

Leviticus 17, 18, 19 Pt 1

Jesus

Leviticus 16:1 [LORD to Moses] "Tell Aaron your brother **not to come at just any time** into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat which is on the ark, lest he die; for I will appear in the cloud above the mercy seat ...**29** "This shall be a statute forever for you: In the **seventh month**, on the **tenth day** of the month, you shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all ...**30 For on that day** the priest shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, that you may be clean from all your sins before the Lord.

I. Sanctity of Blood

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to Aaron, to his sons, and to all the children of Israel, and say to them, 'This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying: 3 "Whatever man of the house of Israel who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, 4 and **does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle** of meeting to offer an offering to the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD, the guilt of bloodshed shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and **that man shall be cut off** from among his people, 5 to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to the priest, and offer them as peace offerings to the LORD. 6 And the priest shall sprinkle the **blood on the altar** of the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet aroma to the LORD. 7 They shall **no more offer their sacrifices to demons**, after whom they have **played the harlot**. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations."

Q. What if I want to sacrifice at a different place

A. Stop sacrificing/playing the harlot w/demons

- **Ezekial 20:** Idolatry in Egypt

Ezekial 20:5 "Say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "On the day when I chose Israel and raised My hand in an oath to the descendants of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt, I raised My hand in an oath to them, saying, '**I am the Lord your God.**' 6 On that day I raised My hand in an oath to them, to **bring them out of the land of Egypt** into a land that I had searched out for them, 'flowing with milk and honey,' the glory of all lands. 7 Then I said to them, 'Each of you, **throw away the abominations** which are before his eyes, and **do not defile yourselves** with the idols of Egypt. I am the Lord your God.' 8 **But they rebelled against Me** and would not obey Me. They did not all cast away the abominations which were before their eyes, nor did they forsake the **idols of Egypt.**

Exodus 22:20 "He who sacrifices to **any god**, except to the Lord only, he shall **be utterly destroyed.**

- **V7 Demons:** heb. *śā'îr* He-goat.
- **Egyptian deity:** Mendes. Half goat/Half man
- **Greek deity:** Pan. rt. storm, shiver, dread, bristle w/horror

Sacrifices were offered to Pan in Egypt/Wilderness to keep away *Pan-ic*
Thus do not offer meat anywhere except the Tabernacle... or be cut off

No more sacrifices to demons...

Deuteronomy 32:17 They **sacrificed to demons**, not to God, To gods they did not know,
To new gods, new arrivals That your fathers did not fear.

2 Chronicles 11:15 Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, **for the demons**, and the calf idols which he had made.

Psalm 106:37 They even **sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons...**

1 Corinthians 10:20 Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have **fellowship with demons.**

Application: Include God in every situation and you won't be drawn back
Meals/Entertainment/Vacations/etc.

8 "Also you shall say to them: 'Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, 9 and **does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting**, to offer it to the LORD, that man shall **be cut off** from among his people.'

I can worship God anywhere by myself
I don't need to go to church with all those hypocrites

All the Epistles in the NT deal with our dealings with others

Believers are the temple of God/We need to come to the Temple
IOWs Come to the church

Anti-church people never finish well
Isolation never works in the long term

10 'And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who eats any blood, **I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off** from among his people. 11 For the **life of the flesh is in the blood**, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.' 12 Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.' 13 "Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall **pour out its blood and cover it with dust**; 14 for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. **Whoever eats it shall be cut off.**'

Pagans drank the blood of their Sacrifices
For God's people to drink blood was a capital offense

- Do not eat blood 8X OT

Genesis 9:4 [First mention] But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.

Matthew 26:28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Romans 3:25 ...whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed...

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

Colossians 1:14 ...in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins
...20 and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

Hebrews 9:22b ...without shedding of blood there is no remission.

15 "And every person who eats what or **died naturally** what was **torn by beasts**, whether he is a native of your own country or a stranger, he shall both **wash** his clothes and **bathe** in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean. 16 But **if he does not** wash them or bathe his body, then **he shall bear his guilt.**"

- Eating animals who died naturally allowed
- Wash and be unclean until evening

Leviticus 22:8 [Different for Priests] Whatever dies naturally or is torn by beasts he shall not eat, to defile himself with it: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 18

Jesus

I. Laws of Sexual Morality

1 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'I am the LORD your God. 3 According to the **doings of the land of Egypt**, where you dwelt, **you shall not do**; and according to the **doings of the land of Canaan**, where I am bringing you, **you shall not do**; nor shall you walk in their ordinances. 4 You shall observe **My judgments** and keep **My ordinances**, to walk in them: I am the LORD your God. 5 You

shall therefore keep **My statutes** and **My judgments**, which if a man does, he shall live by them: **I am the LORD.**

Don't imitate what you *have seen* in Egypt
Don't imitate what you *will see* in Canaan

Joshua 24:14 "Now therefore, fear the Lord, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the Lord! ¹⁵And if it seems **evil to you to serve the Lord**, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for **me and my house, we will serve the Lord.**"

Deuteronomy 12:30 ...take heed to yourself that you are not **ensnared to follow them**, after they are destroyed from before you, and that you **do not inquire after their gods**, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.' ³¹ You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every abomination to the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they **burn even their sons and daughters in the fire** to their gods.

