

Violations in the Office of Marriage Part 2

We continue in this message to speak about the violations in the office of marriage. and will continue to discuss what

B. God recommended to them not to approach the near to kin: 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. We will continue to discuss that tackling other examples from the Scripture.

4. Jacob marrying two sisters, Leah and Rachel: *"25 And it came to pass, that in the morning, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? 26 And Laban said, It must not be so done in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Fulfil her week, and we will give thee this also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also."* (Genesis 29:25-28 KJV) Jacob married Rachel the Sister of his wife, Leah, while Leah was still alive. The second marriage of Jacob with Rachel is adultery. Therefore, the Lord needed to write that in His Word, *"18 Neither shalt thou take a wife to her sister, to vex her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time."* (Leviticus 18:18 KJV) so the people would know that they cannot do such matter and approve such marriages. But if the wife is dead and her sister is still alive, then from the Scripture point of view, and in my opinion, she can be taken as a wife, if she is a believer, to care for her sister children, if both the man and woman ready and fit for marriage.

5. Reuben sleeping with Bilhah his father's wife: *"19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath, which is Bethlehem. 20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: that is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day. 21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Edar. 22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve."* (Genesis 35:19-22 KJV) Reuben should not do that, violating his father and causing him disrespect; especially the more that his father was still alive, therefore the Lord wrote in His Word, *"30 A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt."* (Deuteronomy 22:30 KJV) *"8 The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness."* (Leviticus 18:8 KJV) *"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."* (Leviticus 20:11 KJV) so that no one of God's people who does such will go unpunished.

Now, when Jacob introduced the immorality in his family by his second marriage, he allowed the immoralities to enter into his family, and now we can see his firstborn fell in it. Therefore, we need to be careful about how we live and what we allow to happen in our families. Jesus said to Peter, *"19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."* (Matthew 16:19 KJV) If we allow and justify wrong marriages and immoralities, immoralities will infect and catch our disciples and the next generation. Jacob did not deal properly with Reuben his firstborn after he trespassed against his father. Paul properly dealt with the same issue in the New Testament giving us proper advice and action that needed to be done to clean God's church, as he wrote to the Corinthians and to us today, *"1 It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. 2 And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, concerning him that hath so done this deed, 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, 5 To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus."* (1 Corinthians 5:1-5 KJV) The Corinthians were indifferent to such fornication that had been done among them as if nothing had been done wrong. It was a bad testimony, a sin that even those who do not know God they will not do such. Paul recommended that the person who did that should be put out of the fellowship, expelled from the family of God, and to be delivered to Satan for destructing his flesh, to suffer in his body at the hand of Satan, so he might repent and his soul got saved. We need to put out fornication and immoralities from our families and fellowship to remain clean and pure and to deliver such trespassers who resist corrections to Satan to be afflicted in their bodies so they will repent and got saved in the day of the Lord.

Certain times we don't take any action because we are afraid that the people will go away from the church or they will rebel against us or they will go and join other churches. That should not be the way that we need to think of. When Paul heard that the Corinthians were tolerating such a sin he sent them his teaching with a letter, and when the Corinthians heard the instruction of Paul they acted properly and faced the brother who did such and he repented and give up such sin, and the proof of that, is in the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians when he was asking them to forgive and to restore that person, *"5 But if any have caused grief, he hath not grieved me, but in part: that I may not overcharge you all. 6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many. 7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. 8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him. 9 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. 10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ; 11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."* (2 Corinthians 2:5-11 KJV) So what we can conclude here is that we need to do our part to deal with sin and cleanse God's church from immoralities.

6. Tamar the daughter in law of Judah: *"8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to thy brother. 9 And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest that he should give seed to his brother. 10 And the thing which*

he did displeased the LORD: wherefore he slew him also. 11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he said, Lest peradventure he die also, as his brethren did. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. 12 And in process of time the daughter of Shuah Judah's wife died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnath, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold thy father in law goeth up to Timnath to shear his sheep. 14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered her with a vail, and wrapped herself, and sat in an open place, which is by the way to Timnath; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him to wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; because she had covered her face. 16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee; (for he knew not that she was his daughter in law.) And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? 17 And he said, I will send thee a kid from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? 18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet, and thy bracelets, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave it her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. 19 And she arose, and went away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 20 And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive his pledge from the woman's hand: but he found her not. 21 Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was openly by the way side? And they said, There was no harlot in this place. 22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the place said, that there was no harlot in this place. 23 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be shamed: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her. 24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 25 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff. 26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more." (Genesis 38:8-26 KJV) Tamar did that to take her right from her father in law, to take a seed from him because he withheld his youngest son from her. But what she did is wrong and is a sin. Therefore the Lord needed to prohibit that in His Word, "15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness." (Leviticus 18:15 KJV) "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." (Leviticus 20:12 KJV) so that no man will think to have his daughter in law, as well as no woman will think to have her father in law.

