

The Book of Leviticus  
The Sanctity of Intimacy  
Leviticus 18:1-30 (page 80)

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We are to be distinctive in our lifestyle from the world and its immorality (Lev 18:1-5)

- by our loyalty to God (v 2-3; Matthew 22:37)
- by obedience to His Word  
(v 4-5; John 14:15, 21, 23; 15:14)

We are not to violate God's creation order by crossing sexual barriers (Lev 18:6-23)

We are to avoid:

- sexual relations with relatives - incest (vs 6-18)
- all barriers determined by God to be detrimental including: (vs 19-23)
  - Intimacy during a woman's menstruation  
(v 19; 20:18)
  - Adultery (v 20; John 8:2-5; Rom 13:9-14; 1 Cor 6:9)
  - Idolatrous sacrifice of one's children (v 21;  
1 Ki 11:7; 2 Ki 23:10; 2 Chr 33:1-7; 1 Cor 6:9; 10:7-11)
  - Homosexuality  
(v 22; 20:13; Rom 1:26-27; 1 Cor 6:9-11)
  - Bestiality (v 23; Deut 27:21)

Involvement in these immoralities will bring God's judgment (Lev 18:24-30)

Sexual immorality defiles:

- the land (vs 25)
- the people (v 27)

Seeing Jesus in Leviticus 18:

We are created in the image of God and He designed and decreed the boundaries for sexual union  
(Gen 1:26-28; 2:23-24; Prov 5:15-18; Matt 19:2-6)

God chose Israel to be the channel through whom His Deliverer would come, thus that channel must be sanctified  
(Gen 12:1-3; 49:8-10; 2 Sam 7:16; Isa 9:6-7; Matt 1:1; 17)

As the church, we are the Bride of Christ  
(Eph 5:25-33; Rev 19:7)

Sexual immorality disrupts and harms the "one flesh" relationship designed by God (Gen 2:24; 1 Cor 6:16-20)