

LEVITICUS

Chapter 20

NOTES: Chapter 20

- Molech = children burned alive
 - For prosperity & blessing
 - Beat drums to drown out the screams & cries
 - Note: aliens to follow too
- Can't close our eyes or turn our heads = approval Rom. 1:32

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- Must be careful not to watch people commit suicide
- Fascinated with occult - ex. Palm reader at St. Paul Rodeo...shows like “Long Island Medium”
- Consecrate yourself - separate, be holy
- How are these affecting society?

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- Note: Personal responsibility - their blood on their own heads
- There's that word "vomit" again
- Must not live like other nations... be set apart
 - Is God racist? (Gen. 11)
 - He gave their land to his people

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- **There is to be a distinction**

The Law & its punishments?

- 15 capital crimes in the bible
- These seem so harsh & foreign to us in this day and age of PC, anti-war, anti-capital punishment, everyone's a victim, self-esteem driven, worldly love dominated culture

The Law & its punishments?

- What about “thou shalt not kill”?
 - Most versions translate “murder”
 - Either way the same God who made this commandment is calling for the punishments
- Questions since the beginning - Genesis 3:1 & 4

The Law & its punishments?

1. God's Word means something

- It's serious & affects others!

2. Holiness, perfection, righteousness & justice requires punishment for sin

- Creation speaks = land vomited them out...Abel's blood cried out

- Eye for an eye, tooth for a tooth

The Law & its punishments?

- There is no room for grace

3. It can only restrain sin

- It cannot reform the offenders

- Law cannot make me holy

- It makes us conscious of sin, makes sin increase if anything

“20 The rest of mankind that were not killed by these plagues still did not repent of the work of their hands; they did not stop worshiping demons, and idols of gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood—idols that cannot see or hear or walk. 21 Nor did they repent of their murders, their magic arts, their sexual immorality or their thefts.”

Revelation 9:20-21 | NIV84

“9 They were seared by the intense heat and they cursed the name of God, who had control over these plagues, but they refused to repent and glorify him.”

Revelation 16:9 | NIV84

The Law & its punishments?

4. It helps deter the majority from sin
 - We are overly concerned for the minority with no regard for sin/morals
5. Calls for personal responsibility
 - Someone needs to pay
 - Ez. 18:20 - the soul who sins is the one who will die

The Law & its punishments?

- Provides closure & protection to victims

God's plan of salvation
is based on capital
punishment!
John 3:16

John 18:28-19:16

Jesus came to
testify to the truth.

“20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. 21 What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! 22 But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Romans 6:20-23 | NIV84