

## **The Levite's Concubine:**

**The woman nobody loved**

(Judges 19-21)

### **I. THE CHAUVENISM OF THE CULTURE**

#### **A. The Life of the Concubine**—*evidence of low view of women*

**1. Her Status** —lower-class wife; a woman kept for sex

a. A Slave Wife

b. A Wife without a Dowry

c. Not an Equal Partner (Gen 1:27; Gen 2:23)

**2. Her Unfaithfulness** (19:2) —*adultery or the fact that she left him?*

**3. Her Family** (19:2)—*she was somebody's daughter*

#### **B. The Character of the Levite** (19:18)—*a man of God?*

**1. Cowardly** (19:25)— *sacrificed wife, hid behind woman*

**2. Calloused** (19:26-29)—*"get up"; desecration of body*

**3. Self-righteous** (20:4-7)—*presents himself as completely innocent*

#### **C. The Character of the Old Man** (19:16-24; Gen 19)

**1. Gracious Host**—*noticed, invited into his home, provided for them*

**2. Rotten Father**—*willing to sacrifice his daughter for a male guest*  
→ *Acting honorably according to the standards of his culture!*

## II. **THE HORROR OF THE INCIDENT** (19:30)

### A. **The Crime**

**1. The Violation of Hospitality** (19:15, 22; Ex 22:21; Lev 19:34)

*God forbids the abuse of foreigners.*

**2. The Violence of Rape** (Gen 6:11-13; Mal 2:16) *God hates violence.*

**3. The Abomination of Homosexuality** (Lev 18:22; 20:13; Rom

1:24, 28; 1 Cor 6:9; 1 Tim 1:10; Jude 7) *God forbids*

*homosexuality—classified as wicked abomination*

**4. The Outcome of Murder** (Gen 9:6; Ex 20:13) *A capital offense*

**B. The Punishment** (20:8-11)—*civil war to annihilate Benjamin*

**C. The Result** (21:10-23)—*the abuse and sacrifice of more women!*

## III. **THE ANSWER OF JESUS**

**A. Where were you?** (Ps 34:18; 139:7-8; Jer 23:23-24; ) I was there.

**B. Don't you care?** (Jn 3:14-17; 15:13) I came to earth because I care.  
I went to the cross because I care.

**C. What were you doing?** (Isa 53:4-5; 61:1-3; Rev 21:3-5) I was taking it into myself and walking toward the cross with it. I am making all things new.

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