

# Leviticus 20:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Penalties for Disobedience**. Punishments for violations of sexual and religious laws, emphasizing the seriousness of sin in God's holy community.

The access to God's presence that Leviticus carefully regulated is now freely available through Christ's blood, tearing the veil and opening the way to God.

## Historical Context

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Punishments for violations of sexual and religious laws, emphasizing the seriousness of sin in God's holy community. 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. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

## **Related Passages**

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**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

## **Study Questions**

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1. In what practical ways should this verse influence your church life, family relationships, or personal integrity?
2. What does this verse teach about the seriousness of sin, the cost of redemption, or the beauty of holiness?
3. How does this verse point to Christ, and how does that deepen your faith and gratitude?

## Interlinear Text

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הָהוּא	בָּאֵי־יָשׁוּ׃	פָּנַי־	אֶת־	אֲנִי־	וְשָׂמֵת׃
H1931	H376	H6440	H853	H589	H7760
	against that man	my face			Then I will set
כָּל־	וְאֵת־	אֶת־	וְהִכָּתִיתִי־	וּבְמִשְׁפַּחַת־	וְ
H3605	H853	H853	H3772	H4940	
		and will cut him off		and against his family	
הֵם־לָךְ	אֲחֵר־	לְזָנוֹת־	אֲחֵר־	לְזָנוֹת־	וְ
H4432	H310	H2181	H310	H2181	
with Molech	after	and all that go a whoring	after	and all that go a whoring	
מִקֵּץ־רַב	עַמָּם׃				
H7130	H5971				
from among	their people				

## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 106:39** (Parallel theme): Thus were they defiled with their own works, and went a whoring with their own inventions.