**CHAPTER** **18**

*Marriage is prohibited in certain degrees of kindred: and all unnatural lusts.*

**1** And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

**2** Speak to the children of Israel, and thou shalt say to them: I am the Lord your God.

**3** You shall not do according to the custom of the land of Egypt, in which you dwelt: neither shall you act according to the manner of the country of Chanaan, into which I will bring you, nor shall you walk in their ordinances.

**4** You shall do my judgments, and shall observe my precepts, and shall walk in them. I am the Lord your God.

**5** Keep my laws and my judgments, which if a man do, he shall live in them. I am the Lord.

**6** No man shall approach to her that is near of kin to him, to uncover her nakedness. I am the Lord.

**7** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother: she is thy mother, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

**8** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father’s wife: for it is the nakedness of thy father.

**9** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy sister by father or by mother, whether born at home or abroad.

**10** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy son’s daughter, or thy daughter’s daughter: because it is thy own nakedness.

**11** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father’s wife’s daughter, whom she bore to thy father, and who is thy sister.

**12** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father’s sister: because she is the flesh of thy father.

**13** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother’s sister: because she is thy mother’s flesh.

**14** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father’s brother: neither shalt thou approach to his wife, who is joined to thee by affinity.

**15** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: because she is thy son’s wife, neither shalt thou discover her shame.

**16** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother’s wife: because it is the nakedness of thy brother.

**17** Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy wife and her daughter. Thou shalt not take her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter, to discover her shame: because they are her flesh, and such copulation is incest.

**18** Thou shalt not take thy wife’s sister for a harlot, to rival her, neither shalt thou discover her nakedness, while she is yet living.

**19** Thou shalt not approach to a woman having her flowers, neither shalt thou uncover her nakedness.

**20** Thou shalt not lie with thy neighbour’s wife, nor be defiled with mingling of seed.

**21** Thou shalt not give any of thy seed to be consecrated to the idol Moloch, nor defile the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

**22** Thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind, because it is an abomination.

**23** Thou shalt not copulate with any beast, neither shalt thou be defiled with it. A woman shall not lie down to a beast, nor copulate with it: because it is a heinous crime.

**24** Defile not yourselves with any of these things with which all the nations have been defiled, which I will cast out before you,

**25** And with which the land is defiled: the abominations of which I will visit, that it may vomit out its inhabitants.

**26** Keep ye my ordinances and my judgments, and do not any of these abominations: neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you.

**27** For all these detestable things the inhabitants of the land have done, that were before you, and have defiled it.

**28** Beware then, lest in like manner, it vomit you also out, if you do the like things, as it vomited out the nation that was before you.

**29** Every soul that shall commit any of these abominations, shall perish from the midst of his people.

**30** Keep my commandments. Do not the things which they have done, that have been before you, and be not defiled therein. I am the Lord your God.