

LEVITICUS

God's Laws for Right Living

Leviticus 17 - 20

This week's reading can easily be called "God's Laws for Right Living". It covers our ethics, morals and directions for living our day-to-day lives. Here we will learn how we are to keep our selves sexually pure, what sexual perversion is, how we are to act as employees and employers, as neighbors and world citizens, our family responsibilities, our treatment of the elderly and even how we are to treat the handicapped.

Central to this week's lesson is the need for us to pull away from the ways of the world, just as God commanded the Israelites to turn from the practices of the Egyptians. Make sure that you read all of the material first; it will only take a few minutes. Then consider that Chapters 17-19 call out specific laws for living holy and "set apart" lives; while Chapter 20 addresses specific judgments for breaking the commands given in the previous three chapters.

Read Leviticus Chapters 17-20 and consider the following:

1. Leviticus 17:1-16 addresses the spilling of blood outside the sanctuary. It is calling their attention to the fact that many still worship idols and offer up goat's blood and other practices to these idols. What does all this mean to us? Is there a parallel between this and how we worship today?
2. What is the central teaching of Chapter 18?
3. What can we learn about the Egyptians and other nations around the Jews from this chapter? List some specific examples.
4. Do any of the perverted practices God calls out to the Jews in Chapter 18 still exist today, or were these only prevalent in ancient history?
5. Read Lev. 18:21. What does God say about child sacrifice - one of the practices of the aliens living around them? What would you consider to be the equivalent of this practice today?

11. BONUS QUESTION 1. Let's examine the subject of homosexual behavior, and what the Bible says about its causes and affects on man's ability to have a holy relationship with God. What do each of the following verses tell us about homosexuality and lesbianism?

a. Lev. 18:22

b. Lev. 20:13

c. Deut. 23:17-18

d. Romans 1:24-32

e. James 1:14-15

f. Matt. 12:31

g. 1 Cor. 6:9-11

h. 2 Cor. 5:21

i. Eph. 5:1-10

j. Col 3:1-7

12. BONUS QUESTION 2. What does God's word tell us about the affect of culture, upbringing, home life, family unit, drug use, alcoholic parents, abusive family members, and child abuse have on the probability that someone will be gay?
13. BONUS QUESTION 3. According to these verses what is the root cause of homosexual behavior?
14. BONUS QUESTION 4. Is homosexual behavior a curable condition? Will God forgive this, or is it strictly an abomination to Him?

Thanks for studying with us, may God bless you as you grow and work in His kingdom.

Yours in Christ,

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