

Christ in the Laws of Separation from the Nations

Leviticus 18-19

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Conformity to What?

Here's the cheat sheet
for the test.

That would be wrong.
We must follow God
and his standards.

Dont' be such a
Neanderthal!
Everybody does it.



Outline of Leviticus

I. The sacrifices (1-7)

II. Consecrating the priests (8-10)

**III. Uncleanness and its remedy
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How does
it help?



A. The Character of the Law

Leviticus 18:1-5

The Heart of God's Law (Lev. 18:1-5)



God speaks

The LORD said to Moses, 2 “Speak to

God is Lord

the Israelites and say to them: ‘I am the LORD your God. 3 You must not do as

Nations are corrupt

they do in Egypt, where you used to live, and you must not do as they do in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing

God orders you

you. Do not follow their practices. 4 You must obey my laws and be careful to

Life follows

~~follow my decrees.~~ I am the LORD your God. 5 Keep my decrees and laws, for

the man who obeys them will live by them. I am the LORD.

Weight of the Fundamentals

God speaks (1)



God is Lord (2)



Nations are corrupt (3)



God orders you (4)



Life comes as result (5)



particular
command

Motivating



Application to You in Christ

God speaks (1)

God speaks in Christ

God is Lord (2)

**God is sovereign,
majestic, holy**

**Nations are
corrupt (3)**

Corruption around

**God orders you
(4)**

**God orders you in
Christ**

Life follows (5)

You have life in Christ

Be Holy

But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

(1 Peter 1:15-16, quoting from Lev. 19:2; 20:7; etc.).

B. Sexual Law

Leviticus 18:6-30

Design of Human Sexuality

Everyone can define his own identity sexually.

God made sex mysterious than what we know.

But our culture says it's O.K. Be tolerant.

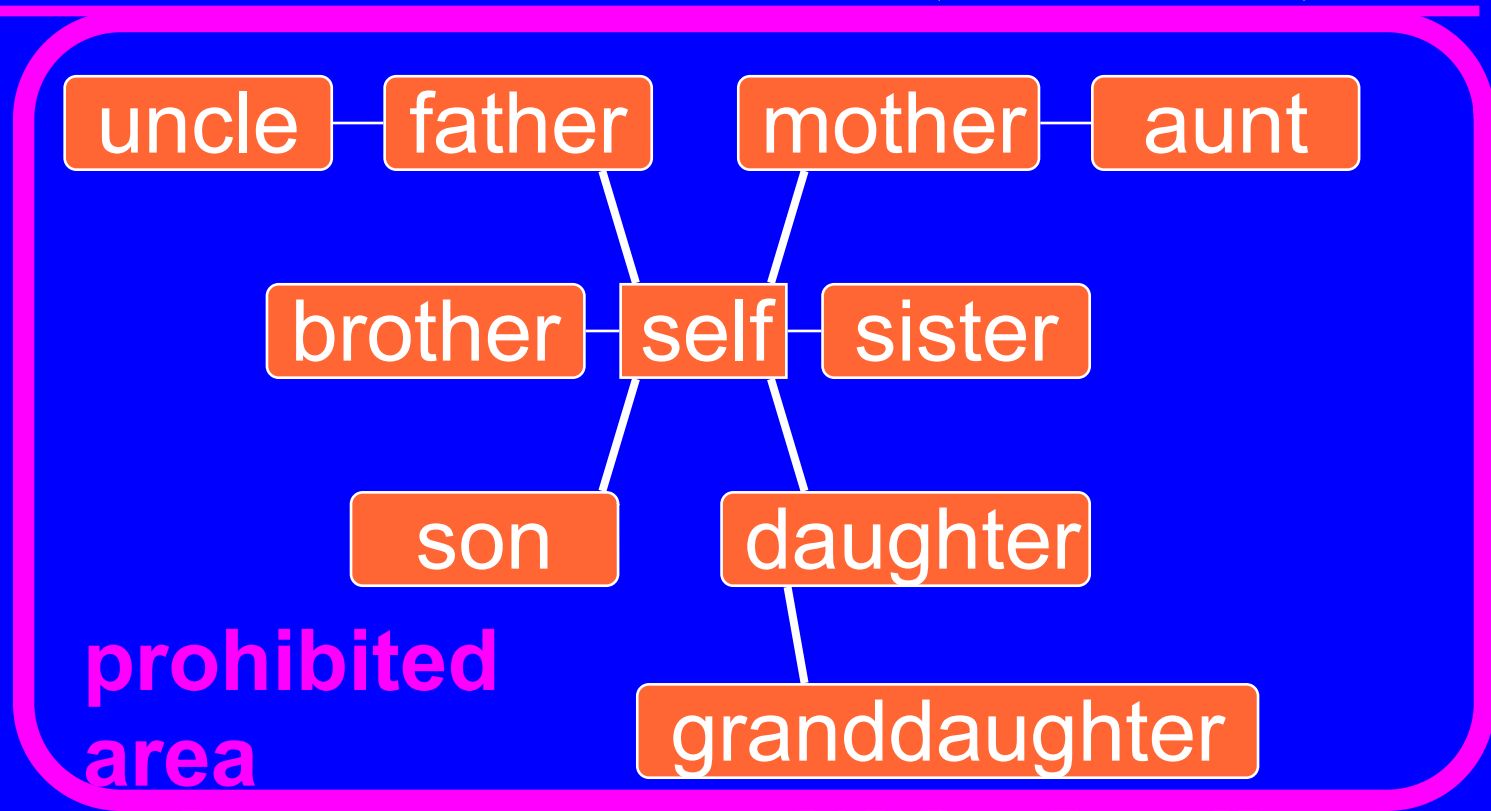
But popularity does not determine what is right.

