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Listen to me carefully. God's judgment is coming. The Judge is about to get up and He's about to come to earth to judge this world in righteousness and you and I need to be prepared. And you're prepared by listening to God and by believing what He says, by repenting. Repenting means a change of mind. And when I change my mind, it changes my direction.

PART ONE

God says, "Marriage is honorable in all and the bed undefiled, but fornicators and adulterers God would judge." You may say, "Well, what does He mean by a fornicator? What does He mean by adultery?" Well fornication is having sex outside of marriage and it includes all sorts of forms. It can include incest, bestiality. It can include just a single person with another single person having sex apart from entering into a marriage covenant. Adultery, what is it? Well adultery usually means that one of the



people having sex is really married to another person and what they have just done is they have made their marriage impure. They have defiled themselves by having sex outside of marriage. You know if you were to delve back into the history books of America, you would find out that when America was founded, that the Ten Commandments from God's Word were quite prominent in its founding. There was a respect for the laws of God. And the primers that the children studied from often quoted the Ten Commandments. And among those Ten Commandments you would find one: "You shall not commit adultery." You would find another one that says, "You shall not covet. You shall not covet your neighbor's servant, your neighbor's mate. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife." Why? Because it's an abomination unto God. You're not to look at someone else that is not your mate by marriage and desire that person sexually. Now desire is going to come because a man is turned on by sight. And desire is going to come because sometimes a woman is turned on by touch and she gets touched and all of a sudden there's a desire there. And so, we need to learn how to control our desires. And we're going to look at that as we look at God's precepts for life. But what I want us to do is I want us to go to the book of Leviticus. Now the Ten Commandments are found in Exodus, chapter 20. And there's where we have a list of those Ten Commandments, those Ten Words that were to be our standard, our general standard for the way that we would live in respect to God and in respect to one another. In Leviticus, chapter 20, so you can remember Exodus 20, the Ten Commandments and Leviticus, chapter 20, He spells out in detail what He means by immorality and what He means by adultery, and what He means why we shouldn't covet another person's husband or another person's wife. And in Leviticus, chapter 20, God talks about curses for immorality. And I want you to see these. In verse 7, He says, "You shall consecrate yourselves therefore and be holy, for I the Lord am your God." We are to be holy because God is holy. We were made in the image of God. And we are to live life on a higher



plane than living with our basic animal instincts so to speak. He said, "You shall keep My statutes, My laws and you shall practice them. I am the Lord who sanctifies you. I am the One that sets you apart. I'm the One that has given you these restrictions and I want you to know that you are to listen to what I say. And you are to practice what I say." And then He goes on to tell them the consequences of not obeying Him. And I want you to listen carefully. Because we are living in a time, in an age, where we are breaking God's commandments, where we are disregarding His statutes right and left on every hand. And it is destroying our society. I mean, never have we had so many divorces in all of our history than we have now. And never have we had such abuse of children and such abuse, sexual and physical abuse of women and even of men. And a lot of men hide that, but you would be surprised at all the sexual abuse that goes on with young boys and among men. And in fact, when you go to prison, it's just automatically known that in all probability any man put in prison will be raped by another man. And that's because we have no fear of God before our eyes. And I'm just praying that God will use this to put a fear of God before your eyes. First of all, by fear, I mean a trust. I mean a respect. I mean an honoring of God. Realizing that God is smarter than you are and that God knows the beginning and the end and God knows what's good for us and God knows what's bad for us. And God knows where disobedience is going to lead. And so we need to listen to Him, so that fear is a respect and a trust of Him and honoring Him as God. But there's also another fear there and this is a good healthy fear. "Hey if I don't obey, then I'm going to be dealt with. If I don't walk the way God says walk, then there are consequences to my disobedience." You may have heard that God is a judge. Yes, God is a judge, but He's a righteous judge. But He's also a loving judge. And what this loving judge did was He saw that the penalty for your disobedience would be paid for by His Son. So God is not only a judge, but God is an advocate, a lawyer that comes to plead your case. You say, "Well good, then I'll just go ahead and sin." Well,



