

# Leviticus 18:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.

## Analysis

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**Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt.**

This verse falls within the section on **Unlawful Sexual Relations**. Prohibitions against various sexual sins, distinguishing Israel from Canaanite practices and protecting family sanctity.

What Leviticus portrayed through types and shadows, Christ fulfilled in reality through His incarnation, perfect life, atoning death, and resurrection.

## Historical Context

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Prohibitions against various sexual sins, distinguishing Israel from Canaanite practices and protecting family sanctity. Chapters 17-27, often called the 'Holiness Code,' expand covenant obligations beyond ritual to encompass all of life—sexuality, economics, justice, and relationships. The repeated refrain 'I am the LORD' grounds these laws in God's character and covenant relationship with Israel. Israel received these laws while encamped at Sinai, before entering Canaan. The laws prepared them for life in the promised land, distinguishing them from Canaanite practices and establishing their identity as God's holy nation. The portable tabernacle, central to Levitical worship, accompanied them through wilderness wanderings and eventually found permanent form in Solomon's temple.

The tabernacle's design parallels ancient Near Eastern temple architecture, yet its portable nature and absence of divine images distinguished it from pagan temples.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

## Study Questions

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1. In what ways does this verse challenge contemporary cultural values or your personal attitudes?
2. How does this verse help you understand both God's justice and His mercy in salvation?
3. What practical steps can you take this week to apply the principles taught in this verse?

## Interlinear Text

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<b>the nakedness</b>	<b>brother</b>	<b>of thy father's</b>	H3808	<b>Thou shalt not uncover</b>	H413
H6172	H251	H1		H1540	

לֹא אַשְׁתָּנוּ	תִּקְרַב בְּ	דְּדַתְּבָּ	הָוֹא:
<b>to his wife</b>	<b>thou shalt not approach</b>	<b>she is thine aunt</b>	H1931
H802	H7126	H1733	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 20:20** (Parallel theme): And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

