

Christian Growth Zoom - August 20, 2023

Did God set you apart?

When? Is that something you think about often?

Leviticus 18:24-30 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. ²⁵Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. ²⁶But you must keep my decrees and my laws. The native born and the aliens living among you you must not do any of these detestable things, ²⁷For all these things were done by the people who lived in the land before you and the land became defiled. ²⁸And if you defile the land, it will vomit you out as it vomited out the nations that were before you. ²⁹Everyone who does any of these detestable things — such persons must be cut off from their people. ³⁰Keep my requirements and do not follow any of the detestable customs that were practiced before you came and do not defile yourselves with them. I am the Lord your God.”

- In the verses prior to the above, God talks about all types of sexual relations that are detestable to him, and then closes this chapter with these verses.
 - What does God say the land will do if the people defile it?
 - What about our land, our country, are we in danger of being vomited out?

Leviticus 20:1-5 The Lord said to Moses, ²Say to the Israelites: Any Israelite or any alien living in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech must be put to death. The people of the community are to stone him. ³I will set my face against that man and I will cut him off from his people, for by giving his children to Molech he has defiled my sanctuary and profaned my holy name. ⁴If the people of the community close their eyes when that man gives one of his children to Molech and they fail to put him to death, ⁵I will set my face against that man and his family and will cut off from their people both him and all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molech.

- Who was Molech?
- What does v3 say about giving a child to Molech?
- Why would this profane God's name?

Leviticus 20:22-24 Keep all my decrees and laws and follow them so that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. ²³You must not live according to the customs of the nations I am going to drive out before you. Because they did all these things, I abhorred them. ²⁴But I said to you, “You will possess their land; I will give it to you as an inheritance, a land flowing with milk and honey.” I am the Lord your God who has set you apart from the nations.

- God makes it very clear in these verses that his people should be different from those who previously lived in the land.
 - What does this say about being a steward of God with His land or possessions?
 - Did the people earn this land of milk and honey?
 - Does anyone really?

Revelation 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. But be thou faithful even unto death and I will give you a crown of life.

Because Jesus paid it all, our mistakes are covered by His blood and our sins though as scarlet shall be white as snow Isaiah 1:18 therefore by faith In Jesus we have been “set apart” to inherit the “Crown of life” not because of what we did but because of what He did for us! That is the ultimate definition of “grace”.