

# Coburg Road Church of Christ

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**Marriage & Divorce #4 - In The Beginning**



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1. There was Law before Moses.
2. There was INSTINCTIVE Law before Moses.
3. There was no WRITTEN Law before Moses.

**Romans 2:14**

**“Do by nature / instinct  
the things of the Law”**

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Genesis 4:16f	First instance of incest	<i>NOT WRONG</i>
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Genesis 20	2 <sup>nd</sup> <u>TAKING</u> of another's wife	<i>WRONG</i>
Genesis 34	First instance of rape	<i>WRONG</i>
Genesis 34	First mention of harlotry	<i>WRONG</i>



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1. **SOME** things known instinctively
2. **NOT** all things known instinctively

## **Romans 7:7**

**I would not have known about  
coveting if the Law had not said,  
“*YOU SHALL NOT COVET.*”**

**So, what Law WERE all these people under ?**

Adam Abraham Moses Christ End  
 1900 BC 1500 BC



**MARRIAGE LAW**

<b>PEOPLE</b>	<b>JEW &amp; GENTILE</b>	<b>JEW &amp; GENTILE</b>	<b>PEOPLE</b>
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**1st Law: All**

**1st Law: All ?**

**JEWS: 2nd (easier) Law**

**GENTILES: 1st Law**

**1st Law: All**

**GENTILES Always Under Instinctive and HIGHER Law than Jews ?**

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**Acts 10:34** I most certainly understand now that  
God is not one to show partiality

**Rom. 2:11** There is no partiality with God

**Eph. 6:9** Both their Master and yours is in heaven  
and there is no partiality with Him

**Col. 3:25** He who does wrong will receive the conse-  
quences of the wrong which he has done,  
and that without partiality

**1 Pet. 1:17** If you address as Father the One who  
impartially judges according to each one's  
work, conduct yourselves in fear...

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**UNIVERSAL MORAL LAW**

WHAT VERSES IN O. T. SAY  
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# WHEN MANKIND REBELS, WHAT DOES GOD DO?

Adam & Eve:	Cast out of the Garden to suffer	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Cain kills Abel:	Wanderer, no man could kill	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Noah's World:	All but eight drowned	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Ham sees Noah:	Cursed, servant to brothers	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Babel:	Language confused, scattered	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Pharoah & Sarai:	Great plagues	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Sodom & G:	Fire and brimstone destruction	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Lot's wife:	Pillar of salt	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Pharoah:	HARD HEART = 10 plagues	NO ALLOWANCE MADE
Pharoah:	HARD HEART = Drowned	NO ALLOWANCE MADE

**WHAT VERSES IN O. T. SAY ANY MORAL  
OR MARRIAGE LAW EVER CHANGED?**

I believed God CHANGED Marriage Law.

I also believed God LOWERED Marriage Law.

I believed God allowed easy divorce to Jews alone.

