

SACRED

GOD'S INVITATION TO
DRAW NEAR

Let's Talk About Sex

Leviticus 18:1-8

Every culture has a sexual ethic.

The sexual ethic in the West is founded on three truths:

1. A person may not criticize someone else's life choices or behaviors.
2. A person may not behave in a manner that coerces or causes harm to others.
3. A person may not engage in a sexual relationship with someone without his or her consent.

(Dale Kuehne)

“Speak to the Israelites and tell them: I am the LORD
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Leviticus 18:2 CSB

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“You are to be holy to me because I, the LORD, am
holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be
mine.”

Leviticus 20:26 CSB

Leviticus 18 prohibits sex with your

Mother

Step-Mother

Sister

Granddaughter

Half-Sister

Aunt

Uncle's wife

Daughter-in-law

Sister-in-law

Wife and her daughter

Wife's Granddaughters

Wife's sister

Woman on her cycle

Neighbor's Wife

Another man

Animals

“This is why a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh.”

Genesis 2:24 CSB

God's plan for sex is that sex exclusively takes place in the context of marriage between one man and one woman.

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Sex has boundaries because it is sacred.

“You are to practice my ordinances and you are to keep my statutes by following them; I am the LORD your God. Keep my statutes and ordinances; a person will live if he does them. I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 18:4–5 CSB

Biblical sexuality produces:

Trust

Faithfulness

Security

Joy

Freedom from shame and hiding

Children welcomed as gifts

A picture of Jesus and His Church

Unbiblical sexuality produces:

Betrayal

Shame

Loneliness

Objectification

Distrust

“Do not follow the practices of the land of Egypt, where you used to live, or follow the practices of the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. You must not follow their customs. You are to practice my ordinances and you are to keep my statutes by following them; I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 18:3-4 CSB

“Do not defile yourselves by any of these practices, for the nations I am driving out before you have defiled themselves by all these things. The land has become defiled, so I am punishing it for its iniquity, and the land will vomit out its inhabitants. But you are to keep my statutes and ordinances. You must not commit any of these detestable acts—not the native or the alien who resides among you.”

Leviticus 18:24-26 CSB

Don't you know that the unrighteous will not inherit God's kingdom? Do not be deceived: No sexually immoral people, idolaters, adulterers, or males who have sex with males, no thieves, greedy people, drunkards, verbally abusive people, or swindlers will inherit God's kingdom.

I Corinthians 6:9-10 CSB

“You have heard that it was said, Do not commit adultery. But I tell you, everyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

Matthew 5:27-28 CSB

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin.

Hebrews 4:15 CSB

“Lord make me chaste. But not yet.”

Augustine

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I Corinthians 6:9-11 CSB