Leviticus: Living Life at the Second Fork

Chapter 24
"Add Your Oil to the Lamp"
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Overview of Leviticus thus far:

1-7 Fellowship with Heaven

8 & 9 Dress Divine

10 Watch Where You Sin

11 Watch What You Leaven

12 Mothers to Themselves

13 & 14 Watch Those Spots

15 We All Have Issues

16 Blood Between

17 Meat Clean

18-20 Sins Aplenty

21 & 22 Perfect for You

23 Rest Thee

24 He Swore (+/-)

24:1-4 The golden lampstand (Heb *menorah*) was to be kept burning continually, and the people contributed to its burning by supplying the olive oil, not extracted by heat, but beaten. The high priest kept the wicks trimmed to keep the light output high.

Here is pictured God's Word as light, God's Word in the flesh as Light, and that Light shining in the world through us. It's all Jesus.

Psalm 119:105,130 God's Word is light, and the unfolding of His Word gives light.

John 1:1-5 The Word became flesh; Jesus is the origin of all creation, the origin of human life, and He is the Light of men.

"the darkness did not comprehend (*katalambano*) it" i.e., the dark domain of Satan's sway on the planet could not defeat the light that had come into it. The spiritual battle taking place in the cosmos is not between two equal, but opposite, foes, good vs evil; evil has been judged, and has lost already, at the resurrection. See **John 12:35,36**.

John 8:12 The only way to see the reality of our existence is through the light that Jesus gives. To live life otherwise is to walk in darkness.

Matthew 5:14-16 We believers are the light of the world, and our radiance is our good works. Jesus lives through us. You might say that our photons are our good deeds. See **Eph Chs** 4,5,6 for a "good deeds list" of the Christ-centered life.

Philippians 2:14,15 To live a life "without grumbling or disputing" is one way to radiate Christ. God's Word tells us the we "appear as lights in the world." Lovers of darkness only have two possible reactions to the brilliance of Christ shining through us: to accept Christ and join us, or the fight against us, because there is nowhere else for them to go; their "darkness" did not overtake the light.

Leviticus 24:5-9 The twelve loaves on the table of showbread reminded the priests that they were representing each of the tribes of Israel before the LORD.

John 6:32-35 Jesus is the life-giving bread from God sent from heaven; He sustains us on a daily basis. Only the bread of Jesus can satisfy the human psyche in such a way that we stop looking after finding Him.

Leviticus 24:10-23

Take aways:

God's jealousy for the holiness of His Name has not changed; we witness His patience and His forbearance every time we see someone take His name in vain.

A society taking the life of murderer, is not murder.

A human being's life is of more value than that of an animal.

In legal matters, the punishment should fit the crime, not be excessive. The same law applied to the alien as well as to the native.