The Holiness Code: Leviticus 19:1-18

1. The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

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 (fear) your mother and your father, and keep My Sabbaths.

4. Do not turn to idols or make molten gods for yourselves. I, the Lord, am your God.

5. 'When you sacrifice an offering of wellbeing to the LORD, sacrifice it in such a way that it will be accepted on your behalf.

6. It shall be eaten on the day you sacrifice it or on the next day; anything left over until the third day must be burned up.

7. If any of it is eaten on the third day, it is impure and will not be accepted.

8. Whoever eats it will be held responsible because they have desecrated what is holy to the LORD; they must be cut off from their people.

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. You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I the Lord am your God.

11. You shall not steal, and 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 neighbor fairly.

16. Do not deal basely with your countrymen. Do not stand on 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.