

Bethany Bible Study & Discussion



Deuteronomy Part 24 (chapter 22) KJV

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Chapter 22

Caring for Neighbors' Property, Dress code, Separation Principle, Sexual Purity

What should be our attitude towards neighbor's property? (1-4)

Why is a gender-based dress code proposed? (5)

Why must we show kindness to mother bird? (6-7)

Why must safety guidelines be followed for homes? (8)

How is the principle of separation applied? (9-12)

How to deal with a bride who is not a virgin?; How to deal with rape, extra marital relationships, incest? (13-30)

#7 Thou shalt not commit adultery

#8 Thou shalt not steal

#10 Thou shalt not covet

And **2nd** of two greatest commandments ...
Love your neighbor

Application of
Ten
Commandments
in Ch.22



Respecting Neighbor's property (1-4)

Lost & Found (1-4)

Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt in any case bring them again unto thy brother.

² And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it unto thine own house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him again.

³ In like manner shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his raiment; and with all lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found, shalt thou do likewise: thou mayest not hide thyself.

⁴ Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

What to do with Lost items found?

If a lost item is found,

do not keep it (that will be stealing!)

Return it to owner

If owner not known, take care of it until owner seeks it

Principle applies to ox, sheep, ass, raiment (and by assumption, everything else). Applies to enemies as well.

Exodus 23:4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again.

Leviticus 19:18 Thou shalt love thy neighbors as thyself

Fallen or helpless animals

If animal is fallen, pick it up
(do not ignore & walk away)

Be like the good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-35)

LUKE 10:33-34 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, ³⁴ And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

Is there a dress code?

(5)

Dress code

⁵ The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord thy God.

Dress code

Men and Women created as equal but are unique

Genesis 1:27

So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Goal: Maintaining gender distinction is important

(not the actual dress worn)

(considered abominable - cross dressing, gender neutral dresses, change of dress to deceive someone or as act of pagan worship)

Does bible prescribe a dress code for church?

NO ... There is no "Sunday dress" prescribed in the Bible.

BUT, Modesty and decency in dressing is expected among believers

In Church (and in society) - It is desirable to respect and honor the established norms, without compromising modesty and decency.

1 Timothy 2:9-10 (dress worthy of worship)

I also want the women to dress modestly, with decency and propriety, adorning themselves, not with elaborate hairstyles or gold or pearls or expensive clothes, ¹⁰ but with good deeds, appropriate for women who profess to worship God.

Mode of dress should not have sinful intentions or cause others to be tempted (both men & women)

