

## Leviticus: Living Life at the Second Fork

### Chapter 26

“Growing in the Unconditional”

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**Leviticus 26** represents the outline of “living life at the second fork.” The chapter summarizes the significance of the land of Canaan having been given to Israel unconditionally, yet the fullness of their experience in the promised land being conditioned upon their level of obedience to God’s commandments. This parallels our experience of eternal life, which is an unconditional gift, as opposed to the fullness of our kingdom inheritance, which is conditioned upon our level of abiding in Christ during this life.

Outline of the chapter, for Israel:

Obedience → Abundance, **vv 1-10**

Intimacy with God, **vv 11-12**

Enablement → God’s deliverance of them, **v 13**

Disobedience → Discipline and loss of inheritance, **vv 14-39**

Confession → Restoration, **vv 40-43**

Security → of God’s unconditional promise, **vv 44-45**

### **Leviticus 26:1-10**

IF you keep My commandments, THEN:

- ✓ Rains and fruitful harvests
- ✓ Literally never stop harvesting
- ✓ Eat and be full
- ✓ Live securely in the land, no fear at night; no wild animals
- ✓ Victorious in battle
- ✓ Population growth
- ✓ Life of abundance

*For us: John 15:7-12.* Abundance in life consists of abiding in Jesus, through obedience, wherein we have a fruitful prayer life, and we bear much fruit.

Obedience → Intimacy with God

**Lev 26:11,12** In addition to the Glory residing in the Tabernacle, God (preincarnate Christ) would actually walk among them. **Deuteronomy 23:12ff; Joshua 5:13ff.**

*For us: John 14:21ff;* There is a level of intimacy with the Father and the Son that we experience when we obey.

Enablement → God’s deliverance of them

**Leviticus 26:13** God set them free to serve Him.

*For us: Romans 6:4-7* God set us free from sin, and raised us up with Jesus, so that we might walk in “newness of life.”

Disobedience → Discipline and loss of inheritance

### **Leviticus 26:14-39**

IF you do not keep My commandments, THEN:

- ✓ Lose your vigor
- ✓ Enemies rule over you and eat your crops
- ✓ Land not yield its produce
- ✓ Beasts will torment you
- ✓ Pestilence and famine
- ✓ Conquered and exiled from the land
- ✓ The land will then have its sabbaths

*For us: Hebrews 12:5-11.* Discipline comes when we sin; yet, despite the discomfort of discipline, there is always purpose in it, much the same as for the Israelites. **Hebrews 4:1-11.** There is an aspect of our eternal existence called “rest,” of which there is the real possibility of missing out on, if our lives are characterized by continual disobedience.

Confession → Restoration

**Leviticus 26:40-42** God remained ready to forgive and restore, once Israel reached the point of contrition and confession.

*For us: 1 John 1:9* For the believer, God forgives our sins on an ongoing basis when we confess them to Him. Forgiveness does not always remove the natural consequences of our sinful behaviors.

Security → of God’s unconditional promise

**Leviticus 26:44,45** Even when they end up in exile in a foreign land, God reassures them that He will not forget them, nor will He forget His promises to them. See **Jeremiah 29:4-7.**

*For us: “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.” John 6:47.* Jesus promises us everlasting life, so no matter how “ugly” our lives may become, we live with the security of His promise. See **1 Corinthians 3:11-15.** Even a Christian life of no reward, is still a redeemed life for all of eternity. See **Romans 8:37-39.** *Growth happens best in the security of family.*