

Passage	Comments
What did Jesus think about Marriage?	One scholar stated, "The New Testament is completely different to the Old Testament or Judaism [on this issue]. The Old Testament allowed divorce, and Jesus appears to forbid divorce (when read without the social context). His teaching on divorce appears therefore to provide the strongest possible contrast to the Old Testament. This is the view of the Early Church Fathers, as well as many interpreters since, especially those who think that marriage is indissoluble." [source: David Instone-Brewer. <i>Divorce and Remarriage in the Bible: The Social and Literary Context.</i> Grand Rapids: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 2002. p 290.]
Note 1: Sex and PMS (Principle of interpreting doctrine within context)	Lev 15:24. "If a husband lies with his wife while she's in her menstrual impurity he shall be unclean 7 days." (Note: This is within the context of ritual purity within a moral/legal relationship. It was not a sin to have sex while wife was on her cycle. The 7-day unclean period of time was for both the husband and wife, and was to minimize risk of transmitting communicable diseases) Lev 18:19. "You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness during her menstrual impurity." (Note: This is within the context of an immoral/illegal relationships, such as adultery and incest) Lev 20:18. "If a man lies with a menstruous woman ... thus both shall be cut off from among the people." (Note: Again, this is within the context of an immoral and illegal relationship. It was sin upon sin.)
Note 2: Principle of adding sin onto sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a concept that sins can accumulate, and some sins are worse than others based on their severity of punishment (i.e., pay restitution vs. the death penalty), so having sex with someone else's wife is double jeopardy when she is on her period Recall that God would destroy the Amorites (i.e., the Canaanites, Hittites, Jebusites, Hivites, Perizzites, etc.) in the Promise Land once their sins of sexual debauchery, idolatry, & child sacrifices were completed Gen 15:16; 1Kings 21:26; Lev 18:26-30
19:1-37	Be Holy for God is Holy – but HOW? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respect Mom & Dad & keep the Sabbath vv3, 30 Stay true to serving God (no idolatry) vv4-8 Take care of the poor & weak, and implement justice vv9-15 Love your neighbor as yourself vv16-18 Keep God's commandments, even for farming, livestock, and clothing vv19, 23-26 Treat your slaves fairly and justly vv20-22 Avoid what the heathens do to their bodies vv27-28 Avoid mediums & spiritists v37 Treat the elderly with respect v32 Be respectful of immigrants vv33-34 Be honest in your business dealings vv35
20:1-9	Human Sacrifices and Sins of Rebellion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv1-5. Complacency Kills. God not only threatens to kill those who sacrifice their children, but also those who don't take action against child-killers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abortion. In like fashion, consequences not only await those who perform abortions for money, who get abortions for convenience sake, but also for those who do nothing about it, but could. Pr 24:11-12 vv6, 27 (and 19:37). God has a special vendetta against mediums & spiritists and those who visit them. They were to be stoned 1Sam 15:23

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> vv7-8. The reasons for such harsh treatment against rebellious behavior was to make Israel a holy people v9. Rebellious kids were even to be stoned – the same punishment as for witchcraft Deut 21:18-21
Protection of Due Process	NOTE. Many of these Levitical laws seem harsh to us, but they were intended to protect the nation from morally spinning out of control as their heathen neighbors, and also protect them from overzealous punishment or other abuses by those who were hard-hearted. For instance, unwanted wives were protected from brutality, whole villages were protected from genocidal retaliation, and inheritance rights of females and disliked male heirs were guarded. Capital punishment was designated for certain rebellious crimes, but multiple witnesses were required for a conviction Deut 17:6
20:10-27	More Sins of Immorality – Not to be Trivialized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v10. Adultery warranted death. Only by the grace of God was King David spared, but he lost 4 sons in the process. Thank God we live in the Age of Grace today, or most churches would lose ~30% of their people. v11. Death for son and step-mom who sleep together. Paul told the Corinthians, not to kill the culprit who was doing this in their fellowship, but to kick the person out of their church and to stop boasting about how loving and accepting they are of every sin, and only let him back in if he repents 1Cor 5:1-7; 2Cor 2:5-11 vv12-21. Other sins of immorality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Incest (both guilty parties were to die)..... v12 Same sex unions (both or all were to die) v13 Marry a woman and her mom (all were to die)..... v14 Bestiality → Death vv15-16 Sex with sister, half, or step-sister → Death..... v17 Double jeopardy for having sex with one of these forbidden women while she was on her cycle v18 Sex with aunt/uncle, niece/nephew → Death v20 Sex w/ brother's wife (worst kind of adultery), akin to Herod & Herodias → Death was warranted v21 vv22-27. Keep My commandments – or else... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> v25. We must discern between Clean and Unclean, between what is Righteous & Wicked, between who serves God and who doesn't..... Mal 3:18

