

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.**