

## INTRODUCTION

Leviticus chapter 15 provides instruction on **following God's plan for relational healthiness and wholeness.**

1. Leviticus chapter 15 reaffirms the truth that **God demands \_\_\_\_\_ in His presence.**
  - a. This chapter conveys that normal and \_\_\_\_\_ are incompatible with the holiness of God.
    - i. 2 – 15 Chronic ongoing issues for a man
    - ii. 16 – 17 Occasional occurrences for a man
    - iii. 19 – 24 Occasional occurrences for a woman
    - iv. 25 – 30 Chronic ongoing issues for a woman
  - b. Holiness is not compatible with the everyday aspects of physical life. The aspects of procreation and the functions of our reproductive systems are out of place in the place of worship.
  - c. Defilement and impurity require \_\_\_\_\_ for restoration.

2. Highlighted in verse 18, God helps us to **recognize the proper place of sex in relationships.**

In contrast to the surrounding culture and religions, sex and sexuality were to be kept in their proper place.

Canaanite religious practices used sexual relations as part of their worship and fertility rituals.

All of this was out of place for the worship of God. God's people were to be \_\_\_\_\_ from the surrounding culture.

For God followers this meant:

1. Sex was to be respected and taken seriously.
  2. Sexual passions and physical conditions had to be controlled.
  3. If they were careful to curtail diseases and infections and follow proper hygiene, they would most likely have healthy and productive marriages.
  4. And in this way, the spiritual meaning of the laws of Leviticus 15 helped develop the physical wholeness of the community of God's followers.
3. Pursue holiness and purity to **follow God's plan for relational healthiness and wholeness.**

- a. You were created for relationship.
  - b. The Bible explains that marriage is one man and one woman for life. **READ Genesis 2.20 – 25.**
  - c. Further the Bible tells that sex is to be preserved for marriage.
    - i. This facilitates \_\_\_\_\_. Genesis 1.28:
    - ii. It is provided for your enjoyment. Song of Solomon is all about this. Chapter 4, verse 8, and Chapter 6, verse 3.
    - iii. Reserving sex for marriage helps to curtail disease. A tragic case in point is the AIDS crisis in Africa.
    - iv. Research indicates that marriage fosters relational \_\_\_\_\_.
    - v. Marriage also preserves the family unit—God’s building block of society.
4. God provides us the framework to follow His plan for relational healthiness and wholeness. What can that look like in your life?

### **In a marriage—**

### **A Special note to Youth—**

**For all of us—**God knows your story.  
**Psalm 37.4:**