



LEVITICUS

Sermon Points & Notes

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Title: 2 Paths: The Blessing of Obedience

Scripture: Leviticus 24; 26-27

Main Point:

God lays out the 2 paths in the everyday war-zone for our worship, warning us to avoid the disastrous consequences of disobedience while finding the incomparable blessings of following Him.

C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*:

Good and evil both increase at compound interest. That is why the decisions you and I make every day are of such infinite importance. The smallest good act today is the capture of a strategic point from which, a few months later, you may be able to go on to victories you never dreamed of. An apparently trivial indulgence in lust or anger today is the loss of a ridge or railway line or bridgehead from which the enemy may launch an attack otherwise impossible.

Leviticus 26:1-2:

You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for I am the Lord your God. You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

*** You're either worshiping me or you're not.**

1 Peter 2:11:

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

*** Your heart is a war-zone for worship.**

Leviticus 26:9-10:

I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm my covenant with you. You shall eat old store long kept, and you shall clear out the old to make way for the new.

*** Leviticus 26 is not an automatic ticket for personal wealth.**

Leviticus 26:11-12:

I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

*** The single greatest treasure you can ever find is God Himself!**

Leviticus 26 isn't our pain-free prosperity pill - that's Revelation 22.

So what is Leviticus 26 saying?

Ultimately, life will go way better for you doing things God's way.

These are not conditions for entering relationship with God, but for enjoying that relationship.

Disobedience can make life way more difficult, amplifying your suffering.

Galatians 6:7-8:

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.

Obedience has blessings / disobedience has consequences

Leviticus 26:14-15:

But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments, if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant...

Restoration is possible under 3 conditions:

- 1 - Acknowledge the seriousness of sin
- 2 - Self-Humbling
- 3 - Make amends through payment

Jeremiah 31:31-34:

Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jesus ushers in the New Covenant by:

- 1 - Fulfilling the old covenant with perfect obedience (Rom. 8:3)
- 2 - Dying for the consequences of our disobedience (Gal. 3:13)
- 3 - Giving us a new heart to change us from the inside (2 Cor. 5:17)

Holiness and Happiness are not at odds:

*I would sooner be holy than happy if the 2 things could be divorced.
Were it possible for a man always to sorrow and yet to be pure, I would choose the sorrow if I might win the purity, for to be free from the power of sin, to be made to love holiness, IS true happiness.
- Charles Spurgeon*

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION:

Is there any amplified difficulty in your life because you're not walking in obedience?

Fight the inertia & take a different step today!

Colossians 2:11-15:

In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.