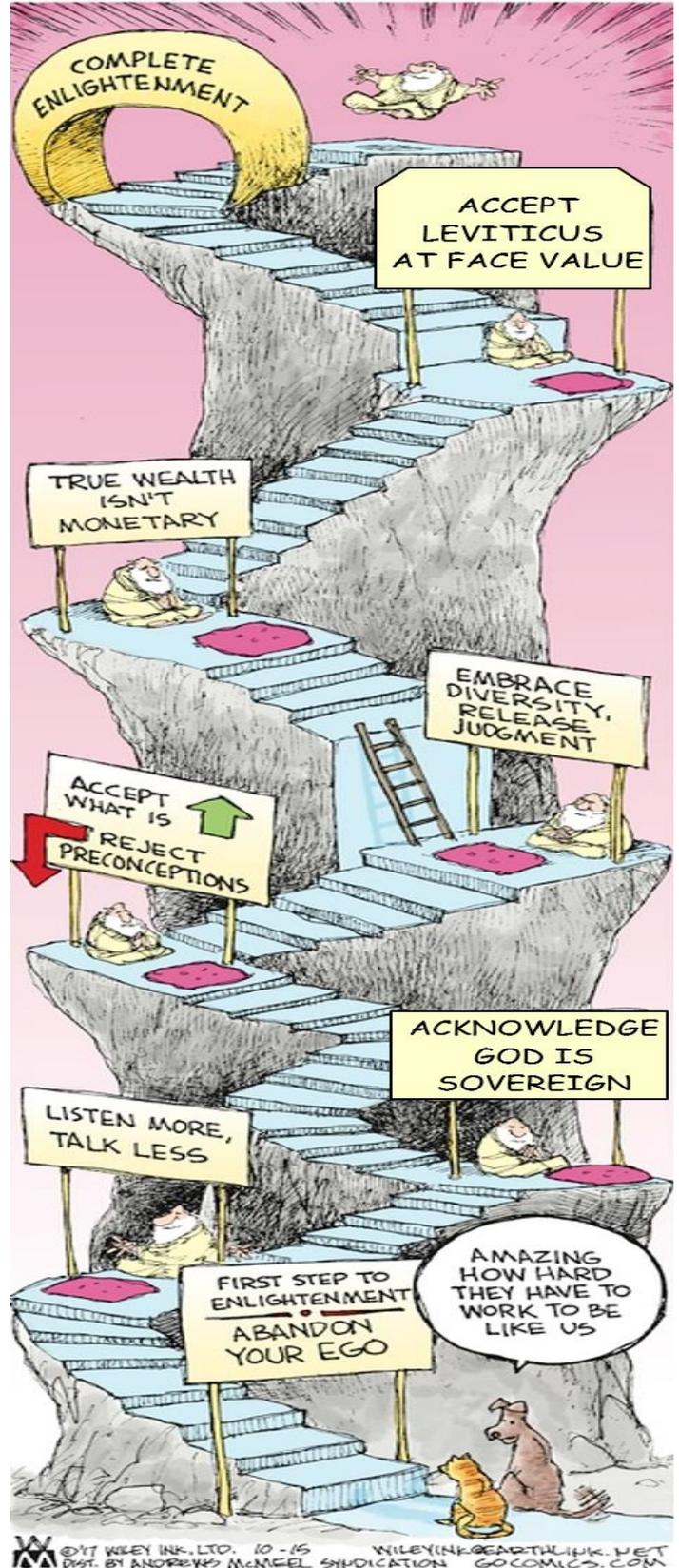


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	<p>First of all, God acknowledges the marriages of saved and unsaved, Muslims, Mormons, Hindus & atheists. Any heterosexual couple that is able to leave mom & dad to cleave to one another, God seems to honor by joining them together – and no man should separate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case #1 – Ahab & Jezebel. As wicked as they were, Scripture says they were married 1Kings 16:31 • Case #2 – Abimelech, wife, & maids (harem). God recognized this heathen's harem..... Gen 20:17 • Case #3 – Woman at the Well. Jesus did not recognize the woman's 6th relationship as valid John 4:17 <p>How should we treat a polygamous Mormon family if they accept Christ and come to church? The Early Church would have accepted them with open arms, but would not have married additional wives to the husband.</p> <hr/> <p>The Bible Does make accommodations for most divorced and remarried relationships to be legit in God's eyes. IOW, God Joins Them Together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case #1 – David & Bathsheba. After David lost 4 sons & almost his kingdom for his tryst with Bathsheba. God once again extended His love to him.. 2Sam 12:24 • Case #2 – Woman at the Well. Jesus acknowledged the woman was legitimately married 5x..... John 4:18 <p>How should we treat divorced & remarried couples today? Though, God still hates divorce, He accepts the remarried (joins them together), and so should we. The only biblical restrictions are serving as elders or deacons.</p> <hr/> <p>The Bible never justifies same sex, or incestual unions as legitimate in God's eyes. IOW, God Does Not Join Them Together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case #1 – Herod & Herodias. John the Baptist lost his head for condemning this unlawful marriage..... Mt 14:4 • Case #2 – Man Sleeping with His Step Mother. Paul had one command for the church – to remove him from their midst..... 1Cor 5:1-7 <p>How should we treat biblically-defined illegitimate unions or marriages today?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Within the church, we need to protect the sheep and ask such couples to separate or leave 1Cor 5:1-7 2. Outside the church, we must be "salt" to the world and refrain from showing support. Though we might have to work with such individuals or attend family gatherings with them, we must be gentile to all men and speak the truth in love Eph 4:15; Titus 3:2
<p>21:1-24 & 22:1-33</p>	<p>Laws for Priests and for the Sacrifices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tighter restrictions on the religious leaders – how to dress, how to shave, how to work, and who they could and could not marry (no divorced women – same requirement for elders and deacons today) • James 3:1 – My brethren, let not many of you become teachers/leaders, knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment (leaders are more accountable)

Why is it OK to accept most adulterous remarriages but not same sex marriages as legit?

NEXT WEEK: Leviticus 23-27. If Israel would obey God's commandments they would be blessed with prosperity beyond measure (no poor in the land, no sickness in the land, and no crime in the land). If they do not obey they will be punished 7 times more for their sins until they repent.

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CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS

- Fortunately for many today sexual looseness does not provoke the death penalty. The Apostle Paul told the Corinthians that many of them were once such sinners [1Cor 6:9-11](#)
- The Church today should consider implementing one practice of the Early Church to restore its saltiness – Stop marrying divorcees