



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Leviticus 18 | Kevin DeYoung

“Sexual Integrity for a People Set Apart”

Sunday Morning, April 23, 2023

Big Idea: “God establishes the rules for sexual intimacy.”

1. **“You are not your own.”** Kevin said, “The purpose of your life, no matter what the world tells us, is not your fulfillment, your self-expression, or your sexuality (...) You are not your own.” The fact that we belong to God is fundamental to the Christian life, yet easy to forget. How does the fact that you belong to God both challenge and comfort you this week?
2. **Sexual Ethic:** Kevin said that the Church’s sexual ethic has been peculiar to the pagan world all throughout history. What are the ways that the modern culture’s notion of sexuality is at odds with the Christian one?
3. **Younger Generation:** The culture’s opinion of the Christian sexual ethic has shifted greatly in the last century. They used to think the Christian view of sex was respectable. Now, it’s just oppressive. What criticisms do young Christians receive today that many of you didn’t have to face?
4. **Parents & Children:** (read v. 21) At first glance, it seems like the church has this one covered: don’t sacrifice kids to gods, check. Yet, some of the motives still echo in our day. Kevin said, “The Bible says that *parents* exist for their *children*² (...) Many assumptions in our culture tell us that *children* exist for their *parents*.” Have you seen kids become more of a commodity to some parents in our day? How can this temptation leak into a Christian home?
5. **The West Wing:** (read v. 22) Kevin quoted a popular scene from the show, *The West Wing*. One character shows the other how silly and detestable all the OT prohibitions were to our modern “more enlightened” day; including rules against homosexuality. Are there any biblical truths that you are tempted to be ashamed of?
6. **Repentance:** Read Rev 3:16-20. How do these verses offer hope to those struggling with sin? What other verses do we have to encourage us to fight against sin?
7. **Homosexuality:** Kevin gave three reasons why homosexuality is sin; both in Israel’s day and ours alike.³ Take a moment and pray for our church’s witness in our community, that it would be both clear and compassionate, and that those living in sin would come to know Christ as Savior.

¹ SDGs are available every Monday evening on the church website. Just look for the Small Groups page!

² That is, for their protection, nurturing, discipleship, well-being, and maturity.

³ 1. Homosexuality goes against our *nature* as designed by God.

2. Homosexuality is the only activity called an “abomination” in Lev 18.

3. Homosexuality is explicitly forbidden in the NT as well (1 Cor 6:9, 1 Tim 1:10; see also Rom 1:26-27).

*For a more detailed treatment, see Kevin’s book *What Does the Bible Say About Homosexuality?*