

## *Violations in the Office of Marriage Part 1*

*“22 So Moses brought Israel from the Red sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. 23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called Marah. 24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? 25 And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD shewed him a tree, which when he had cast into the waters, the waters were made sweet: there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them.” (Exodus 15:22-25 KJV)*

The Lord after He brought His people out of Egypt and after He saved them and delivered them from the hand of Pharaoh, they went for three days in the wilderness without finding water to drink till they came to a place they called it Marah because its water was bitter to drink. There the Lord directed Moses to cast a tree in the water that made it sweet. Also, *“there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them.” (Exodus 15:25 KJV)* The Lord did not only give them sweet water to drink but as well as He gave them a statute and an ordinance to organize their lives with. This incident was the first one when the Lord first introduced to them His law, and that was before they reached Mount Sinai, where they receive more of God’s statutes and ordinances.

In *Genesis 2*, there is a good account of how the Lord prepared and arranged Adam’s marriage, the first man. But later on, there was an alteration of what God had stated about marriage, where people had done their own and had broken God’s instructions, that made God need to write about that matter again and in details to correct and to teach his people not to fall in the sins of their fathers.

Here we go through some Scriptures that God gave to understand the mistakes that God’s people did and not honor marriage and the violations that caused trespassing to the office of family and marriage.

*I. Genesis 3:21-24: “21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 3:21-24 KJV)*

*II. Leviticus 18:1-30: “1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the LORD your God. 3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances. 4 Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God. 5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgments: which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the LORD. 6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD. 7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy*

*father's nakedness. 9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. 10 The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. 11 The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. 13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. 14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. 15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. 17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; for they are her near kinswomen: it is wickedness. 18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. 19 Also thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness. 20 Moreover thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. 21 And thou shalt not let any of thy seed pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. 22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. 23 Neither shalt thou lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. 24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you: 25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants. 26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: 27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) 28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you. 29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people. 30 Therefore shall ye keep mine ordinance, that ye commit not any one of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.” (Leviticus 18:1-30 KJV)*

*III. Leviticus 20:10-24: “10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. 13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. 15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. 16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he*

*hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. 18 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. 19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. 20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. 21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless. 22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out. 23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. 24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.” (Leviticus 20:10-24 KJV)*

**IV. Deuteronomy 27:20-23:** *“20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. 21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen. 22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. 23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen.” (Deuteronomy 27:20-23 KJV)*

From the above Scriptures, we can understand that the Lord recommended His people not to do certain things as the other nations were doing whom God decided that He would drive them out from the land of Canaan. God warned them that the land will vomit them as it had vomited the nations before them, *“28 That the land spue not you out also, when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you. 29 For whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people.” (Leviticus 18:28-29 KJV)*

**A. God recommended to them to have one wife:** *“21 And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; 22 And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. 24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.” (Genesis 3:21-24 KJV)* God created for the first man one wife and not multiple wives and in such man was taught not to have polygamy. Therefore the Word of God was written in the Bible to avoid such violations. Below are examples of Scriptures about that:

**1. Lamech:** *“19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah.” (Genesis 4:19 KJV)* The first one who violated that principle was Lamech from the descendents of Cain, That is why God wrote this in His Word so people will heed and not to practice polygamy.

**2. Abram:** His wife was Sarah and then he took her maid Hagar to be his second wife, *“3 And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar her maid the Egyptian, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife.” (Genesis 16:3*

*KJV)* That is why God wrote in His Word that He created one woman to Adam so people will heed and not to practice polygamy.

**3. Esau:** *“34 And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Bashemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35 Which were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.” (Genesis 26:34-34 KJV)* *“8 And Esau seeing that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; 9 Then went Esau unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebajoth, to be his wife.” (Genesis 28:8-9 KJV)* *“2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; 3 And Bashemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebajoth.” (Genesis 36:2-3 KJV)* Therefore God's Word shows that God created one woman to Adam so people will heed and be content with one wife and avoid practicing polygamy.

**4. Jacob:** He married four wives, and we will discuss his marriages and his repentance in separate messages.

**5. David:** Who married multiple wives and concubines and we will discuss his marriages and his repentance in a separate message.

**6. Solomon:** He married seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines and we will discuss his marriages and his repentance in a separate message.

**B. God recommended to them not to approach the near to kin:** *“6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the LORD.” (Leviticus 18:6 KJV)* The Hebrew Word for ‘**kin**’, is ‘**Basar**’, and the meaning of it is flesh, near of kin, and it also means blood relations kindred. The Lord forbade having sexual relationships with near of kin, which is called incest. The Lord used the statement *“uncover their nakedness,”* to make it clear that their nakedness cannot be uncovered, then how much more the sexual relationship with them?

