



## Leviticus & Sexual Purity ... Again

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Notes

#### Introduction:

#### I. God speaks about Molech worship.

Leviticus 20:1-5 (NKJV) – <sup>1</sup> Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “Again, you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘Whoever of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who gives any of his descendants to Molech, he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. <sup>3</sup> I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from his people, because he has given *some* of his descendants to Molech, to defile My sanctuary and profane My holy name. <sup>4</sup> And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from the man, when he gives *some* of his descendants to Molech, and they do not kill him, <sup>5</sup> then I will set My face against that man and against his family; and I will cut him off from his people, and all who prostitute themselves with him to commit harlotry with Molech.

#### A) What was Molech worship?

A rabbinical tradition attributed to the Yalkout of Rabbi Simeon, Simeon, says that the idol was hollow and was divided into seven compartments, in one of which they put flour, in the second turtle-doves, in the third a ewe, in the fourth a ram, in the fifth a calf, in the sixth an ox, and in the seventh a child, which were all burned together by heating the statue inside.<sup>1</sup>

#### B) How Molech worship *began*?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Moloch>

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Genesis 19:36-38 (NKJV) – <sup>36</sup> Thus both the daughters of Lot were with child by their father. <sup>37</sup> The firstborn bore a son and called his name **Moab**; he *is* the father of the Moabites to this day. <sup>38</sup> And the younger, she also bore a son and called his name Ben-Ammi; he *is* the father of the people of **Ammon** to this day.

- Chemosh was the idolatrous god of the Moabites.
- Molech was the idolatrous god of Ammonites – and subsequently, the Phoenicians.

### C) How prevalent did Molech worship become in Israel?

- The wicked Kings **Ahaz** (2 Chron 28:3) and **Manasseh** (2 Chron 33:6) sacrificed their children to Molech in the Valley of Hinnom – a deep valley on the south side of the Jebusite city of Jebus that became Jerusalem.
- The good King Josiah desecrated the Valley of Hinnom so that people could no longer sacrifice children there. (2 Kings 23:10).

## II. God speaks about mediums and familiar spirits.

Leviticus 20:6-8 (NKJV) – <sup>6</sup> And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. <sup>7</sup> Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I *am* the LORD your God. <sup>8</sup> And you shall keep My statutes, and perform them: I *am* the LORD who sanctifies you. יהוה מְקַדְשְׁכֶם

Mediums (אֹב) – necromancy – to the practice of conjuring up the spirit of the dead.

Familiar spirits (יִדְעֹנִי) the person who has the spirit of the dead.

John 12:50 (NKJV) – **I know that His command is everlasting life.**

**John 10:10 (NKJV) – The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

## III. God speaks about honoring our parents.

Leviticus 20:9 (NKJV) – For everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother. His blood *shall be* upon him.

“Curses” – to treat lightly (the opposite of “honor”)

**The story of Absalom** – 2 Samuel 14:26 (NKJV) – And when he cut the hair of his head—at the end of every year he cut *it* because it was heavy on him. – Heavy - כָּבֵד [kaved], adjective.

Exodus 20:12 (NKJV) – Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you. – Honor – כָּבַד [kavad], verb.

Ephesians 6:1-4 (NKJV) – <sup>1</sup> Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. <sup>2</sup> “Honor your father and mother,” which is the first commandment with promise: <sup>3</sup> “that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.” <sup>4</sup> And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

#### IV. God speaks about sexual purity.

Leviticus 20:10-24 (NKJV) – <sup>10</sup> ‘The man who commits adultery with another man’s wife, he who commits adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress, shall surely be put to death. <sup>11</sup> The man who lies with his father’s wife has uncovered his father’s nakedness; both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them. <sup>12</sup> If a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have committed perversion. Their blood *shall be* upon them. <sup>13</sup> If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *shall be* upon them. <sup>14</sup> If a man marries a woman and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, that there may be no wickedness among you. <sup>15</sup> If a man mates with an animal, he shall surely be put to death, and you shall kill the animal. <sup>16</sup> If a woman approaches any animal and mates with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood *is* upon them. <sup>17</sup> ‘If a man takes his sister, his father’s daughter or his mother’s daughter, and sees her nakedness and she sees his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And they shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister’s nakedness. He shall bear his guilt. <sup>18</sup> If a man lies with a woman during her sickness and uncovers her nakedness, he has exposed her flow, and she has uncovered the flow of her blood. Both of them shall be cut off from their people. <sup>19</sup> ‘You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother’s sister nor of your father’s sister, for that would uncover his near of kin. They shall bear their guilt. <sup>20</sup> If a man lies with his uncle’s wife,

he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.<sup>21</sup> If a man takes his brother's wife, it *is* an unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless.<sup>22</sup> 'You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them, that the land where I am bringing you to dwell may not vomit you out.<sup>23</sup> And you shall not walk in the statutes of the nation which I am casting out before you; for they commit all these things, and therefore I abhor them.<sup>24</sup> But I have said to you, "You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey." I *am* the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples.

Sexual sin is called a "wicked thing" (**טון**, *cheched*), (Lev. 20:17). This is usually the word for "steadfast love." But, in this case, it is translated as "wicked."

- NKJV: wicked
- NASB, NIV: disgrace
- NLT: shameful disgrace
- TLV: shameful thing

The use of the word "cheched" expresses the idea that the Bible is talking about the distortion of brotherly love into sheer sexual passion.

#### **V. God speaks about food.**

Leviticus 20:25-27 (NKJV) – <sup>25</sup> You shall therefore distinguish between clean animals and unclean, between unclean birds and clean, and you shall not make yourselves abominable by beast or by bird, or by any kind of living thing that creeps on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.<sup>26</sup> And you shall be holy to Me, for I the LORD *am* holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.<sup>27</sup> 'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood *shall be* upon them.'"

#### **Conclusion.**