

Session # 7: “LAWS FOR THE PEOPLE” — Leviticus 7:22-38

Monday 7:30pm, H 206 (2nd floor, High School—top of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area), Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email - philtwente@att.net
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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- *****Questions: Since Christ died for us all as the complete sacrifice, why do Christians need to pay attention to Leviticus? Can you see any relationship between Leviticus and “give us this day our daily bread”?
- What is the result of a person eating any of the fat that is offered to the LORD - v. 25? Can you think of an example in the Scriptures?
- Should our major purpose in worshipping the LORD to receive His fatness?
- What does “cut off” mean as used in verse 27? How serious is it when the Bible says “cut off”?
- Is there the same prohibition for eating fat as eating blood?
- Why are we to support our pastors and missionaries?

Leviticus – And the LORD filled the tabernacle with His glory and **“He called”**. The theme of the book is a **“CALL TO HOLINESS”** and it is divided into two parts: Chapters 1-16 emphasize that the **WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE**, while chapters 17-27 emphasize that **OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION (Holiness)**.

In chapters 1-7 we are looking at the **“REQUIREMENTS FOR SACRIFICE**.

Three issues are dealt with in the six offerings we are to bring to God:

Our **DEDICATION** to God - **“burnt offering”**, **“meal offering”** (Bread-“give us this day our daily bread”), **“drink offering”**

Our **DEPENDENCY** upon God - **“peace offering”**

Our **DELIVERANCE** from sin - **“sin offering”** & **“trespass offering”**

The **“sin offering”** focuses on the individual’s guilt before God; the **“trespass offering”** focuses on the individual’s responsibility toward the people or property against which he has sinned.

In Leviticus 6:9 and 25, the Lord told Moses to speak to Aaron and his sons; but now, beginning with 7:22 and 29, Moses is instructed to speak to the sons of Israel. First, **we have laws for the priests**, and secondly, **we have laws for the people**.

3 Natural divisions of today’s study:

- ❖ 1A. THEY ARE TO **STAY AWAY** FROM EATING FAT OR BLOOD - 7:22-27
Cf. Lev. 3:16-17 - cf. Note the meaning of this term, fat/fatness, in the Psalms: Psa. 17:10 (fat hearts); 63:5 (satisfied with marrow and fatness); 73:7 (bulge with abundance); 81:16 (finest-fatness); 119:70 (fat as grease); 147:14(finest-fatness) This becomes a symbol of praising the Lord with our best!
- 1B. The **CONDITION** related to the fat of animals (a little caution here) Anticipating a story in the Bible given in 1 Samuel 2?
“may be used in any other way, but you shall by no means eat of it” Cf. 1 Samuel 2:12-17, 29: 3:13 - sons of Eli. They were corrupt, they didn’t know the Lord! **Note the compromise! Do you realize your responsibility for parental restraint?**
Cf. Lev. 22:8 and Exodus 22:31; Deut. 14:21 Cf. Ezekiel 4:14; 44:31
- 2B. The **CONSEQUENCE** for eating the fat of an animal offered to the Lord - 25
“the person who eats it shall be cut off from his people” - cf. Lev. 7:21
- 3B. The **CONDEMNATION** concerning blood - 26
“you shall not eat any blood” - - cf. Genesis 9:4 The life of the flesh is in the blood. God is emphasizing the sanctity of life! cf. Leviticus 17:10-14; cf. Acts 15:20, 29 **Where is our society with the issue of the sanctity of life? Unborn babies/old people!**
Cf. 1 Samuel 14:33-34 -
- 4B. The **CUTTING OFF** from the people for eating blood !!!! - 27

“that person shall be cut off from his people”

The words “**cut off**” are used 194 times – in Hebrew **karath** – used 286 times - consider the following examples:

Genesis 9:11 - the flood destroying the people - **Genesis 17:14** - those who are not circumcised **Exodus 9:15** - reference to Pharaoh - **Exodus 12:15, 19** - Those who eat leavened bread during the Feast of Unleavened Bread **Exodus 30:33** - **improper use of the anointing oil** - **Exodus 30:38** - **Improper use of the incense** - **Exodus 31:14** - **Violating the Sabbath**.

Leviticus 7:20-21 - **eats sacrifice that belongs to the Lord**

Leviticus 17:14 - **eats blood**

Leviticus 18:29; 20:17-18 - **commits sexual sin**

Leviticus 23:29-30 - **does not honor the Day of Atonement requirements**

Numbers 9:13 - **doesn't keep Passover**

Numbers 15:30-31 - **guilty of willful sin** – cf. **Heb. 10:26-31** **willful rejection! If you turn your back on the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, you have no hope!**

❖ 2A. THEY ARE TO **SUPPORT** THE PRIESTS WITH THEIR OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD - 7:28-36

- 1B. They were **DEDICATED** to the **Lord Himself** - 29 Honor the LORD as you give your offering even if your offering goes to a person/s. Cf. **Proverbs 3:9-10**; **2 Corinthians 8:3-5**; **It has to deal with the heart!**
- 2B. They were **DELIVERED** by your **own hands** - 30a
Cf. **2Cor. 9:7**
- 3B. They were **DESIGNED** for the priests to offer them - 30b-33 Wave offering (like offering palm branches). Heaving it up to the LORD!
- 4B. They were **DESIGNATED** as belonging to the priests by a statute for ever - 34-36 - They didn't have any land. “anointing” - cf. **Exodus 40:13-16** - cf. **1 Corinthians 9:13-18** **“those who preach the gospel should live from the gospel.”**

❖ 3A. THEY ARE TO **SACRIFICE** BECAUSE **THE LORD COMMANDED** IT – 7:37-38 Cf. **Exodus 29:1** 25

Discussion of Applications:

- Cf. **Romans 12:1-2** a living sacrifice; **Heb. 13:15** sacrifice of praise
- We are to give the LORD our best! (fatness)
- We see the need for parental restraint! (**1 Samuel 3:13**)
- Do you see a connection with verse 26 and the sanctity of life? The decision of the First Church Council in Acts 15? Was that decision for Jews or Gentiles? (**Lev. 17:12**)
- We are to support ministers and missionaries by our offerings. (**1 Cor. 9 13-18**; **2 Cor. 8:3-5**)
- We are to give thanks to the LORD for all offerings received – wave offering; heave offering.
- Do you willfully sin? Can you willfully sin? (**Heb. 10-26-31**)
- We are to keep His commandments! (**John 14:15**; **15:10-12**)

Approximate Year/Month of the First Consecration of Aaron & Sons as Priests:

(Phil's Calculations)

Date of Exodus from Egypt: 1446 B.C.

Date of Completion of Tabernacle 1445 B.C.

(Exodus 40:17 First mo. of 2nd year

Num. 1:1 "first day of 2nd month in
in the 2nd year after they had come out")

Date of consecration of Priests **1445 B.C.**

**Nissan (Abib Aviv-
"Spring")**

About 3,454 years ago!!

Determination of Date of Exodus:

Dividing of Kingdom of Israel 930 B.C.

36 years of Solomon's remaining reign 36 B.C.

(See 1 Kings 6:1 -- 480 years after the 480 B.C.

Exodus in the fourth year of Solomon's

reign) **1446 B.C.**