

## Session #19: “PENALTIES FOR BREAKING THE LAW” — Leviticus 20:1-27

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, also to comments/notes from Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- **Questions:** Is our God set apart from all creation? Is He set apart from sin?
- Do you believe that God wants you to be set apart from sin for His use?
- In Ex., Lev. And Dt. how many offenses in Israel were considered to be capital crimes?
- As a believer, do you have the ability, through the Holy Spirit, not to walk in the flesh but in the Spirit?
- In verses 10 & 23, what is the significance of the eighth day?
- In verses 33-57 re the “house”, what do think that compares to in your life?

The theme of the book is a “*CALL TO HOLINESS*” and the book divided into two parts: chapters 1-16 show us that the WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE, and chapters 17-27 reveal that our WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION or holiness.

In chapter 17 we dealt with the issue of the “CLEANSING OF BLOOD” in chapter 18 we dealt with the “COVERING OF OUR SEXUALITY”. In chapter 19 we examined the “CONDUCT OF GOD’S PEOPLE.” (16 paragraphs or points)

The key verses of the book deal with the command to be “holy” - mentioned in Leviticus 11:44-45; 20:7, 26; 21:8 as well as in chapter 19, *verse 2* - “*Ye shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy.*” The primary reason for the command to be “holy” is rooted in the character of God Himself - He says, “*for I the LORD your God am holy.*” That same phrase appears in Leviticus 20:26.

The phrase “*I am the LORD your God*” or “*I am the LORD*” appears 16 times in chapter 19, and is repeated over 40 times in the book of Leviticus, chapters 18-27! It is found three times in chapter 20. In chapter 19, it appears that the “ten commandments” are being applied to various areas of life, and that in chapter 20, the penalties are given for disobedience to those commandments of God.

Fifteen offenses in Israel were considered to be capital crimes:

- (1) Striking or cursing a parent - cf. Ex. 21:15, 17
- (2) Breaking the Sabbath - cf. Ex. 31:14
- (3) Blaspheming God - cf. Lev. 24:10-16
- (4) Engaging in occult practices - cf. Ex. 22:18
- (5) Prophesying falsely - cf. Deut. 13:1-5
- (6) Adultery - cf. Lev. 20:10
- (7) Rape - cf. Deut. 22:25
- (8) Unchastity before marriage – (pre-marital sex) cf. Deut. 22:20-21
- (9) Incest - cf. Lev. 20:11-12
- (10) Homosexuality - cf. Lev. 20:13
- (11) Bestiality - cf. Lev. 20:15-16
- (12) Kidnapping - cf. Ex. 21:16
- (13) Idolatry - cf. Lev. 20:1-5
- (14) False witness in a case involving capital crime - cf. Deut. 19:16-21
- (15) Killing a human intentionally - cf. Ex. 21:12

### ❖ 1A. THE REJECTION OF THOSE WHO GIVE THEIR CHILDREN TO MOLECH - Lev. 20:1-6 - Cf. Lev. 18:21

The god of the Ammonites - his metal image was heated red hot and little children were placed in his arms and burned to death - the name seems to be a deliberate play on the Hebrew word for “king” – *melech* in the days of Josiah, the children of Israel were offering their children to Molech - cf. 2 Kings 23:10; Jer. 32:35 - cf. Psalms 106:34-39 - cf. 1 Kings 11: 1-11 and 2 Kings 21:6, 16

### ❖ 2A. THE REASON FOR THIS COMMAND TO BE HOLY - 7-8 – Cf. 1 Peter 1:15-16

- ❖ 3A. THE **RESULT** FOR THOSE **WHO DO NOT HONOR** THEIR PARENTS - 9  
Cf. **Deut. 21:18-21**
- ❖ 4A. THE **REALIZATION** OF GOD'S **ATTITUDE TOWARD SEXUAL SINS** - 10-21  
v. 10 adultery, v. 11, 17, 19-20 incest (v. 21 cf. **Mark 6:18**), v.12 confusion,  
v. 13 homosexuality, v. 14 wickedness, v. 15-16 bestiality, v. 18 sexual uncleanness.
- ❖ 5A. THE **RELATIONSHIP** OF **OBEDIENCE TO THEIR INHERITANCE** OF THE LAND - 20:22-24
- ❖ 6A. THE **REQUIREMENT** TO **BE SEPARATE FROM OTHER PEOPLE OR NATIONS** - 25-26  
CF. 2 **Cor. 6:14-18**
- ❖ 7A. THE **REVENGE** OF GOD UPON THOSE WHO **BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE OCCULT**  
- 27 - CF. **Isaiah 8:19-20**

#### WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “HOLY” OR “HOLINESS”?

1. Grammatical meaning - to *set apart/separate*
2. General meaning - to *set apart for any special purpose*  
(cf. Hosea 4:14 - “*separated with whores*”)
3. Religious meaning - to *set apart for God and His use*  
(cf. **Genesis 2:3**; **Exodus 19:14**)
4. Moral meaning - to *set apart from sin* - (cf. **I Thessalonians 4:3-4**)

#### HOW ARE WE MADE “HOLY” BEFORE GOD?

1. By the **BLOOD** of Jesus Christ - **I Cor. 6:9-11**; **Heb. 10:10-12,14**; **13:12-13**
2. By the **WORD** of God - **John 17:17**; **Ephesians 5:26**
3. By the **COMING** of Jesus Christ - **I Thess. 5:23**