

## Leviticus 18-20 Daily Study Questions (cont)

4. From Lev 19:1-10 how was Israel to show respect for God (v1-2, 3, 4, 5-8) and for the disadvantaged (v9-10)? What principle does this establish and how should we apply it?

5. Using 19:11-18 how were Israelites to treat one another generally (v18)? Specifically, how would this be practiced (v11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17) and how did each of these show love?

6. In 19:19-31 what various commands were given (v19, 20-22, 23-25, 26-28, 29, 30, 31)? What practical results would come from observing these?

7. Looking at 19:32-37 what further practices would set Israel apart (v32, 33-34, 35-36)? Why does each make sense (v32, 34, 36-37)?

8. From 20:1-8 what prohibitions are repeated (v1-2, 6) and how was the violator of each to be judged (v2, 3, 4-5)? Essentially what type of sin was this (v5, 7-8; compare 18:19-23)?

9. Using 20:9-21, 27 list other sins that were capital offenses (v9-19, 27). What other sins are listed and what was their penalty (v20, 21)? What does this passage teach us about God's view of these sins? Apply to today.

10. Based on 20:22-26 why was Israel to avoid these sexual sins (v22) and why were they being given Canaan (v23-24)? What were they to observe (v25) and why (v26)?

11. Look back over Lev 18-20. How would Israel's social, family, sexual and business lives be different from the nations if they followed these commands? Would they be better or worse off?

### Scripture to Remember

“So you shall keep my statutes and my judgments, by which a man may live if he does them; I am the LORD.”

*Leviticus 18:5 (NASV)*

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### Life Group Questions—Behold the Christ!!!

*(Using questions based on today's message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)*

1. Describe for the group what you first thought about Jesus and how you came to that understanding. Share how your perception has changed and why.
2. Of the 4 prophecies of Jesus mentioned (born of virgin, born in Bethlehem, will come to the temple, will perform miracles) which one stands out to you the most? Why?
3. Read Luke 4:14-21. What did Jesus claim here and what did He promise to do? How would you summarize His purpose in saying this and how does it apply to us?
4. Who are the “poor” and who are the captives to whom Jesus refers? What is the good news for each of them? Who does this refer to for us?
5. Which two groups today do the blind and oppressed correspond to? What does Jesus promise to do for each? How has that happened to you, and how can we pass it on?
6. Do you tend to think of Jesus as the “peasant” Jesus of the gospels, or the “Epic” Jesus of Revelation? Why? What difference would it make if He was “Epic” Jesus to you?
7. In which area—your spiritual poverty, your bondage, your blindness, or your oppression—do you need to let Jesus become “Epic” Jesus to you—to become Lord?



# COMING CLEAN

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## Raising the Bar

### Introduction to Leviticus 18-20



**Fellowship with God requires that we come clean with Him.**

#### The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

Winning any high jump event involves raising the bar to a level that only one person can jump without touching it. The winner is set apart from all others. This is essentially what God did for the Israelites as He revealed His relationship laws to them. If they would keep His commands after He had raised the moral bar for them they would be distinct from all the nations around them and they would truly “live”. The first set of commands He gave had to do with expunging sexual perversion, an evil rampant in Canaanite culture. They were to avoid all incestuous relationships and over ten of these family relationships were identified. Furthermore, they were not to have sex during menstruation, or with others of the same sex, or intercourse with an animal. Spiritual in-

cest with the false god Molech was prohibited, too. It was critical that they clear this bar since the inhabitants of Canaan were defiled and being “spewed out” of their land as a result of such sexual perversion. In Leviticus 19 the bar was raised in the area of encouraging respect. In general the principle was to love one’s neighbor as yourself; specifically this applied to being honest with them, rendering justice, and refusing deceptive business practices. They were to not only respect God by refusing idols, keeping His sabbath and correctly observing peace offerings, but they were also to respect their parents, the aged, and the stranger. They were also to actively provide for the poor and refuse to oppress the disadvantaged or hired worker. They were to remain separate by refusing to

engage in pagan practices such as cross-breeding, cutting for the dead, or shaping their beards and they were not to use their daughters as prostitutes, or turn to mediums for help. Finally, raising the bar is seen in the punishment meted out for these prohibited practices. Generally, capital punishment was the penalty, although childlessness was the penalty for taking a sibling’s wife. God reminded them that they were to be clean in all they did, enabling them to be holy. Because He had distinguished from all nations He was raising the bar for them.

## Daily Study Questions for Leviticus 18-20

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.celebrationnet.com](http://www.celebrationnet.com), small groups, abf)

<p>1. Read Leviticus 18:1-5. What 2 sets of practices was Israel to avoid (v1-3) and how does that apply to us? What were they do instead (v4-5), and why (v4, 5)?</p>	
<p>2. Look at 18:6-23. Which relationships were incestuous (v6-18)? What other sexual sins were prohibited (v19, 20, 22, 23) and why do you think the command of verse 21 was included in this section?</p>	
<p>3. Using 18:24-30 what had these sexual practices caused (v24, 25, 27-28)? What did God command His people (v24, 26, 30) and what judgment would come on those who refused (v29)?</p>	

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