

Rules for our good...

Recap: 19:1-2: *'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.'*

1. Don't follow the nations, do obey God (v1-5 & v24-30)

- don't follow the nations & do follow God
- to enjoy life with God i.e. for your good
- and so not vomited out of the land

2. Set #1: Don't marry close relatives (incest) (v6-17)

- to protect the family home, since these often lived in the same house
- to protect the family bond, since we 'leave' family to create another (Gen. 2:24)
- God's design is reiterated by Jesus (Matt. 19:4-6), so applies to us (1Cor. 5:1)

3. Set #2: Don't practise sexual immorality (v18-23)

- whether physical (v18, 20, 22, 23) or spiritual (v21 cf. 20:1-8)
- still based on God's creation design for good (Gen. 1:26-28, 2:24)
- reiterated by Jesus (Matt. 5:27-28, 19:4-6, 22:37), so applies to us (1Cor. 6:18-20)

***We've been bought at a great price,
so let's honour God with our bodies!***