

Leviticus 18:19

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

Analysis

Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness.

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

Ritual purity laws taught Israel to distinguish between clean and unclean, holy and common, training them in discernment and reverence for God's presence.

The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

Historical Context

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 Israelite dietary laws in Leviticus 11 have no exact parallel in surrounding cultures, though some ancient cultures had food taboos, suggesting unique revelation rather than borrowed customs.

Related Passages

Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

Colossians 1:16 — All things created through Christ

Study Questions

1. How can you develop greater spiritual discernment in distinguishing what honors God from what defiles?
2. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

Interlinear Text

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תְּקַעַב בְּלֹא וְתִּלְגַּל וְתִּעֲרֹתֶה:

Also thou shalt not approach to uncover her nakedness

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Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 20:18 (Parallel theme): And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and

she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

Leviticus 15:24 (Parallel theme): And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

Ezekiel 22:10 (Parallel theme): In thee have they discovered their fathers' nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution.

Ezekiel 18:6 (Parallel theme): And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstrual woman,

Leviticus 15:19 (Parallel theme): And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.