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- 1. <u>Command</u> to Avoid <u>Pagan</u> Customs (vv. 1-5)
 - a. God's Laws did not inhibit Israel's humanity, they empowered Israel's wholeness.
 - b. "I am the Lord your God" reminded Israel of who they were and whose they were.
 - c. Sexuality is to be <u>cherished</u> as a sacred gift, not <u>cheapened</u> by casual abuse.
 - d. Confluent love leaves us physically sterile, relationally frustrated, emotionally isolated.
- 2. <u>Characteristics</u> of <u>Purified</u> Community (vv. 6-23)
 - a. Verses 6-18 are a prohibition on incest.
 - b. Verse 19 prohibition on sexual impurity.
 - c. Verse 20 prohibition on adultery.
 - d. Verse 21 prohibition *idolatry*.
 - e. Verse 22 prohibition on homosexuality activity.
 - f. Verse 23 prohibition on bestiality.
 - g. Sanctified sexuality is God's <u>blessing</u> for us not a <u>burden</u> to us.
 - h. There is <u>wholeness</u> when there is <u>holiness</u> in a community characterized by purity.
- 3. <u>Caution</u> about <u>Prideful</u> Criticism (vv. 24-30)
 - a. Later Israel was <u>exiled</u> for doing <u>exactly</u> what the pagans did.
 - b. God warned Israel because He knew their weakness.
 - c. What we <u>condemn</u> today, we may have to <u>confess</u> tomorrow.