

15 – PRACTICAL HOLINESS – PART 1 (LEVITICUS 17:1-22:33)

I. The Laws for Sacrifice and Eating Meat (17:1-16)

- A. The Requirement to Kill Domestic Animals at the Tabernacle (17:1-7)
- B. The Requirement to Offer Sacrifices at the Tabernacle (17:8-9)
- C. The Prohibition against Eating Blood (17:10-12)
- D. The Application of These Requirements to Hunting Game (17:13-16)

II. The Laws for Morality and Nonconformity to Pagan Practices (18:1-20:27)

A. Laws Restricting Sexual Relations (18:1-30)

- 1. Introduction to covenant morality (18:1-5)
- 2. Prohibitions against incestuous unions (18:6-18)
- 3. Prohibitions against Canaanite sexual deviations (18:19-23)
- 4. Concluding warning against disobedience (18:24-30)

B. Laws Promoting Practical Holiness before God and Man (19:1-37)

- 1. Calling the Nation to Holiness (19:1-2)
- 2. Religious requirements (19:3-10)
 - a. Honor parents
 - b. Keep the Sabbath
 - c. No others gods
 - d. Regulations concerning the peace offering
 - e. Care for the poor
- 3. Being a Good Neighbor (19:11-18)
 - a. Do not steal
 - b. Do not lie
 - c. Do not swear or profane the name of the Lord

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- d. Do not cheat you neighbor
 - e. Do not hold your workers wages
 - f. Do not mistreat the disabled
 - g. Judge in righteousness
 - h. Do not gossip
 - i. Do not bear false witness
 - j. Do not hate your brother in your heart
 - k. Rebuke your neighbor's sin and do not join him in it.
 - l. Do not seek vengeance.
 - m. Don't hold grudges and love your neighbor as yourself.
4. Various regulations (19:19-37)
- a. Prohibitions against mixing
 - b. Lying with another man's concubine
 - c. Period of uncleanness for fruit trees in the land
 - d. Do not eat blood or practice divination
 - e. Concerning haircuts and beards
 - f. Cutting one's flesh and tattoos
 - g. Do not prostitute your daughter
 - h. Keep the Sabbath and revere the Tabernacle
 - i. Do not regard mediums or familiar spirits
 - j. Honor the elderly
 - k. Don't mistreat a stranger
 - l. Be just in judgment and measurement
 - m. Observe all of God's statutes

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C. Laws Requiring Capital Punishment (20:1-27)

1. Religious sins deserving capital punishment (20:1-6)
 - a. child sacrifice
 - b. mediums and Spiritism
2. The call to holiness (20:7-8)
3. Family sins deserving capital punishment (20:9-21)
 - a. Cursing your parents
 - b. Adultery
 - c. Incest
 - d. Homosexuality
 - e. Marrying the mother and daughter
 - f. Bestiality
 - g. Illicit sexual relationships with extended family
4. A further call to holiness (20:22-26)
5. Death penalty reiterated for mediums and Spiritism (20:27)

III. The Laws for Holiness (21:1-22:33)

A. Restrictions for Priestly Service (21:1-24)

1. Concerning mourning and marriage for ordinary priests (21:1-9)
2. Concerning mourning and marriage for the high priest (21:10-15)
3. Concerning physically defective or deformed priests (21:16-24)

B. Regulations for Sacred Offerings (22:1-33)

1. Concerning the eating of sacred offerings by priests (22:1-9)
2. Concerning the eating of sacred offerings by non-priests (22:10-16)
3. Restrictions and limitations concerning sacrifices (22:17-33)

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Questions

1. How encompassing were God's law concerning the everyday lives of the Israelites? What does that reflect concerning God's view of every area in a person's life?
2. As you look at the scope of God's law, is it possible to not break it? What does the reality reflect concerning humanity's dilemma?