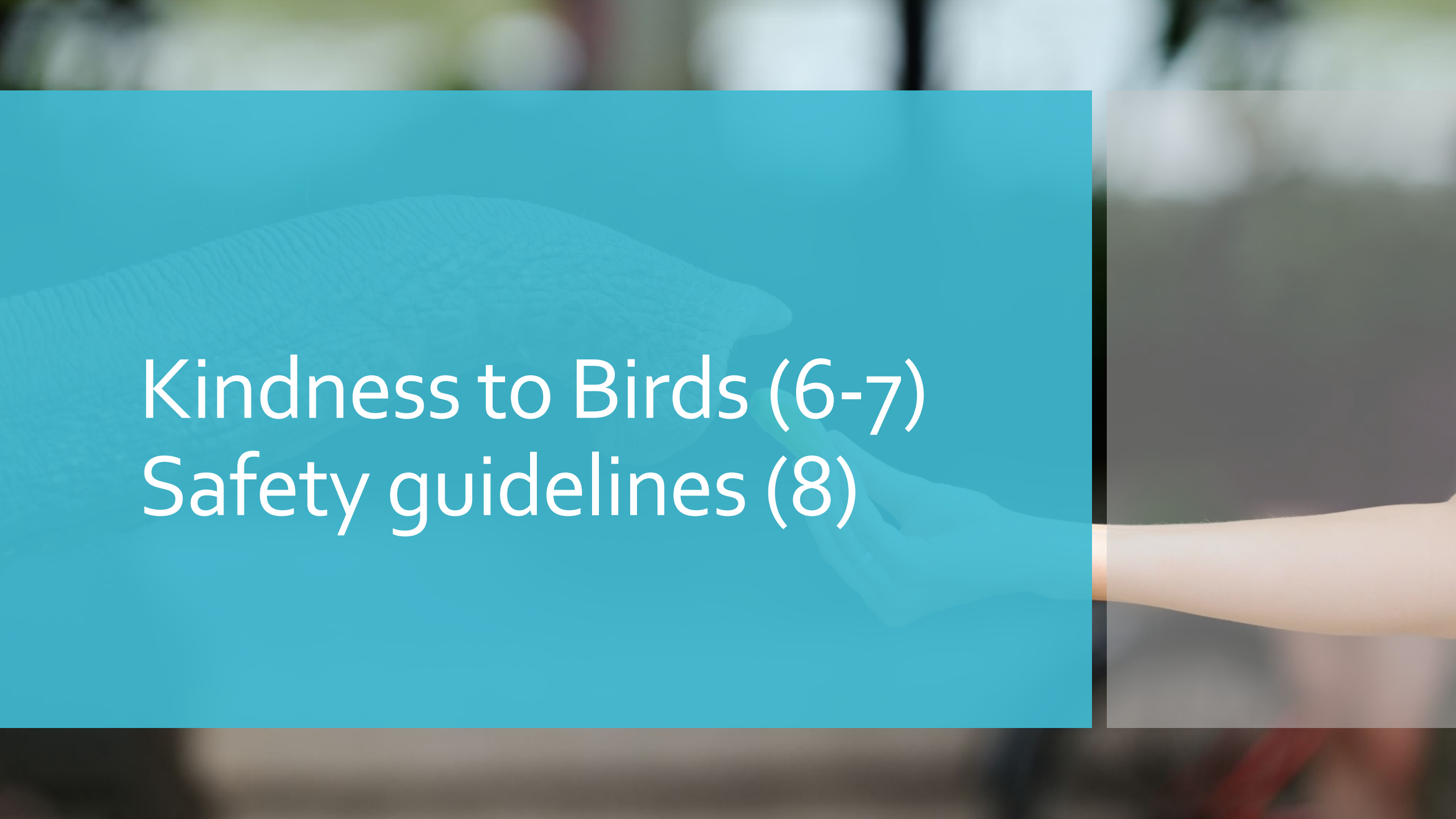
Of hair

I Corinthians 11:14

Does not the very nature of things teach you that if a man has long hair, it is a disgrace to him

I Corinthians 11:6

For if a woman does not cover her head, she might as well have her hair cut off; but if it is a disgrace for a woman to have her hair cut off or her head shaved, then she should cover her head.

A photograph of a hand gently holding a small bird, overlaid with a teal semi-transparent rectangle. The text is centered within the teal area.

Kindness to Birds (6-7)
Safety guidelines (8)

Kindness to Birds (6-7)

⁶ If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way in any tree, or on the ground, whether they be young ones, or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the dam with the young: ⁷ But thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, and take the young to thee; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

Kindness to Birds (6-7)

Must show kindness to birds (and animals)

Mother bird must not be killed ... this ensures conservation of the species

We must be good stewards of all that God has created

... longevity of our life depends on it (7)

Safety guidelines (8)

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Roof may be used for social gatherings, meetings of kids and adults

Ensure roof is safe by building protective railguards

Poor safety may result in accidents, loss of life, and guilt of bloodshed

Similarly, we all need a hedge to protect our spiritual life.



Separation Principle

(9-12)

Separation laws ... call to be different!

⁹ Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

¹⁰ Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together.

¹¹ Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, as of woollen and linen together.

¹² Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four quarters of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

Separation

- Do not mix seeds (to maintain purity of harvest) (9)
- Do not partner ox & donkey for ploughing (10) (Leviticus 11, ox clean and donkey considered unclean, or mixing strong and weak animals)
- Do not mix garments of wool & linen (11)
- Make tassels on four corners (12) (to reveal to others and remember your identity as a Jew, Numbers 15:37-41)

LEVITICUS 19:19

Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed: neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woolen come upon thee.

Separation Principle

Separation (a) shows distinction, and (b) leads to holiness

Scripture prescribes separation for our spiritual protection

II Corinthians 6:14, 17

¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? . . . ¹⁷ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

Genesis 12:1

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:



**Sanctity of Marriage
Covenant and Purity
(13-21)**

Sanctity of Marriage and Virgin Bride (13-21)

¹³ If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her,¹⁴ And give occasions of speech against her, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I found her not a maid:

¹⁵ Then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate: ¹⁶ And the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hateth her;

¹⁷ And, lo, he hath given occasions of speech against her, saying, I found not thy daughter a maid; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city.

