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WHAT ABOUT TATTOOS?

TEXT: Leviticus 19:2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, **Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.**

11 Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour, neither rob him: the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.

14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind, but shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD.

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.

16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people...

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.

18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD.

26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times.

28 Ye shall not **make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD.**

29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore...

31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and fear thy God: I am the LORD.

1 Peter 1:14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance:

16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

2 Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first **commandment** with promise;)

James 2:11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law.

12 So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.

1 Kings 18:28 And they cried aloud, and **cut themselves after their manner** with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and **ware no clothes**, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

Mark 5:5 And always, night and day, he was in the mountains, and in the tombs, crying, and **cutting himself with stones**.

6 But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him.

"Death and darkness have always been a classic tattoo theme - skulls, snakes, demons, and spider webs are all conventional tattoo imagery..."

(Jean-Chris Miller, *The Body Art Book*)

Tattoo: "...mark the skin with pigment'...'pigment design in skin,' **1769** (noun and verb, both **first attested** in writing of Capt. Cook), from a Polynesian noun...Century Dictionary (1902) describes them as found on **sailors and uncivilized people** or as a sentence of punishment."

(*Online Etymology Dictionary*)

Job 13:27 Thou putttest my feet also in **the stocks**, and lookest narrowly unto all my paths; thou **settest a print upon the heels of my feet**.

"It is present on all continents and most cultures...tattoos have also been applied to penalize...or to simply mark that person as being in the lower ranks of society."

(Aaron Deter-Wolf, Carol Diaz-Granados, *Drawing with Great Needles*, 2013)

Leviticus 19:28 Ye shall not **make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you**: I am the LORD.

"Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put **tattoo marks** on yourselves. I am the Lord."
(*NIV*, Lev. 19:28)

"You shall not make any cuts in your body for the dead nor make any **tattoo marks** on yourselves: I am the Lord."

(*NASB*, Lev. 19:28)

Print: "...to make an impression..."

(*Online Etymology Dictionary*)

Job 19:23 Oh that my words were now written! oh that they **were printed** in a book!

24 That they were **graven** with an iron pen and lead in the rock for ever!

"The first inventor thereof, as most agree, is thought to be a German...named J. Faustus, a goldsmith...the man being industrious and active...God Himself was the ordainer and disposer thereof..."

(John Foxe, *Foxe's Book of Martyrs*, 1554)

"...among all the learned I have convers'd with, whose curiosity hath lead them to search into the rise and progress of Printing, and all the writers upon this subject I could ever meet with, not one has pretended to have seen any book printed in John Guttenbergh's name, even in the oldest monuments remaining of the infancy of this art...That on the contrary, where there is any mention made of either printer or place, it is still in Faust's...name...it seems evident beyond contradiction, that the glory of this invention is wholly due to John Faust..."

(Palmer, *The General History of Printing*, 1733)

John 20:25...But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands **the print of the nails**, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe.

"Tattoos are very common amongst prostitutes. Tattoos are very common amongst homosexuals. Tattoos are very common amongst witches and in the Goth crowd. Tattoos are very common amongst street gangs and punks. I don't know of any Christ-honoring Christians who have had tattoos placed on their body. I do know some Christians who have tattoos on their body from their sinful past, and they have told me that Satan had control of their life before they were saved; but I don't know of ANY Bible-believing Christians who've been tattooed while close to the Lord... Marks on the body have always been associated with sin and slavery. It's crazy! Satan would love to murder children; but people abort their own children voluntarily. Satan would love to destroy our health; but people smoke themselves into a wheelchair voluntarily. Satan would love to place his mark upon us; but people do it voluntarily. Satan inspires people to destroy themselves, and people are stupid enough to do it...fornication is so commonplace that many men and women have lost respect for their bodies. This is especially true of women...We are living in apostate times, when Satan is conditioning the masses to receive the coming antichrist...It is NO coincidence that fornication, abortion, idolatry, covetousness, feminism, rock-n-roll, witchcraft, lesbianism, and tattoos have become popular in recent decades--this is because of the apostate condition of America's Christians. Most of America's preachers have stopped preaching hard against sin, and have gone the greedy way of Balaam. Rise up oh Christian!"

(<http://www.jesus-is-savior.com/Evils%20in%20America/Apostasy/tattoos.htm>)

"...who are these philistines that you see every day, and how can I recognize them?...it almost seems as if modern man wishes to run around in grass skirts and nose bones..."
(<http://thejadesphinx.blogspot.com/2011/08/new-american-philistine.html>)

"We **modern philistines** tell ourselves that rejecting the customs and conventions of a stuffy, old elite will release creativity and bring about a renaissance. Nothing could be further from the truth...Shame vanishes. Any criticism becomes 'haters gonna hate'...Obesity, the product of a lack of discipline, sloppy dressing, loud and intimate cellphone chats broadcast to a captive audience and foul language nonchalantly uttered...Tattoos are form of self-expression that have moved from gangs and prisons to the mainstream...people today...risk hepatitis to ape the decorative styles of prison gangs...let's quit pretending that there's anything charming about stripper-themed fashion and financial irresponsibility."