He is an advocate, but not willful disobedience. I mean, when you know this is the way and you say, "I don't give a "blankety blank". I'm going to live the way I want to." Then you do come under the judgment of God. But listen. It says, "It is good for me that I've been afflicted, that I might learn Thy statutes." And sometimes we just have to have our faces put in the mud. But then God just reaches down, grabs us, pulls us out of the mud and says, "Now listen to Me. Read My lips. There's a way out of this mud, but it's My way. And if you'll take My way, then I will give you life and I will give it to you abundantly." Leviticus, chapter 20. What does God go on to say? He says, "If there is a man who commits adultery with another man's wife, the one who commits adultery with his friend's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." Now God's not governing over us right now. We're not living under a theocracy: Theo, meaning God. We're not living under a theocracy. We're living in the United States of America, under a democracy. But we're not living under God's control and authority right now. But I've got news for you, He is coming. And He is going to set up His kingdom. And there is a day coming when everybody on the face of this earth will be living under the authority of God. And you better get prepared for it. So God is saying this: "That if there is adultery, then I want you to know, My estimation, My judgment on adultery, would be death." If I were ruling, I would lay down the law and I would say, 'Okay, if you willfully commit adultery, then you're to be put to death." He says, "If there's a man who lies with his father's wife, he has uncovered his father's nakedness, both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them. There's not to be mother with a son or a father with a daughter." That is an abomination unto God. So incest is wrong. And then He goes on in saying, "You can't lie with your daughter-in-law. If you do, you should be put to death. They have committed incest. Their blood guiltiness is upon them." He goes on to say, "If there's a man who lies with a male as those who lie with a woman, both of them have committed a



detestable act. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them. If there's a man who marries a woman and her mother, it is immorality." In other words, threesomes are immorality. He says, "Both shall be burned with fire. There is to be no immorality in your midst. If there's a man who lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death. You shall also kill the animal. If there's a woman who approaches any animal to mate with it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood guiltiness is upon them." And he goes on and he talks about it and he comes down to verse 20. "If there's a man who lies with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin. They shall die childless. If there's a man who takes his brother's wife, it is abhorrent. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness. They shall be childless. You are therefore to keep My statutes and My ordinances and do them so the land to which I'm bringing you will not spew out you from this land." In other words, it defiles the land. Now if you were to go back to Leviticus, chapter 18, starting at verse 6, you would find that God is against incest. It's forbidden with family members. It's forbidden with blood relatives. It is forbidden with a grandparent and a grandchild. Do you know how many grandparents there are that sexually abuse their grandchildren? And I want you to know and understand this: that if your father sexually abused you and he has never repented and he has never come and asked you to forgive him and said, "This is an abomination and I am so sorry and I ask you to forgive me," don't you leave your child alone with a parent that sexually molested you. Because that sin has not been dealt with and it's an abomination and someday you're liable to find out that your own mother or your own father has sexually abused your child, has sexually misused them. He goes on to say, "That there is to be no sexual relationships with two members of the same family. He says that in Leviticus 18, in verses 17 and 18. He goes on, "You are not to do it with your neighbor's mate." He goes



on to say in verse 22. He says, "You shall not lie with a male as one lies with a female." Now listen, this is what He says, "It is an abomination."

PART TWO

I didn't make these words up. I didn't create them. It is not my opinion. I am not taking one side or the other. I am simply telling you and reading to you what the Word of God has to say. He says in Leviticus 18 and verse 24, "Do not defile yourselves by any of these things. For by all these the nations whom I am casting out before you have become defiled." Now God is speaking this to His children, Israel, just before He gets ready to take them into the land of Canaan, a land that God has promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob as an everlasting possession. You can read about it from Genesis 12 all the way through, right up this time. All the way through the first five books of the Bible, He deals with the fact that this is the land that belongs to Israel. Now, why is He casting the inhabitants out of the land and giving that land to Israel? Because the inhabitants of that land defiled that land by their sexual immorality, by their sexual perversion, by those things that were an abomination unto God. Do you think that God is going to let a nation get away with that kind of sin? No, because it destroys God's plan for man. It destroys the family unit. It robs children of their innocence. It fragments families. It takes parents away from their children. It takes husbands away from their wives. God hates it. God has ordained the family. Every family, Ephesians 3 tells you this, every family in heaven and on earth is derived from God's family. God set the pattern. So He says, "The land has become defiled. You know God will persevere with a nation, with a people, with a family, with an individual just for so long. And then there comes a time when our cup of iniquity is full and that iniquity overflows and when it overflows, then God reaches out in judgment. So just know this, you may be involved in any one of these things that I read about in the Word of God. And you may think it's perfectly all right. And society may say to you, "It's