In spite of those warnings the Israelites did this unacceptable thing all over again, that profanes the name of the Lord: "6 Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; 7 That pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto the same maid, to profane my holy name: 8 And they lay themselves down upon clothes laid to pledge by every altar, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god. 9 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath." (Amos 2:6-9 KJV) "10 In thee have they discovered their fathers'

nakedness: in thee have they humbled her that was set apart for pollution. 11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbour's wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and another in thee hath humbled his sister, his father's daughter." (Ezekiel 22:10-11 KJV)

7. Amram marrying his father's sister: "20 And Amram took him Jochebed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years." (Exodus 6:20 KJV) "59 And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, whom her mother bare to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister." (Numbers 26:59 KJV) Amram was the son of Kohath, and Kohath was the son of Levi, "16 And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty and seven years." (Exodus 6:16 KJV) "57 And these are they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58 These are the families of the Levites: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korathites. And Kohath begat Amram." (Numbers 26:57-58 KJV) Therefore, it was needed for God to write this Word in His law, "12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman." (Leviticus 18:12 KJV) "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." (Leviticus 20:19 KJV), so the people of God would know their limitations in marriage and the deeds that are not for them to do.

8. Amnon and Tamar: One of the stories that are mentioned in the Bible is the attempt of Amnon in raping his father's daughter, Tamar, "1 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 And Amnon was so vexed, that he fell sick for his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and Amnon thought it hard for him to do anything to her. 3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very subtil man. 4 And he said unto him, Why art thou, being the king's son, lean from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's sister. 5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and make thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, I pray thee, let my sister Tamar come, and give me meat, and dress the meat in my sight, that I may see it, and eat it at her hand. 6 So Amnon lay down, and made himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, I pray thee, let Tamar my sister come, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at her hand. 7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon's house, and dress him meat. 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took flour, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. 9 And she took a pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. 10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the meat into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the chamber to Amnon her brother. 11 And when she had brought them unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my sister. 12 And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: do not thou this folly. 13 And I, whither shall I cause my shame to go? and as for

thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. 14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but, being stronger than she, forced her, and lay with her.” (2 Samuel 13:1-14 KJV) Tamar told Amnon when he was forcing her, *“I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee.” (2 Samuel 13:13 KJV)* Possibly Tamar wanted to change his mind and to push him away from her. But the truth is that he cannot marry her because the Word of God states, *“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)* The adultery that David previously did with Bathsheba had allowed fornication to come into his own family. But David should not allow or permit Tamar to go and be alone with her brother. In doing that David gave chance to the devil to work on Amnon and led him into temptation and finally to sin. Part of David's repentance is that he should not allow the circumstances that would cause his children to fall into temptation and sin.

My Dear and Beloved: Therefore, what is written in the Bible is not only to teach us but as well as to give us a warning that such things might happen in life. If it had happened in the past, it might even happen today. Therefore, we need to be watchful to protect our children, disciples and coworkers from such evil to happen to them.

Let us also be willing and commit ourselves to deal with such sins and those who are involved in such; not only to clean families and the church from such but also in order that people repent and got saved.

Let us pray ...

My Prayer: Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, and rose from the dead to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that reminded me and warned me to be aware of such sins and to be careful to cleanse your church from such pollution.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce 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 discipline to your children and to the ministry and the church under your care especially in allowing boys and girls to be together. Confess your lack of reading God's Word and your lack of prayers. Confess and renounce your lack of the fear of God in your life and doing your own will and plan and not the will nor the plan of God, especially in pertain to marriage. 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 suffer for God and serve Him in the way that He ordained in His Word. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins _____.

Lord I commit myself to apply the teaching of your Word that I received in this message; and not to allow boys and girls to intermingle together. Lord give me wisdom and perseverance to apply that in the life of my family, my ministry and the church that you placed me in. Lord

uphold me with your grace, protect and those with me, and provide for us our needs so we will continue to serve you.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and committed their lives to refrain from such violations and are willing to apply the Word that we received in this message in their lives. Lord protect them, and provide for them all their needs and support them in their lives. Lord I pray for others to repent and amend their ways and comply with your Word. Lord deal with those who rebelled against your Word and those who continued to sin against you.

Lord bless us as your church and help us to continue to teach and implement the discipline and the teaching that we received in this message. 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 congregations 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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