

# HOW TO LIVE IN HOLINESS/WHOLE-I-NESS

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### LEVITICUS 19:1-18

2. Speak to the whole Israelite community and say to them: You shall be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.
3. You shall each revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I the Lord am your God.
4. Do not turn to idols or make molten folds for yourselves: I the Lord am your God.
5. When you sacrifice an offering of well-being to the Lord, sacrifice it so that it may be accepted on your behalf. 6. It shall be eaten on the day you sacrifice it, or on the day following; but what is left by the third day must be consumed in fire. 7. If it should be eaten on the third day, it is an offensive thing, it will not be acceptable. 8. And he who eats of it shall bear his guilt, for he has profaned what is sacred to the Lord; that person shall be cut off from his kin.
9. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap all the way to the edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest.
10. You shall not pick your vineyard bare, or gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I the Lord am your God.
11. You shall not steal; you shall not deal deceitfully or falsely with one another. 12. You shall not swear falsely by My name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord.
13. You shall not defraud your fellow. You shall not commit robbery. The wages of a laborer shall not remain with you until morning.
14. You shall not insult the deaf, or place a stumbling block before the blind. You shall fear your God: I am the Lord.
15. You shall not render an unfair decision: do not favor the poor or show deference to the rich; judge your kinsman fairly. 16. Do not deal basely with your countrymen. Do not profit by the blood of your fellow: I am the Lord.
17. You shall not hate your kinsfolk in your heart. Reprove your kinsman but incur no guilt because of him. 18. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against your countrymen. Love your fellow as yourself: I am the Lord.

א וַיְדַבֵּר ה', אֶל-מֹשֶׁה לֵאמֹר. ב דַּבֵּר אֶל-כָּל-עַדְת בְּנֵי-יִשְׂרָאֵל, וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם--קְדוּשִׁים תִּהְיוּ: כִּי קְדוֹשׁ, אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹקֵיכֶם. ג אִישׁ אָמוֹ וְאָבִיו תִּירָאוּ, וְאֶת-שִׁבְתֵּי תִשְׁמְרוּ: אֲנִי, ה' אֱלֹקֵיכֶם. ד אֶל-תִּפְנוּ, אֶל-הַאֲלִילִים, וְאֱלֹהֵי מַסַּכָּה, לֹא תַעֲשׂוּ לָכֶם: אֲנִי, ה' אֱלֹקֵיכֶם. ה וְכִי תִזְבְּחוּ זֶבַח שְׁלָמִים, לַיהוָה--לְרֹצְנֵיכֶם, תִּזְבְּחֶהוּ. וּבַיּוֹם זִבְחֵיכֶם יֵאָכַל, וּמִמָּחֳרָת; וְהַנּוֹתֵר עַד-יוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי, בָּאֵשׁ יִשְׂרָף. ז וְאִם הָאָכַל יֵאָכַל, בַּיּוֹם הַשְּׁלִישִׁי--פְּגוּל הוּא, לֹא יִרְצָה. ח וְאִכְלוּ עֹוֹנוֹ יִשָּׂא, כִּי-אֶת-קְדוֹשׁ ה' חָלַל; וְנִכְרַתָּה הַנֶּפֶשׁ הַהִוא, מֵעַמִּיהָ. ט וּבִקְצֹרְכֶם אֶת-קִצִּיר אֲרָצְכֶם, לֹא תִכְלֶה פֶּאת שְׂדֵךְ לַקְצֹר; וְלִקֵּט קִצִּירְךָ, לֹא תִלְקֹט. י וְכִרְמֶךָ לֹא תַעֲזוּל, וּפְרֹט כִּרְמֶךָ לֹא תִלְקֹט: לַעֲנִי וְלַגֵּר תַּעֲזֹב אֹתָם, אֲנִי ה' אֱלֹקֵיכֶם. יא לֹא-תִגְנְבוּ; וְלֹא-תִכְחֲשׂוּ וְלֹא-תִשְׁקְרוּ, אִישׁ בְּעַמִּיתוֹ. יב וְלֹא-תִשָּׁבְעוּ בְשֵׁמִי, לְשָׁקֵר: וְחִלַּלְתָּ אֶת-שֵׁם אֱלֹהֵיךָ, אֲנִי ה'. יג לֹא-תַעֲשֶׂק אֶת-רֵעֶךָ, וְלֹא תִגְזֹל; לֹא-תִלִּין פְּעֻלַּת שִׁכְרִי, אֶתְךָ--עַד-בֹּקֶר. יד לֹא-תִקַּל לְחַרֵּשׁ--וְלִפְנֵי עוֹר, לֹא תִתֵּן מִכְשָׁל; וְנִרְאֵת מִאֲלֹהֵיךָ, אֲנִי ה'. טו לֹא-תִלְוֶה רֵכִיל בְּעַמִּיךָ, לֹא תַעֲמֹד עַל-דַּם רֵעֶךָ: אֲנִי, ה'. יז לֹא-תִשְׁנֵא אֶת-אֲחִיךָ, בְּלִבְבְּךָ; הוֹכֵחַ תּוֹכִיחַ אֶת-עַמִּיתְךָ, וְלֹא-תִשָּׂא עָלָיו חֲטָא. יח לֹא-תִקֵּם וְלֹא-תִטּוֹר אֶת-בְּנֵי עַמֶּךָ, וְאֶהְבֵּת לְרֵעֶךָ כְּמוֹד: אֲנִי, ה'.