perfectly acceptable. You have to tolerate everybody. You can't say something's right or wrong." Well listen, God has said what is right and what is wrong. And those that are valiant for God are going to stand for what God said, they may be persecuted now, but someday they're going to be rewarded. Someday, they're going to be blessed. Because there's a day coming when God is going to come and God is going to judge every single human being. And He's going to judge them in the light of what this Word says. You say, "But I didn't know it." It doesn't matter. You could know it. You could know it. God says, "If you will search for Me and seek for Me with all your heart, I will be found of you." If you don't believe that, try it. Just say to God, "Okay God, You heard that woman. Now if that's true, God, then You show me." And God will. Just open the Book and start reading. Because God has spoken. But listen to what He says. He says, "That land has become defiled; therefore..." I have visited it's punishment upon it, so that the land has spewed out its inhabitants." Do you know what God's words were to Joshua when he went into this land? He said, "I want you to go in and I want you to destroy...," Listen carefully, "...every man, every woman, every child. Destroy them. Put them to death...," Why? "...because the cup of iniquity was full and overflowing." And the land was defiled and it was time for God's judgment. Listen to me carefully. God's judgment is coming. The Judge is about to get up and He's about to come to earth to judge this world in righteousness and you and I need to be prepared. And you're prepared by listening to God and by believing what He says, by repenting. Repenting means a change of mind. And when I change my mind, it changes my direction. What does God say to a man about his sexual behavior? Well, I want you to go to Proverbs. Now Proverbs has a lot to say. Proverbs, chapter 5, verse 15. By the way, these are wise sayings. These are sayings that lead to life. If you follow them, they're going to lead to life. They're going to lead to blessing. They're going to lead to, in a sense, health, health, a salvation from all that would destroy you. So they're wise



sayings. And he says, "Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well. Should your springs be disbursed abroad, streams of water in the streets? Let them be yours alone and not for strangers with you." You say, "What's he talking about?" You hang on, just listen to the context. "Let your fountain be blessed and rejoice with the wife of your youth, as a loving hind and a graceful doe, let her breasts satisfy you at all times." Rejoice with the wife of your youth. Drink water out of your own cistern. Are you thirsty? Are you craving something? Are you desiring sex? That's what he's saying. He's saying, "Okay, go to your own cistern. Get it out of your own well. Don't go around town. Rejoice with the wife of your youth. You have a desire. Let her breasts satisfy you at all times. Be exhilarated always with her love. Why should you, My son, be exhilarated with an adulteress?" Now listen, what He's saying is: any woman that is going to have sex with you outside of the marriage contract is an adulteress. He says, "Why should you embrace the bosom of a foreigner?" By foreigner, He means that's a stranger to you. You're wife is your mate. Your wife is your family, if you have the breasts of your wife to satisfy you, why are you going to the bosom, to the breasts of another woman? He says, "For the ways...," Now listen carefully. "The ways of a man are before the eyes of the Lord. And He watches all his paths." There's not a thing that God misses. He sees where you're headed. "His own iniquities, your own sins will capture you." They will capture you. "His own sins will capture the wicked." And He calls it wickedness. "And he will be held with the cords of his sin." Listen to me very carefully. The Bible says, "Whosoever commits sin becomes the slave of sin." And if you're into pornography, you know exactly what I'm talking about because there was a day when you just simply looked. There was a day when something caught your eye and then you were curious. And then you wanted to see more. And then you followed more. In Proverbs, chapter 5, when He says, "Drink water from your own cistern and fresh water from your own well." He's saying, "Get your sex



inside of marriage. Get it with your wife and no place else." There is a God in heaven. And God says, "Marriage in honorable in all and the bed undefiled." He says, "Sex inside of marriage is wonderful. I designed it. I meant it to be that way. But fornicators and adulterers I will judge." You will answer to God. You say, "I can't control my passions." Then my friend, you need to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior. Because when you do, He gives you His Spirit. And one of the by-products of the Spirit is self-control. There's no excuse. God has made a provision. Now don't be immoral. Be righteous!