Application

Don't chase Past Sympathies or Future Curiosities

Be Set Apart to My Judgements/My Ordinances/My Statutes
I Am the LORD. Be My people

Exodus 6:7 I will **take you as My people**, and I will be your God. Then you shall know that I am the Lord your God who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Leviticus 11:44 For I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore consecrate yourselves, and you shall **be holy; for I am holy.**

Theme of Leviticus is Holiness
The Spirit begins by dealing with Sexual Sin

1 Corinthians 6:18 **Flee sexual immorality.** Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

6 `None of you shall approach anyone who is near of kin to him, to uncover his nakedness: **I am the LORD.** 7 The nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother you shall not uncover. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. 8 The nakedness of your father's wife you shall not uncover; it is your father's nakedness. 9 The nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father, or the daughter of your mother, whether born at home or elsewhere, their nakedness you shall not uncover. 10 The nakedness of your son's daughter or your daughter's daughter, their nakedness you shall not uncover; for theirs is your own nakedness. 11 The nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, begotten by your father—she is your sister—you shall not uncover her nakedness. 12 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your

father's sister; she is near of kin to your father. 13 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, for she is near of kin to your mother. 14 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother. You shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt. 15 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law—she is your son's wife—you shall not uncover her nakedness. 16 You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife; it is your brother's nakedness. 17 You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, nor shall you take her son's daughter or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness. They are near of kin to her. **It is wickedness.** 18 Nor shall you take a woman as a rival to her sister, to uncover her nakedness while the other is alive.

God addresses sexual behaviors Israel will encounter in Canaan

Sexual molestation is a horrible crime in our society—and it should be—but in Canaanite society their god, Baal, raped his sister while she was in the form of a calf “seventy-seven, even eighty-eight times.”^[1] In other words, Baal raped her a lot. Baal also regularly had sex with his daughter Pidray,^[2] and at his father's urging Baal had sex with his mother Asherah to humiliate her.^[3] We should expect that if the Canaanites worshiped a god who rapes his sister and has an ongoing sexual relationship with his daughter and sexually humiliates his mother, that the Canaanites would imitate their god's behavior. As Psalm 115:8 says **“Those who make [idols] become like them; so do all who trust in them.”**

[1 and 2] W. F. Albright, *Yahweh and the God's of Canaan: A Historical Analysis of Two Contrasting Faiths* (Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns, 1968), 128-129, 145.
[3] James B. Pritchard, ed., *The Ancient Near East: Supplementary Texts and Pictures Relating to the Old Testament* (Princeton: Princeton University, 1969)

19 'Also you shall **not approach a woman** to uncover her nakedness as long as she is **in her customary impurity**. 20 Moreover you **shall not lie** carnally with your **neighbor's wife**, to defile yourself with her. 21 And you **shall not** let any of your descendants **pass through the fire to Molech**, nor shall you **profane the name of your God**: I am the LORD. 22 You **shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination.** 23 Nor shall you **mate with any animal**, to defile yourself with it. Nor shall any woman stand before an animal to mate with it. **It is perversion.**

- **Sexual restraint/honor** w/in marriage during menstruation
- **Adultery:** Resulting in defilement of both

Exodus 20:14 “You shall not commit adultery.”

Matthew 5:27 “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ 28 But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”

- **Child Sacrifice:** Profaning God's name

Deuteronomy 12:31 You shall not worship the Lord your God in that way; for every abomination to the Lord which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

1 Kings 11:7 Then Solomon built a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, on the hill that is east of Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the people of Ammon ...33

they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David.

- **Homosexuality:** Abomination. heb. tô'ēbâ disgusting thing. rt. abhorrent/detestable

Romans 1:27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites ...**11** And **such were some of you**. But you were **washed**, but you were **sanctified**, but you were **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.

- **Bestiality:** Defilement of self

It is Perversion. Lit. It is a *confusion*, i.e. Violation of Nature or Divine Order.
Mix/Mingle/Confuse/Confound/Fade Away

Exodus 22:19 "Whoever **lies with an animal** shall surely be put to death.

Deuteronomy 27:21 'Cursed is the one who lies with **any kind of animal**.' "And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'

24 '**Do not defile yourselves** with any of these things; for **by all these the nations are defiled**, which I am casting out before you. 25 For the land is defiled; therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and the land **vomits out its inhabitants**. 26 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, either any of your own nation or any stranger who dwells among you 27 (for all these abominations the men of the land have done, who were before you, and thus the land is defiled), 28 lest the **land vomit you out** also when you defile it, **as it vomited out the nations** that were before you. 29 For whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be **cut off** from among their people.

