

# LEVITICUS

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## Chapter 27

# Holiness = key to fellowship with God

**20:7 - “...be Holy as I the Lord am holy”**

**22:16 - “...I am the Lord who makes them Holy”**

# Started = 5 Voluntary Sacrifices

## Chapters 1-7

1. Burnt Offering
2. Grain Offering
3. Fellowship Offering
4. Sin Offering
5. Guilt Offering

# Worship/Sacrifice - BASICS

1. Must come in the prescribed way!
2. Never come empty handed
3. Direct identification with the Sacrifice
4. Atonement = key
5. Blood is essential
6. God always gets the First & Best

# NOTES: Chapter 27

- Vows were something given that was over and above the required tithe (10%) of land and animals
- Voluntary, special deal or arrangement with God = Dedicate People, animals, land/field or home
  - ex. 1 Sam. 1:1-28 (Hannah & Samuel)
  - Nazarite Vow - Num. 6 (Paul Acts 21)

# NOTES: Chapter 27

- God made an allowance if you were unwilling, unable or the it was unneeded
  - Must pay Value + 20%(1/5th)
- Could not vow or dedicate stuff that was already the Lord's
  - Tithe, first born, or person condemned to die
  - Items already devoted - Jericho (J. 6)

# NOTES: Chapter 27

- Ex. Saul 1 Samuel 15
- Can't give God your junk so you had to redeem the unclean items (firstborn or every 10th animal might have a defect)
  - not to exchange good for bad
- Goal was to probably keep people from being hasty & foolish in making these vows, as well as, deal with false motives = heart check

“25 It is a trap for a man to  
dedicate something rashly  
and only later to consider his  
VOWS.”

Proverbs 20:25 | NIV84



“1 Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. 2 Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. 3 As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a fool”

Ecclesiastes 5:1-6 | NIV84

“when there are many words. 4 When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. 5 It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it. 6 Do not let your mouth lead you into sin...”

Ecclesiastes 5:1-6 | NIV84

“21 If you make a vow to the Lord your God, do not be slow to pay it, for the Lord your God will certainly demand it of you and you will be guilty of sin. 22 But if you refrain from making a vow, you will not be guilty. 23 Whatever your lips utter you must be sure to do, because you made your vow freely to the Lord your God with your own mouth.”

Deuteronomy 23:21-23 | NIV84

# NOTES: Chapter 27

- Ex. Jephthah Judges 11:29-40 - promised to sacrifice the first thing that came out of his house...
- Why is this the last chapter?
  - Holiness is costly - by the law impossible!
  - Beginning of Leviticus = provide perfect sacrifice...complete dedication

# NOTES: Chapter 27

- Truth - many of us today in our zeal for the Lord and our striving for holiness go about it in a fleshly law like way.
  - Foolishly we make all kinds of promises to the Lord
  - We make deals with the Lord in return for his goodness to us
  - We even secretly compete with one another to be more holy

- of us even do make these promises because we are fearful of the Lord and his punishments

“18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

1 John 4:18 | NIV84

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## NT Dedicate:

Greek word enkainia or -nizō = “to make new, to renew”

Same word used for Consecrate which also can be the Greek word teleioo = “perfected”

Perfect (teleios, teleioo) = “having reached its end, finished, completed”, “fully grown, mature”



# Holiness Through Christ Only

## 1. Jesus did away with the law

- Col. 2:14 - cancelled the written code
- New Covenant of love
- He redeemed us from the law by his blood, through the forgiveness of sins
- He is the dedicated one who perfectly fulfilled the law & its requirement

“28 For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.”

Hebrews 7:28 | NIV84

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## 2. He is our holiness

- 1 Cor. 1:30 = He is our righteousness, holiness & redemption
- He is fully dedicated to it - he completed it by his sacrifice

“10 In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering.”

Hebrews 2:10 | NIV84

“8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered 9 and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him...”

Hebrews 5:8-9 | NIV84

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## 3. We are dedicated to the Lord

- Christ has already dedicated us by what he has done - as we saw in Leviticus you can't dedicate what is already the Lord's
- Hebrews 10:14-25

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4. Holiness flows from our faith in Him

- Eph. 2:8-9 - by grace through faith
- Can't be more holy by works
- Works are product of my faith & holiness
- James - made complete by what I do

“5 But if anyone obeys his word, God’s love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: 6 Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did.”

1 John 2:5-6 | NIV84



“39 These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised.  
40 God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.”

Hebrews 11:39-40 | NIV84

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5. Just BE Holy as he is

Heb 12:1-2 - So we fix our eyes on him

“33 Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.’ 34 But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; 35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.”

Matthew 5:33-37 | NIV84

*“36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 Simply let your ‘Yes’ be ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No,’ ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”*

*Matthew 5:33-37 | NIV84*

Parable of the  
Two Sons  
Matt. 21:28-32

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