(Charlotte Hays, *New York Post*, November 2, 2013)

"Consider how the now-mainstream baggy pants style originated in prison, where inmates' trousers would sag because belts were disallowed. And tattoos - once known as tramp stamps - are now stamps designating membership in the cool pool...And what really drives this trashing of our culture? Frankfurt School communist Willi Munzenberg once said that he wanted 'to organise the intellectuals and use them to make Western Civilisation stink. [Because] [o]nly then, after they have corrupted all its values and made life impossible, can we impose the dictatorship..."

(*The New American*, November 2013)

"*Siberian Princess reveals her 2,500 year old tattoos*...To many observers, it is startling how similar they are to modern-day tattoos...The remains of the immaculately dressed 'princess', aged around 25 and preserved for several millennia in the Siberian permafrost...were discovered in 1993...There, too, was...a small container of cannabis...Her head was completely shaved...She had tattoos on both arms, from shoulders to wrists, with some on the fingers, too..."

(<http://siberiantimes.com/culture/others/features/siberian-princess-reveals-her-2500-year-old-tattoos/>, Aug. 2012)



-In 1891, two ancient Egyptian female mummies were discovered...with tattoos...dots and dashes...It has been reasoned that they were the marks of dancing girls...Egyptian prostitutes...

"Four thin, black lines, stacked on top of each other, bring the total number of tattoos on Ötzi, a 5,300-year-old mummified iceman, to 61...Even the hikers who discovered him in the Italian Alps in 1991 noticed he had markings on his skin."

<http://www.livescience.com/49611-otzi-iceman-mummy-tattoos.html>

"Most of the barbarous nations lately discovered have their faces, arms, breasts, etc., curiously carved or tattooed..."

(Clarke's Commentary, Leviticus 19)

"In 1891, archaeologists discovered the 4,000-year-old mummy of an Egyptian priestess of Hathor - the Egyptian goddess of love. She had parallel lines tattooed on her arms and thighs as well as an elliptical design below her navel...Headhunters...from...Pacific islands tattooed themselves to appease the gods before the headhunt...South American headhunters also used tattoos as part of their rituals...In the Mideast, Babylonian and Canaanite and Hebrew shrine prostitutes tattooed themselves as part of their worship. Baal worshipers wore tattoos on their hands to gain power from Baal. In India, shrine prostitutes tattooed themselves to look like the various gods they worshiped. In primitive areas of India the wife of the village sorcerer is the tattoo artist...The letting of blood and body modification have always been associated with pagan worship and witchcraft...The

root of tattooing never changes; it is, and always has been, a pagan spiritual activity...If we truly belong to Christ, we should know and understand that our bodies are not our own...Rolling Stone magazine quoted famous tattoo artist Paul Booth as saying that while he is tattooing people, 'he allows his clients' demons to help guide the needle'..."

(<http://www.charismamag.com/life/culture/8471-the-dark-side-of-tatoos>, "The Dark Side of Tattoos," Dec. 31, 2009)

"*Tattoo Regret: Why The Majority Of Middle-Aged Americans Are Deciding To Blast Away Their Ink...*" (<http://www.medicaldaily.com/>)

"Tattoos are a waste of time, money and future regret...A critical question to consider when deciding on getting a tattoo is why it's important. Is it because it makes one stand out? The thing is, once people have adorned themselves in ink, they go to the beach the next day only to find themselves surrounded by tattoo aficionados. After looking forward to displaying this new ink, it turns out that every tough dad, surfer dude and party chick on the beach has one too and they don't usually differ vastly...Getting a tattoo is not as liberating as we'd like to think. The grass is always greener on the other side and there are plenty of ways to stand out without ruining perfectly good skin...Choosing to have a tattoo is a way people wish to be separated from the crowd. But it's really just leaving one crowd for another."

(<http://www.dailytitan.com/2015/02/tattoos-are-a-waste-of-time-money-and-future-regret/>)

"Despite tattoos becoming more mainstream - they still can't seem to shake their stereotypical image, a study suggests. Researchers at Anglia Ruskin university found a link that suggests people with tattoos are angrier than those who don't. Additionally, they suggest the more tattoos you have, the angrier you are...The study, to be published in the journal *Body Image*...According to the research, 'tattooed individuals reported significantly higher levels of verbal aggression, anger, and reactive rebelliousness compared with non-tattooed adults!'"

(<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/science/people-who-have-tattoos-are-more-aggressive-than-those-who-dont-a6696651.html>, Oct. 16, 2015)

Romans 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

24 Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves:

29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness...

Leviticus 18:3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you:

Leviticus 20:23 And ye shall **not walk in the manners of the nation**, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and **therefore I abhorred them**.

Jeremiah 10:2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen...

Ephesians 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk**, in the vanity of their mind,

19 Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness...

2 Corinthians 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

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