

**SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 18:1-30**

**SERMON: The Sanctity of Sex**

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**INTRODUCTION: HOPE OF GOSPEL VS. DESPAIR OF LAW** (1C6:9-11;2C5:21 /Lv.16:21; Hb.9,10)

**MEDITATION: LAWS AGAINST SEXUAL CONFUSION** (Lev.18 /Lev.10:10; Rom.1:18f; 1Cor.6:9f)

**A. COVENANT: AUTHORITY TO COMMAND** (1-5 & 30 and 6f, 21f; see Ex.20:2; 1Cor.6:20; 7:23; Col.1:13; 2:12,etc.; see Lev.11:4,5; 1Pt.1:15,16)

**B. BACKGROUND: GENESIS OF SEX** (4,5&26; Gn1:26; 2:24f; Mt19:4,8; heterosexual, monogamous, covenanted marriage)

**C. THEME: SEXUAL CONFUSION** (Lev.18:1-30; see 10:10; Rom.12:9; see Lev.11:4,5; 1Pt.1:15,16)

1. incest: family vs. spouse (18:6-18; 1C5:1/consanguinity(blood)&affinity(marriage), *WCF,c24,para4 w/Testimony para21,22*)

2. menstruation: DL-IR vs. active spouse (18:19; see 15:24; 20:18; 12:2; see Eph.5:25f,29; 1Pt.3:7)

3. adultery: neighbor vs. spouse (18:20; see 20:10; Ex.20:14; Mt.5:27f; 1Th.4:6; Heb.13:4)

4. idolatry: child vs. spouse (18:10,17; see Eph.6:4; Col.3:21)

5. homosexuality: brother vs. spouse (18:22; 20:13; Dt.23:18; Rom.1:27; 1Cor.6:9 /Mt.19:4,8; Gen.1:26; 2:24f)

6. bestiality: pet vs. spouse (18:23; 20:15,16; see Ex.22:19; Dt.27:21)

**D. WRATHFUL REJECTION** (18:17-30; Jer.44:4; Zech.8:17; Mal.2:16)

**E. VIOLENT EXPULSION** (18:3,24,25,28,29; 20:22; 26:33f; see Gen.3:24; 15:16; Dt.18:12; 28:64f; 2Chr.36:15f)

**LESSONS: SEXUAL HOLINESS** (Lev.18; see 1Th.4:3f)

**A. BEWARE OF REAL & PRESENT DANGER** (Lev.18:3 /see 2S11:1f; 13:1f; 2C5:1f /1Th.4:3-8; Heb.13:4 /Mt.5:28)

**B. BEWARE OF THE PROVOCATION OF LAW** (1Th.4:6; Heb.13:4 with Rom.7:8f)

**C. PULL UP YOUR SEXUAL SIN BY ITS ROOTS IN IDOLATRY** (3,21; 6f; see Rom.1:18f; Ex.20:3f; Mk.4:19; 1Jn.2:16; see Mt.6:24; Mk.9:43f)

**D. DO GOOD & REJECT EVIL** (4,5&26; Gen.3:24; Prv.5:15; 1C.7:1f /Col.3:9&10; 5f&12f; 18f; Gal.5:19f&22f)

**E. PERVERSITY ARGUES AGAINST THE GIFT OF SINGLENESS** (1Cor.7:1,2; 6,7; 32; Gal.5:13)

**CONCLUSION: TURN TO CHRIST FROM YOUR SIN FOR FORGIVENESS & FOR STRENGTH TO BE HOLY IN YOUR SEXUALITY** (1Cor.6:9-11; Jn.8:11; see Lev.16:21(18:10f); Heb.9,10; 2Cor.5:21; Col.2:12; 3:5f & 12f; see 1Cor.11:24f)

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)