TV programs show it is healthy.

Propaganda.



Order in Sexual Law (Lev. 18)



Boundary: no sex within family.

Human instinct confirms it.

Principle: love others (not selfish).

Motives for Sexual Law

Gen. 2:24 includes leaving family.

**Call to Israel is to leave the “world,”
the practices of the nations.**

**Punishments follow for disobedience,
18:24-30**

**Israel is to be wife to God (Lev. 17:7;
Hosea)**

**Model covenant with God in sexual
fidelity, Mal. 2:14.**

Motives for Our Sexual Fidelity

**Leaving
one's own**

**Leave the
world**

Punish sin

Wife to God

Model

covenant

**Love for a different,
complementary other**

**Critique TV views of sex,
romance, love,
marriage, divorce**

Chastise sin, Heb. 12

Bride of Christ, Eph.

5:22-33; 1 Cor. 6:11-20.

The final model is Christ.

Responding to Sexual Sin

Sexual sin, like all sin, boils down to selfishness and idolatry (self as idol).

Sexuality runs deep. So the sinful tangles run deep, and are typically not mainly conscious decisions to rebel.

Homosexuality, incest, and bestiality are profoundly selfish, inward-turning, twisted by fear of mysterious complement.

Christ delivers from bondage to **self.**

Relevant
today.

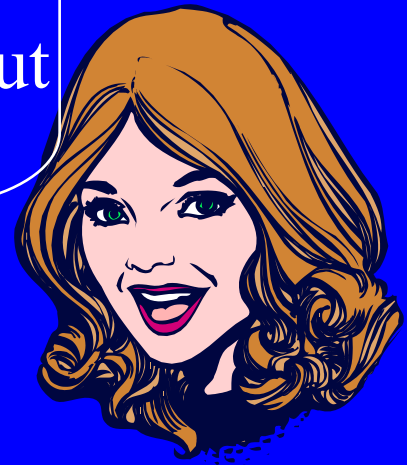


Subtle Sin

So, as long as you keep God's rules, you'll be smugly "good."

Sin comes from the heart. God cares about attitudes too.

Most dating and many marriages contain two selfish partners looking out for their own happiness.



C. Neighborly Law

Leviticus 19

Loving a Neighbor (Lev. 19:5-18)

Holiness of God implies purity toward others (19:2-3).

Justice of God implies justice to others (19:15).