The restriction that God mentioned to be included in the near to kin or the kindred that not to have sexual relationships with them are the following: *father, mother, thy father's wife, thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, thy son's daughter, thy daughter's daughter, thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, thy father's sister, thy mother's sister, thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife, thy daughter in law, thy brother's wife, woman and her daughter, neither shalt thou take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, a wife to her sister in her life time, and thy neighbour's wife.* The Lord needed to write about that in detail because first of all, it is wickedness. Second, it is not only because the nations around the Israelites were doing that and violating the near of kin blood relationship and have sex or marriage with them, but even God's people were doing that either unknowingly or out of lust, or heinous for wrong motive purpose. Below are examples of Scriptures about that:

**1. Cain:** *“And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.” (Genesis 4:17 KJV)* He married his sister, the daughter of Adam and Eve for he was the firstborn and there was no other family besides the family of Adam and Eve. He married one of the daughters that Adam had. The Scripture mentioned that Adam had daughters after the birth of Seth. *“4 And the*

*days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters.” (Genesis 5:4 KJV)*

Therefore, the Lord needed to write it in His Word so no one will consider it acceptable toward God to marry a sister, ***“9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.” (Leviticus 18:9 KJV) “17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.” (Leviticus 20:17 KJV)***

**2. Abram:** He married Sarai who was the daughter of his father. ***“12 And yet indeed she is my sister; she is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife.” (Genesis 20:12 KJV)*** Abram sure was not aware that he should not marry his sister; he was a non believer, God had not declared Himself or His will to him and there was not yet at his time a written Word of God. Therefore, the Lord needed to write it in His Word, ***“9 The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or daughter of thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover.” (Leviticus 18:9 KJV)*** so that they will consider, and no one will think it is acceptable to God to marry the daughter of his father or mother or the son of her father or mother.

**3. The two daughters of lot:** They slept with their father intentionally to have children from him. ***“30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: 32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 33 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the firstborn went in, and lay with her father; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 34 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 35 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. 37 And the first born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. 38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.” (Genesis 19:30-38 KJV)*** They resorted doing that because they were living in a cave and they got afraid that no man would marry them. ***“30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters. 31 And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth.” (Genesis 19:30-31 KJV)*** It will be far better if they would stay like that with their father without families than having children from him. What moral they taught their sons that born to them in this way, and what example they set to the world of what they did? It is a shameful thing to be mentioned. Moab, means ‘**of his father**’, and Ammon, means ‘**tribal**’, or ‘**the son of my people**’. Therefore the Lord needed to write that in His Word, ***“7 The nakedness of thy father, shalt thou not uncover.” (Leviticus 18:7 KJV)*** so that every person will know it is unacceptable to the Lord and not to do such violation.

The daughters of Lot said to one another, ***“32 Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.” (Genesis 19:32 KJV)*** Their statement, ***“that we may preserve seed”***, many girls to their shame now a day, they want to get pregnant even without marriage just to get a child. That is not correct. It is a bad testimony; what the child will learn, what example he will follow, and what the society and people around us will learn? If those who are called the people of God will do such, what the pagans will do then?

***My Dear and Beloved:*** Let us take heed from the message and avoid any violations to the Word of God whether in pertain to the offices of marriage and family or to any other faculty knowing that such shall bring the wrath of God. Let us also teach our children and disciples and warn them to avoid any of such violations so God shall be pleased and caused His blessings to fall on us.

**The Lord has always a good plan for you and your family. This plan will unfold and will come true only when His church and you be willing to fully obey Him and do His will in following the principles of His Word and applying them in your life and in the life of your family, children and disciples, and so we can see Godly marriages and families take place and new Godly children raised and the ministries of God and His will continue.**

Let us pray . . . .

***My Prayer:*** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for the teaching, the corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your worldliness, and your love for money and material things. Confess and renounce all your immoralities and the rest of the violations that you did in your life against the Word of God. Confess and renounce your lack of the fear of God in your life. Confess and renounce doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God, especially in pertain to marriage. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, having many friends and in bondage with the Media. Confess your bad stewardship and your bad example to others. Confess your compromises, and confess your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_.

Lord I commit myself to correct the violations that I did in the past and to amend my ways to live my life according to your will and your plan for me and to set good example to others to follow. Lord build in me the fear of yours so that I can stand firm for your cause and purpose. Lord uphold me with your grace and provide for me so I will continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, who committed their lives to live in the fear of you and amend their ways and correct the violations that they did in the past. Lord provide for them all their needs and support them in their lives. Lord I pray for others who are still in such violations, Lord have mercy on them and grant them repentance according to your ways in their lives.

*Lord I pray that you will bless us as a church. Lord help us to continue to teach and implement the preparation for Godly marriage and to prepare your people to do your will and your plan in their lives, so when you come we are ready to go with you. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go and serve you. Lord enable us to evangelize and to reach new people with the gospel of Jesus. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord help us to plant new Bible studies and new congregation for the church. Lord we pray for more people to get water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us, and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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