## CONSEQUENCES:

1. God allowed covenant breaking.

2. God made the wives pay the price.

3. God made the children pay the price.

4. God was partial (and favored) the evil men.

5. Let us do evil that evil may be ALLOWED.

**Now that I've actually LOOKED...**

**I find no place where God yields to man's sin or rebellion.**

**I find no place where God ever SAYS He is yielding to sin.**

**Besides, Moses' Law didn't LOWER any standards.**

**I rather think, now, that Moses RAISED standards.**



**Romans 7:7** I would not have known about coveting if the Law had not said, “YOU SHALL NOT COVET.”

**Exodus 25-30** Tabernacle construction & Priests clothing

**Leviticus 1-7** Extremely elaborate sacrificial system

**Leviticus 11** Dietary Laws (not even inherently evil)

**Lev. 12-15** Laws on discharges, leprosy, etc.

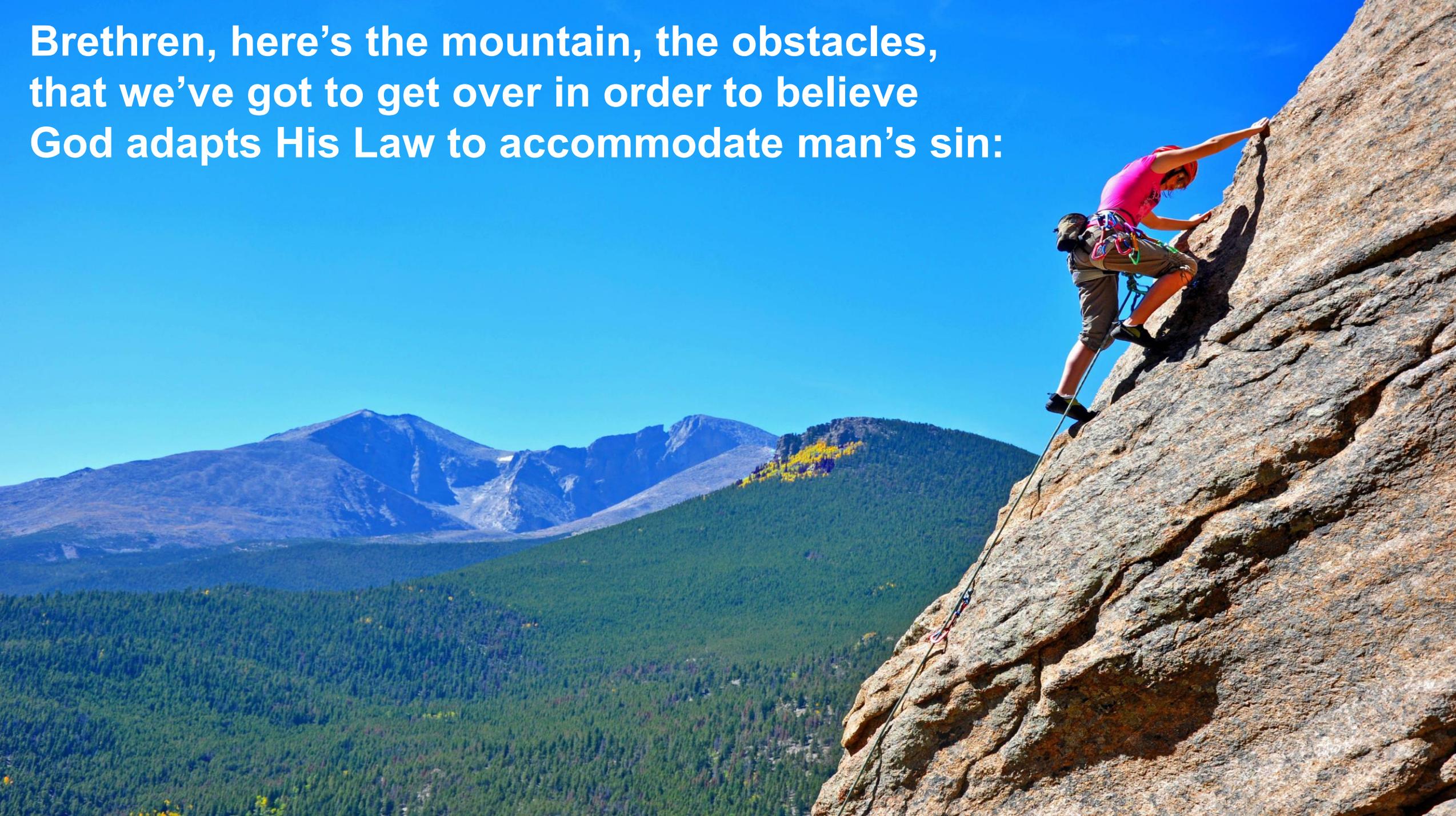
**Lev. 18-20** Extensive definitions on sex sins

**Lev. 21f** Numerous priestly requirements

**Lev. 23** All of the Sabbaths and other Holy Days

**Lev. 24f** Jubilee, Poverty, Slavery

**Brethren, here's the mountain, the obstacles,  
that we've got to get over in order to believe  
God adapts His Law to accommodate man's sin:**



**If, in all the Old Testament,  
God Lowered Moral or Marriage Law:**

- 1. He never SAID He did. (No Command)**
- 2. He never gave an example. (No Example)**
- 3. He never implied that He did. (No Inference)**
- 4. He'd have yielded to sin.**
- 5. He'd have been partial to sinners.**
- 6. He'd have permitted covenant breaking.**
- 7. He'd have abandoned the wives & children.**
- 8. He'd have allowed evil that evil might come.**

# Four Bedrock Principles:

1. Better to marry than burn
2. Stay in current condition
3. Don't forbid marriage
4. Don't promote divorce