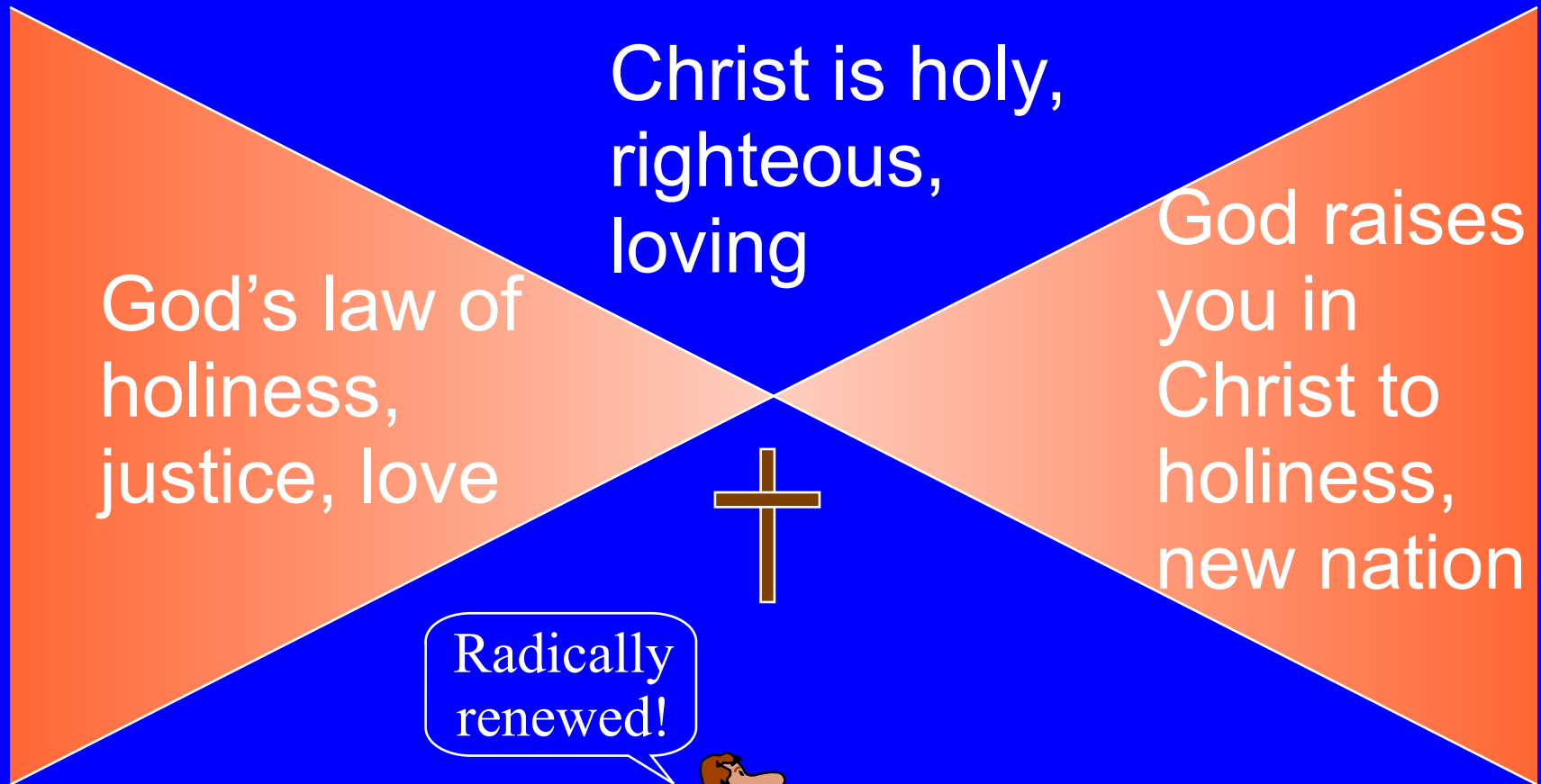
Love of God implies love to others (Deut. 19:18; Deut. 10:17-19).

Be able to put yourself in your neighbor's shoes.



Makes sense!

Fulfillment of Love of Neighbor



1 John 4:7-17

Changing Toward Real Love

If it brings happiness,
I'll consider your idea.

God isn't just there to
be used for our benefit.

Coming to know God in his
greatness moves us out of
sin and folly.