Do not defile yourselves w/things of the world
We are a Royal Priesthood/Chosen generation

Genesis 15:13 [LORD to Abram] "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years ... **16** But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the **iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.**"

Canaanites were vomited out. Rome was vomited out
Israel was vomited out 3X

- Northern Kingdom to Assyria

- Southern Kingdom to Babylon
- 70 AD Scattered by Rome

Jeremiah 9:19 For a voice of wailing is heard from Zion: 'How we are plundered! We are greatly ashamed, Because we have forsaken the land, Because we have been cast out of our dwellings.' "

Is the US too big to fail?...I think not

30 'Therefore you shall keep **My ordinance**, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves by them: **I am the LORD your God.**' "

Don't...because I am the LORD
Don't...because it will hurt you

Leviticus 19

Jesus

I. Moral and Ceremonial Laws

1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: '**You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.**'

Children should resemble their Father
Since God is set apart we should be set apart. Be who we are...

Exodus 19:6 And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests and a holy nation.**' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a **royal priesthood, a holy nation**, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 who once were not a people but are now the people of God

Ephesians 1:4 ...He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that **we should be holy** and without blame before Him in love,

1 Peter 1:16 ...because it is written, "**Be holy, for I am holy.**"

Okay what does that look like I shoe leather?

3 'Every one of you shall **revere his mother and his father**, and **keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.**

Exodus 20:12 "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be **long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you.**

- **Honor:** heb. *kāḇaḏ* to be heavy, be weighty, be grievous, be hard, be rich, be honorable, be glorious, be burdensome, be honored
- **Revere:** To fear, revere, be afraid, stand in awe of, be awed

Both Hebrew words are how we are to venerate God
Failure to obey this command has contributed greatly to societal breakdown

Revere Your Parents

Ephesians 6:1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 **"Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise:** 3 "that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth." [c.f. Deut. 5:16] [flip side] ...4 And you, fathers, **do not provoke your children to wrath**, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord.

Matthew 15:4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, **let him be put to death.**' [C.f. Ex 21:17]

Proverbs 20:20 Whoever curses his father or his mother, His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

Keep My Sabbaths A Sign from God to Israel

Exodus 31:13 "Speak also to the **children of Israel**, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for it is a **sign between Me and you** throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the Lord who sanctifies you.'

- No mention of Sabbath keeping in all 28 Ch's of Acts
- Met on Sundays the day of Resurrection

Sign of what? That the Ceremonial rest would be replaced by Jesus

Hebrews 4:9 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. 10 For he who has entered **His rest** has himself also **ceased from his works** as God did from His.

Colossians 2:16 So let no one judge you in food or in drink, or regarding a festival or a new moon or sabbaths, 17 which are a shadow of things to come, but the substance is of Christ.

I am the LORD your God
Keep the Sabbath if you like, but don't make it an idol...

4 **'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the LORD your God.**

Anything/Anyone we exalt above Jesus and/or His will

Exodus 20:4 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any **likeness of anything** that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth...

Molded God's of our Own Design
God's that allow for our Sin

Psalms 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples **are idols**, But the Lord made the heavens.

1 Corinthians 10:14 Therefore, my beloved **flee from idolatry.**

1 John 5:20 ...we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. **21 Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.**

1 Thessalonians 1:8 For **from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth**, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place. Your faith toward God has gone out, so that we do not need to say anything. 9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and **how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God**, 10 and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead, even Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

*Turn away from to dead Idols
Turn to the Living God...*

5 'And if you offer a sacrifice of a **peace offering** to the LORD, you shall offer it of **your own free will**. 6 It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day. And if any remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire. 7 And if it is eaten at all on the **third day, it is an abomination**. It shall not be accepted. 8 Therefore everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has **profaned the hallowed offering** of the LORD; and that person shall be **cut off from his people**.

- Peace Offering
 1. Offering brought for fellowship w/the LORD
 2. A BBQ with the LORD: Enjoying peace with God
 3. Offerer eats with the LORD that day on next

God's desire is for us to be satisfied w/the things of LORD

Psalm 34:8 Oh, **taste and see** that the Lord is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!

Psalm 119:103 How sweet are Your words to my taste, Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Gods desire is for us to be satisfied w/the things of God
Not eaten till third day? Taking God's goodness for granted/flippantly?

9 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall **not wholly reap** the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; **you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger**: I am the LORD your God.

- God's care for the Poor/Stranger/Orphan/Widow

IOWS God's Welfare Plan for the most Vulnerable

Work to Eat: Maintaining Dignity

Deuteronomy 24:21 When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, you shall not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow. 22 And you shall **remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt**; therefore I command you to do this thing.

God is the God of All...Rich and Poor

Proverbs 14:31 He who oppresses the poor reproaches his Maker, But he who honors Him has mercy on the needy.

Proverbs 17:5 He who mocks the poor reproaches his Maker..

Proverbs 22:2 The rich and poor have this in common; The Lord is the maker of them all.

We were once slaves before God intervened on our behalf
He calls us to treat those in need as He treated us: Dignity/Kindness

Be Holy as I am Holy says the LORD