

Exodus 19:5-6

Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice
and keep my covenant,
you shall be my treasured possession
among all peoples,
for all the earth is mine;
and you shall be to me
a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

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Mark 7:18-23

And he said to them,

“Then are you also without understanding?

Do you not see that whatever goes into a person
from outside cannot defile him,
since it enters not his heart but his stomach,
and is expelled?”

(Thus he declared all foods clean.)

And he said,

“What comes out of a person is what defiles him.
For from within, out of the heart of man,
come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft,
murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit,
sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness.

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and they defile a person.”

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off
have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
For he himself is our peace,
who has made us both one
and has broken down in his flesh
the dividing wall of hostility by abolishing
the law of commandments and ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new man
in place of the two, so making peace,
and might reconcile us both to God in one body
through the cross,
thereby killing the hostility.

Ephesians 2:13-22

And he came and preached peace to you
who were far off and peace to those who were near.
For through him we both have access
in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2:13-22

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints
and members of the household of God, built
on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
in whom the whole structure, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

In him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

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*“The coming of Christ changed how we worship,
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Leviticus 18:24-25

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the nations I am driving out before you
have become unclean,
and the land became unclean,
so that I punished its iniquity,
and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

Forbidden Relations:

Because...

Father

= mother's nakedness

Mother

= mother

Stepmother

= father's nakedness

Sister

= sister

Half-Sister

= sister

Stepsister

= sister

Granddaughter

= your own nakedness

Stepdaughter

= sister

Aunt (by blood)

= she is your parent's relative

Aunt (by marriage)

= aunt

Daughter-in-law

= son's wife

Sister-in-law

= brother's nakedness

Forbidden Situations:

Because...

Woman and her daughter

= it is depravity

Woman and granddaughter

= it is depravity

Taking a woman's sister as a rival wife
(while the first wife is still alive)

Approaching a woman during her period

Lying with a neighbor's wife

Offering any children to Molech = profanes God's name

Lying with a male as with a woman = it is an abomination

Lying with any animal = it is perversion

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Leviticus 18:26-28

But you shall keep my statutes and my rules
and do none of these abominations,
either the native or the stranger
who sojourns among you
(for the people of the land, who were before you,
did all of these abominations,
so that the land became unclean),
lest the land vomit you out
when you make it unclean,
as it vomited out the nation
that was before you.

Leviticus 18:29

For everyone who does any of these abominations,
the persons who do them shall be cut off
from among their people.

Leviticus 18:30

So keep my charge never to practice
any of these abominable customs
that were practiced before you,
and never to make yourselves unclean by them:
I am the LORD your God.

Factors to Consider in Thinking About OT Laws:

- Moral Dimension (for all times and situations):
Is it inherently sinful to commit murder?
- Ceremonial Dimension (for distinguishing between clean and unclean, and between holy and profane):
Will committing murder render me unclean?
- Wisdom Dimension (for all times and situations):
Are there reasons to consider refraining from committing murder?

Factors to Consider in Thinking About OT Laws:

- Moral Dimension (for all times and situations):
Is it inherently sinful to commit adultery?
- Ceremonial Dimension (for distinguishing between clean and unclean, and between holy and profane):
Will committing adultery render me unclean?
- Wisdom Dimension (for all times and situations):
Are there reasons to consider refraining from committing adultery?

Factors to Consider in Thinking About OT Laws:

- Moral Dimension (for all times and situations):
Is it inherently sinful to engage in incest?
- Ceremonial Dimension (for distinguishing between clean and unclean, and between holy and profane):
Will engaging in incest render me unclean?
- Wisdom Dimension (for all times and situations):
Are there reasons to consider refraining from engaging in incest?

Three Categories of Sin That Breach Communion

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| 1. Idolatry | with God |
| 2. Sexual Immorality | within households |
| 3. Injustice | among households |
| 4. Degradation | the creation order |

Each of these sin categories pollute the land,
and will result in the outpouring of God's judgment
wherever they are practiced without repentance.

What the Bible Means by “Abomination”

1. Idolatry
2. Sexual Immorality
3. Injustice

“What is exalted among men
is an abomination in the sight of God.”
~Luke 16:15

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

“All things are lawful for me,”
but not all things are helpful.

“All things are lawful for me,”
but I will not be enslaved by anything...

The body is not meant for sexual immorality,
but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

And God raised the Lord
and will also raise us up by his power.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Do you not know that your bodies
are members of Christ?

Shall I then take the members of Christ
and make them members of a prostitute? Never!
Or do you not know that he who is joined
to a prostitute becomes one body with her?

For, as it is written,
“The two will become one flesh.”
But he who is joined to the Lord
becomes one spirit with him.

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Flee from sexual immorality.

Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body.

Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God?

You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.

So glorify God in your body.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for a man has his father's wife. And you are arrogant!

Ought you not rather to mourn?

Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

For though absent in body, I am present in spirit; and as if present,

I have already pronounced judgment on the one who did such a thing.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

When you are assembled in the name
of the Lord Jesus and my spirit is present,
with the power of our Lord Jesus,
you are to deliver this man to Satan
for the destruction of the flesh,
so that his spirit may be saved
in the day of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, as you really are unleavened.

For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people – not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler – not even to eat with such a one.

1 Corinthians 5:1-13

For what have I to do with judging outsiders?
Is it not those inside the church whom
you are to judge?

God judges those outside.

“Purge the evil person from among you.”

Romans 1:18-32

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made.

Romans 1:18-32

So they are without excuse.

For although they knew God,
they did not honor him as God
or give thanks to him,
but they became futile in their thinking,
and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Claiming to be wise, they became fools,
and exchanged the glory of the immortal God
for images resembling mortal man
and birds and animals and reptiles.

Romans 1:18-32

Therefore God gave them up
in the lusts of their hearts to impurity,
to the dishonoring of their bodies
among themselves, because they exchanged
the truth about God for a lie
and worshiped and served the creature
rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever!
Amen.

Romans 1:18-32

For this reason God gave them up
to dishonorable passions.

For their women exchanged natural relations
for those that are contrary to nature;
and the men likewise gave up natural relations
with women and were consumed with passion
for one another,
men committing shameless acts with men
and receiving in themselves the due penalty
for their error.

Romans 1:18-32

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God,
God gave them up to a debased mind
to do what ought not to be done.

They were filled with all manner of
unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice.

They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit,
maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers,
haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful,
inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,
foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

Romans 1:18-32

Though they know God's decree that
those who practice such things deserve to die,
they not only do them
but give approval to those who practice them.

1 Corinthians 6:11

And such were some of you.

But you were washed,
you were sanctified,
you were justified
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and by the Spirit of our God.