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### LEVITICUS 11: 41-47

41. All the things that swarm upon the earth are an abomination; they shall not be eaten. 42. You shall not eat, among all things that swarm upon the earth, anything that crawls on its belly, or anything that walks on fours, or anything that has many legs; for they are an abomination. 43. You shall not draw abomination upon yourselves through anything that swarms; you shall not make yourselves unclean therewith and thus become unclean. 44. For I the Lord am your God: you shall sanctify yourselves and be holy, for I am holy. You shall not make yourselves unclean through any swarming thing that moves upon the earth. 45. For I the Lord am He who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God: you shall be holy, for I am holy. 46. These are instructions concerning animals, birds, all living creatures that swarm on earth, 47. For distinguishing between the unclean and the clean, between the living things that may be eaten and the living things that may not be eaten.

מא וְכָל-הַשָּׂרָץ, הַשָּׂרָץ עַל-הָאָרֶץ--שֶׁקֶץ הוּא, לֹא יֵאָכֵל. מִבְּכָל הַחַיָּה עַל-הָאָרֶץ וְכָל הַחַיָּה עַל-הָאָרֶץ, עַד כָּל-מִרְבֵּה רִגְלִים, לְכָל-הַשָּׂרָץ, הַשָּׂרָץ עַל-הָאָרֶץ--לֹא תֹאכְלוּם, כִּי-שֶׁקֶץ הֵם. מִגַּם אֶל-תִּשְׁקָצוּ, אֶת-נִפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם, בְּכָל-הַשָּׂרָץ, הַשָּׂרָץ; וְלֹא תִטְמְאוּ בָהֶם, וְנִטְמַתֶּם בָּם. מִדְּכִי אֲנִי ה', אֲלֵקִיכֶם, וְהִתְקַדְּשֶׁתֶם וְהִיִּיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים, כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי; וְלֹא תִטְמְאוּ אֶת-נִפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם, בְּכָל-הַשָּׂרָץ הַרְמֵשׁ עַל-הָאָרֶץ. מִהַיּוֹם הַזֶּה אֲנִי ה', הַמַּעֲלֶה אֶתְכֶם מֵאֶרֶץ מִצְרַיִם, לְהִיִּתְּ לָכֶם, לְאֱלֹהִים; וְהִיִּיתֶם קְדוֹשִׁים, כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי. מִזֹּאת תִּזְכְּרוּ תְּהִיָּה, וְהַעֲוֹן, וְכָל נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה, הַרְמֵשׁ בְּמֵימַי, וְלְכָל-נֶפֶשׁ, הַשָּׂרָץ עַל-הָאָרֶץ. מִזֶּה תִּבְדְּלוּ, בֵּין הַטְּמֵא וּבֵין הַטָּהוֹר; וּבֵין חַיָּה, הַנִּזְקָקֹת, וּבֵין חַיָּה, אֲשֶׁר לֹא תֹאכֵל.

### LEVITICUS 20: 23-26

23. You shall not follow the practices of the nation that I am driving out before you. For it is because they did all these things that I abhorred them 24. and said to you: You shall possess their land, for I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey. I the Lord am your God who has set you apart from other people. 25. So you shall set apart the clean beast from the unclean, the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not draw abomination upon yourselves through beast or bird or anything with which the ground is alive, which I have set apart for you to treat as unclean. 26. You shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy, and I have set you apart from other peoples to be Mine.

