinfulness and wretchedness beyond description because of disobedience to and a complete ignorance of the Word of God. Warnings are given all the way through Scripture against this type of thing. In THIS day, incest is positively dangerous and reckless behavior, as well as being immoral and disgusting, of course.

Verse nineteen is how most modern doctors believe venereal diseases were born into the human race. As we progress through the rest of this chapter, God sure closed the door to the licentious and lascivious practices of the Gentile heathens around them. Purity of living is to be the badge of the family of God! There was a holy place designated in the tabernacle for worship and that was NOT to be deviated from! No one went in there until they had been washed. The home was a holy place for the nation Israel to reside in. Read the entire chapter seven of first Corinthians in connection with this.

We also have another interesting instruction that forbids them from offering their children to Molech. This seems out of place, but it's perfectly IN place. The image of Molech was heated red hot and children were placed in the arms of this god. The horror of that picture is the horror children suffer as a result of sexual sins. Some people think this could never happen; well, we have other accounts in the Bible of people burning their children with fire. This practice is nothing in the world except a profanity of the Name of the Lord.

Jeremiah 7:31 And they have built the high places of Tophet, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my heart ~

Today, we see churches with singles groups and social engagements that are absolutely and completely out of line. These groups consist of the most

perverted individuals that have become involved in the church and have brought the house of God to a den of ill repute. Be careful, God condemns this sort of thing, friends. The depravities that are mentioned here are common, everyday occurrences in so-called modern affluent societal circles. Every major city in this world today is EXACTLY like Sodom or Gomorrah.

I was born in these United States, and my father fought for it for many years in a war began by bastards. I love this country, but I despise looking out at it today. We have pathologically lying, self-admitted sexually offending perverts who oppress the poor and are complete frauds in their business dealings who have nothing but immorality in their hearts bringing us into judgment at the present hour. If you don't believe the judgment of God is already upon us, you're the dumbest of all the asses grazing grass in the field today. There will be no peace abroad and we will NEVER – NEVER – EVER have peace here at home again; because there is no peace for the wicked, saith YOUR God! Because God repeated this three times in Isaiah, I think we should make a note now. If you don't know your Bible correctly, completely, accurately, sincerely, properly - and if these laws don't actually mean something in your life – there is nothing ahead of you except for judgment and damnation.

God also addresses bestiality; and if you don't think that kind of thing happens today then you just don't know life in Hollywood. All of the nations of Palestine were utterly cast out because of these specific sins. I see so many soft-headed preachers weeping and crying about how God put out the poor old Moabites and Canaanites from the land. They never mention it was because of the iniquity of the land that God VOMITED out the inhabitants. The physical ground couldn't even tolerate these wicked and evil people. Today, it is well-known and thoroughly documented that the land was literally eaten alive with sexually transmitted diseases. Why do you think God told the Israeli spies not to even touch a garment in Jericho? – Rahab could have given you a complete and vivid narrative! God ran these people out of His land for a very good reason: because they were wicked; and the land is God's land! You and I have a roughly seventy-year lease with God to live on this land of His. If He wants to judge you, friends, that's HIS business. It isn't YOUR business, but we will do well to make our

business His business. The business of God is what will prevail, and you can just write that down ~
