

Study Guide for Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005. Sexual Morality: Preserving the Family. Dt. 22:13-30.

Introduction: Describe a family that in your opinion is **strong**. Now identify some of the factors that lead to a **weak** family. What can you do to **strengthen** your family?

I. Marriage is SACRED.

- A. Read Gen. 2:18-25. Highlight one insight which builds strong marriages.
- B. Review the 7<sup>th</sup> Commandment: Ex. 20:14 & Dt. 5:18. How is this broken today?

II. Perversion is PROHIBITED.

Read the legislation listed in Lev. 18. How is our culture missing God's design?

- A. What reason is given for God's people to obey the subsequent laws? (vs. 1-5)
- B. Read the list of laws (vs. 6-23). What conclusions can you draw about morality?
- C. What warning does God give (vs. 24-30) as a conclusion to this legislation?

III. Sex, Lies, and the Consequences. (Deut. 22:13-30)

- A. Pre-marital Unchastity Exposed: (Vs. 13-21)
  - 1. What does the man claim?
  - 2. What are the consequences if his claim is proven false?
  - 3. What are the consequences if his claim is proven true?
- B. Adultery Punished: (Vs. 22)
  - 1. What is the penalty for adultery? (see also Lev. 20:10)
  - 2. What reason is given for this punishment?
  - 3. Read and reflect on Jesus interaction in John 7:53-8:11
- C. Variations of Sexual Sin: (vs. 23-30)
  - 1. Differentiate between the four scenarios in this section.
  - 2. In what way do these laws protect the woman?

In light of this study, comment on Heb. 13:4 "Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral."