

Leviticus 17-20 – 10 September 2020

“Values For Everyday Life”

Introduction

Leviticus – Pertaining to the Levites

Leviticus 1-7 presented the 5 sacrificial offerings in the Law of Israel – they picture the cross of Christ

Leviticus 8-10 1st institution of the 1st Levitical priests

Leviticus 11-15 shows us the institution of clean & unclean

Leviticus 16 – The Day of Atonement – This is the initiation of clean for the yearly cycle

Now Lev 17-20 – shows us the everyday daily routine of remaining clean before the Lord

This will allow us to get to Lev 21-27 which shows all the ways to approach God w/ offerings, feasts, vows and special days

God wants to see a daily walk of purity from us

Psm 51:16-17, I Sam 15:22 – Our spiritual activity means nothing if we're not living purity before God

So all these Laws that say “Don't do”, isn't designed to hinder our joy and progress but to help it!

Example: Don't steal – not designed to limit you from obtaining but to limit yourself being stolen from

Example: Don't commit adultery – not designed to limit but to show the value and joy of marriage

In all the “Don't dos”, today we'll see 4 values for everyday life

1st Value for everyday life is proper worship of God (Chap 17:1-16)

Read Chap 17:1-4

1. There is a proper place to worship God
2. For Israel – Tabernacle worship was prescribed
3. For us – John 4:22-23 – Changed to worship of God in spirit and in truth

Read Chap 17:5-9

1. There is a proper person to worship God thru
2. For Israel – The priest is that man
3. For us – I Tim 2:5 – 1 mediator between God & man, the man Christ Jesus

Read Chap 17:10-16

1. Vs 11 – Life is in blood that makes atonement
2. There is a proper provision to worship God
3. For Israel – The blood of an innocent animal
4. For us – The Lamb of God that takes away...

Application

1. What's Chap 17 teaching us?
 - a. We can't create our own form of worship
 - b. We need to value the way God says He should be worshipped
2. Why? It's for our own good.
 - a. Will prevent from being idol-worshippers.
 - b. Will enable us to know/worship God!

2nd Value for everyday life is proper marital relations (Chap 18:1-30)

Read Chap 18:1-5

1. We'll see this is about marital, sexual purity.
2. Don't do marriage like where you came from.
3. Don't do marriage like where you going either.
4. Vs 5 – Obedience will bring prosperity!

Chap 18:6-20 (Just read vs 6-7 & 19-20)

1. List of all women of close relation not to have adult relations with.
2. Remember this are spiritual principles that have physical side effect benefits.
 - a. As the genetic code decays, these laws become even more physically necessary
3. Vs 8 – the nakedness of the spouse is spoke of as belonging to their spouse.
4. The picture of marriage is important to God as showing the relationship between God & man.

Read Chap 18:21

1. Heat up the statue of Molech and place the newborn on the arms of the statute while beating the drums to drown out the baby's screams.
2. They did this to newborns that they didn't plan for and didn't want that resulted from illicit sex.
3. This still happens today --- we call it abortion.
4. See when you have a valuable marriage union then the fruit of the womb is seen as valuable!

Read Chap 18:22-23

1. Homosexuality & bestiality = violation of God
2. Why is marriage between 1 man & 1 woman?
 - a. B/c God designed it that way to picture His union with mankind.
 - b. The individual must approach God.

Read Chap 18:24-30

1. Even creation (land) sees this as a violation of God's created order and nature. (Value Marriage)

3rd Value for everyday life is proper relations with other people (Chap 19:1-37)

Chap 19:1-22 – *Love others as yourself*

Read Vs 1-3

1. Respect for others begins w/ those who brought you into this world.
2. At every stage of life respect your parents

Read Vs 4-8

1. Your worship should be from your free-will, not to look “good” in front of friends.
2. Jesus said, (Read Matt 6:1-2)
3. You’re not loving others if you’re showing a false worship to them
 - a. We need to have a daily, genuine love.

Read Vs 9-10

1. This was the Lord’s food stamp program to show love for foreigners and the poor.

Read Vs 11-22

1. All these, not to hinder your own advancement but to show love and respect for others.

Chap 19:23-25 – *Fruit trees being fruitful*

Read Vs 23-25

1. 3 yrs no harvest, 4th yr is the Lord's, then theirs
2. The Lord knew this is the way to be the most fruitful.

Chap 19:26-31 – *Avoid Demonic Powers*

Read Vs 26-31

1. People have ability to offer demons entrance
2. The warning: Don't be like them or ID w/ them
3. This isn't a prohibition against tattoos, it's a prohibition against identifying with the demonic

Chap 19:32-37 – *Kindness to immigrants & just trade*

Read Vs 32-34

1. “Love him as yourself” doesn’t mean ‘give them free stuff’
2. It means they need to work, just as you do.
3. Let them fairly earn their way, don’t vex them

Read Vs 35-37

1. Just trade
2. God’s not saying to “give away the bank” and make yourself broke.
3. God’s also not saying to be hard and steal.
4. Justice is equal and fair.

4th Value for everyday life is proper Govt that punishes the rebellious (Chap 20:1-27)

Read Chap 20:1-5

1. Idol worshippers should be stoned to death
2. Those that won't do their duty to stone, should be stoned. This is a national duty!
3. God's form of capital punishment was stoning
4. Why?
 - a. If bacteria come to you home and give little Susie sinus infection, you contain it to Susie & deal w/ Susie – so it doesn't spread further.
 - b. If fire spreads in the forest, you contain it, then put it out – so it doesn't spread further.
 - c. If sin breaks out in our hearts, we're to contain it & deal w/ it – so it doesn't spread further
 - d. For those wholly given over to a lifestyle of sin, they need contained & dealt w/ - so it doesn't spread further.

Read Chap 20:6-8

1. “Cut him off from among the people” – stoning
2. So Satanists were to be executed b4 it spreads

Read Chap 20:9

1. Those that curse mom or dad
2. Not a fit of anger, but a lifestyle of cursing

Chap 20:10-21 (Read only vs 10-11, 20-21)

1. These vss go thru each category of sexual sin that we saw in chapter 18
2. So the sexually immoral should be put to death

Chap 20:22-26

1. God has set them up as a separate, holy nation!
2. It's their nation obligation to be special & holy

Chap 20:27

1. Just in case you didn't get it yet
2. As protecting your land from a forest fire, it's their national duty to keep what God freely gives.

Conclusion

So everyday life: Here are 4 values that God would have us to hold in esteem

1. **Value proper worship of God**

- a. There's a proper place – spirit & truth
- b. There's a proper person to approach God thru – Jesus Christ
- c. There's a proper provision – Lamb of God

2. **Value proper marital relations**

- a. As our closest human relationship, marriage pictures God's relationship w/ His people

3. **Value proper relation with other people**

- a. Loving others is how you treat them
- b. But also how you role-model God to them!!
- c. If we mis-represent God to them, we're hating our friends and family

4. **Value proper Gov't that punishes rebellious**

- a. Pray for a godly gov't them represents godly value, be involved where you can!