¹⁸ And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him;

¹⁹ And they shall amerce him in an hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days.

²⁰ But if this thing be true, and the tokens of virginity be not found for the damsel:

²¹ Then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the whore in her father's house: so shalt thou put evil away from among you.

Sanctity of marriage

Marriage is established by God and is honorable in His eyes

Sexual purity critical for healthy marriages and building strong families

Adultery destroys marriages and weakens families

Virgin Bride:
Protection to
innocent bride,
and punishment
to the guilty

Virginity valued and expected before marriage

- What if the bride is not a virgin on the day of wedding?
- What if the husband loses his affection for his bride and falsely slanders his bride?

Virgin Bride:

Protection to
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the guilty

If bride is not a virgin, husband feels cheated of the promise of pure bride (and the money paid to her father). He can bring a charge accusing his bride of adultery and parents of deception/fraud

- **If bride is found guilty** (or not a virgin on wedding night implying she had other immoral relationships), she will be stoned to death (21)
- **If husband is found guilty** of lying in order to get out of the relationship:
 - Must pay fine to his father-in-law (100 shekels of silver, hefty fine ... compare to some other monetary fines) (double the average bridal gift) (19)
 - Cannot divorce her all his days (19)
- **Law protects** innocent brides from abusive husbands not willing to honor marriage covenant and/or lying to spoil the reputation of bride.

**Sexual intimacy
compromised**
(4 scenarios) (22-29)

Summary:

Sexual intimacy compromised (4 scenarios, 22-29)

1. Adultery among consenting adults .
Both guilty and punished

2. Relationship between engaged woman & man

- If in city, both guilty
- If in the field, only man guilty

3. Sexual Relationship with a virgin
(Man pays her father 50 shekels of silver and must marry her)

4. Incest (relationship with family member) prohibited

#1. Adultery

²² If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, both the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away evil from Israel.

If a man found guilty of lying with a married woman

How to put away this evil?

Both man & woman put to death

Leviticus 20:10

And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

John 8:3 Only the woman was brought before Jesus (where was the man who participated in the act of adultery?)

Stoned for Adultery

DEUTERONOMY 17:5-7

⁵ Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

⁶ At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

⁷ The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

John 8:7

He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.

**Sexual immorality
with Woman (23-29)**

Sexual Immorality (23-29)

²³ If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; ²⁴ Then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away evil from among you.

²⁵ But if a man find a betrothed damsel in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her: then the man only that lay with her shall die. ²⁶ But unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter:

²⁷ For he found her in the field, and the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her. ²⁸ If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found;

²⁹ Then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife; because he hath humbled her, he may not put her away all his days.

#2 Sexual immorality with an Engaged woman (23-27)

An engaged woman is regarded to be in a married relationship

Hence any intimate relationship with or by such a woman is considered adultery

Depending on circumstances (voluntary or involuntary),
punishment varies

**Sexual
immorality
with Engaged
woman:
Consensual
versus rape
(23-27)**

Engaged woman found with a man In the city (23-24)

- Man “lies” with her (indicating consensual relationship) (23)
- Both guilty of adultery
- Woman – considered guilty as she did not shout for help

Engaged woman raped In the field (25-27)

- Man “forces” and lies with her (suggesting rape) (25)
- Only man is guilty
- Woman not guilty – as no one may have heard her cry for help in the field

#3 Forced Intimacy with woman (not engaged) (28-29)

Since woman is not yet engaged/married, it is not adultery

- It could be consensual sexual intimacy or forced rape
- Man shall give the father of woman 50 shekels of silver (father considered the “guardian” or “owner” of his children)
- She will become his wife
- He cannot walk away
 - The law protects the woman as she may not find another husband once this act is made public. Father is compensated for the fair bride price

Sexual purity in Marriage

Hebrews 13:4

Marriage is honorable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge

Mathew 5:28-29

But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.²⁹ And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

#4 Incest (30)

A man shall not take his father's wife, nor discover his father's skirt.

Incest ... sexual intimacy with anyone you are legally forbidden to marry (family members)

The law applies to intimate relationship with step mother or step sister (which is likely to be the case)

Incest (30)

LEVITICUS 20: 11

And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

LEVITICUS 18:8

The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness.

DEUTERONOMY 27:20

Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen.

I CORINTHIANS 5:1

It is reported commonly that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife.

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