כִּי לֹא תִלְכוּ בְּחֻקֵי הַגּוֹי, אֲשֶׁר-אֲנִי מְשַׁלַּח מִפְּנֵיכֶם: כִּי אֶת-כָּל-אֱלֹהֵי עֲשׂוּ, וְאֶקְרָא בָּם. כִּד נֹאמַר לָכֶם, אֶתֶם תִּירְשׁוּ אֶת-אֲדֻמַּתֵם, וְאֲנִי אֶתְנַנֶּה לָכֶם לְרֵשֶׁת אֶתְהָ, אֶרֶץ זָבַת חֶלֶב וּדְבַשׁ: אֲנִי ה' אֲלֵקִיכֶם, אֲשֶׁר-הִבְדַּלְתִּי אֶתְכֶם מִן-הָעַמִּים. כִּי הִבְדַּלְתֶּם בֵּין-הַבְּהֵמָה הַטָּהוֹרָה, לְטְמֵאָה, וּבֵין-הָעוֹף הַטְּמֵא, לְטָהוֹר; וְלֹא-תִשְׁקָצוּ אֶת-נִפְשֹׁתֵיכֶם בְּבְהֵמָה וּבְעוֹף, וּבְכָל אֲשֶׁר תִּרְמֹשׁ הָאֲדָמָה, אֲשֶׁר-הִבְדַּלְתִּי לָכֶם, לְטְמֵא. כִּי וְהִיִּיתֶם לִי קְדוֹשִׁים, כִּי קְדוֹשׁ אֲנִי ה'; וְאֲבַדְל אֶתְכֶם מִן-הָעַמִּים, לְהִיִּיֹת לִי.

### LEVITICUS 21: 1-8

The Lord said to Moses: Speak to the priests, the sons of Aaron, and say to them: None shall defile himself for any [dead] person among his kin, 2. except for the relatives that are closest to him: his mother, his father, his son, his daughter, and his brother, 3. also for a virgin sister, close to him because she has not married, for her he may defile himself. 4. but he shall not defile himself as a kinsman by marriage, and so profane himself.

5. They shall not shave smooth any part of their heads, or cut the side-growth of their beards, or make gashes in their flesh. 6. They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God; for they offer the Lord's offerings by fire, the food of their God, and so must be holy.

7. They shall not marry a woman defiled by harlotry, nor shall they marry one divorced from her husband. For they are hold to their God 8. and you must treat them as holy, since they offer the food of your God; they shall be holy to you, for I the Lord who sanctify you am holy.

א וַיֹּאמֶר ה' אֶל-מֹשֶׁה, אָמַר אֶל-הַכֹּהֲנִים בְּנֵי אַהֲרֹן; וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵהֶם, לְנֶפֶשׁ לֹא-יִטְמָא בְּעַמִּיו. ב כִּי, אִם-לְשָׂאָרוֹ, הִקְרַב אֵלָיו: לְאִמּוֹ וּלְאָבִיו, וּלְבָנוֹ וּלְבִתּוֹ וּלְאָחִיו. ג וְלְאֶחָתוֹ הַבְּתוּלָה הַקְּרוּבָה אֵלָיו, אֲשֶׁר לֹא-הִיָּתָה לְאִישׁ--לָהּ, וְיִטְמָא. ד לֹא יִטְמָא, בַּעַל בְּעַמִּיו--לְהַחֲלוֹ. ה לֹא-יִקְרַח (וְקִרְחוּ) קִרְחָה בְּרֵאשִׁים, וּפְאֵת זָקָנָם לֹא יְגַלְחוּ; וּבִבְשָׂרָם--לֹא יִשְׂרְטוּ, שְׂרָקֶת. ו קְדוֹשִׁים יִהְיוּ, לְאֵלֵקִיָּהֶם, וְלֹא יַחֲלֹו, שֵׁם אֵלֵקִיָּהֶם: כִּי אֶת-אֲשֵׁי ה' לֶחֶם אֵלֵקִיָּהֶם, הֵם מִקְרִיבִים--וְהָיוּ קְדוֹשִׁים. ז אִשָּׁה זָנָה וְחִלְלָה לֹא יִקְחוּ, וְאִשָּׁה גְרוּשָׁה מֵאִשָּׁה לֹא יִקְחוּ: כִּי-קְדוֹשׁ הוּא, לְאֱלֹהֵינוּ. ח וְקִדְּשׁוּ--כִּי-אֶת-לֶחֶם אֵלֵהֶיךָ, הוּא מִקְרִיב; קְדוֹשׁ, יִהְיֶה-לְךָ--כִּי קְדוֹשׁ, אֲנִי ה' מִקְדְּשְׁכֶם.