

/We will now begin the fourteenth lecture on the Book of Leviticus. /This will be the last lecture on Leviticus. /Last time, we left off at Leviticus 26:33.

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/Today we will begin with verse 34. /“Your land will be desolate.” /“The enemies will possess the land.” /Verse 36 says, “I will make their hearts so fearful.”

/They will jump at even the smallest sounds. /They will run even though no one is pursuing them.

/Verse 39. /Those of you who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins; also because of their fathers' sins they will waste away.

/They would waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins. /Then they would waste away because of the sins of their fathers. /Why were they to be punished because of the sins of their fathers?

/Let's take a look at what it means. /There was a son whose father drink alcohol often. /The son hated that his father drank all the time. /He watched his mother suffer because of his father.

/The son resolved, “I will never drink when I grow up.” /However, there is a greater chance that the son will drink as he gets older. /Why is this so? /A similar thing happened in the city of Jericho.

/Achan stole things that belonged to God. /Everything from Jericho belonged to God. /Yet, Achan stole some of them. /Among the stolen items was a beautiful robe from Babylon.

/It was a very high-quality robe at the time. /It was similar to the quality or mink coats in today's time. /Achan also stole two kilograms of silver. /He dug a hole in the ground and hid the silver.

/Achan also stole about 700-800 grams of gold. /Because of Achan's crime, Israel lost in the battle against Ai. /Thirty-six men died because of this.

/What was the cause of this? /Achan's sin was revealed. /Did God only punish Achan at the time? /All of Achan's family were killed. /It included his wife, /sons, /daughters, /and his livestock.

/Why did God kill the animals? /Why did God kill the children? /It was because the children could be influenced by sin. /If parents complain a lot, it is likely that their children will complain a lot as well.

/Many people talk about the church at home when they eat with their families. /“The pastor is like this.” /“The elder is like this.” /“This deacon did this wrong.” /The children at home will hear such stories from their parents.

/Do you want your children to be blessed? /Can children who hear such things grow healthy in faith? /It says that the people would be punished because of the sins of their fathers.

/Children and their parents’ sins are correlated with each other. /Children are influenced by their parents’ sins. /Then what does God do if we repent of our sins and become upright?

/Verse 40. /This is related to verses 1-2. /God will bless us if we do not worship idols and if we keep the Sabbath. /We must repent for our sins and the sins of our fathers, /and we must humbly go before God.

/We received the punishment that God gave us. /Now, we obey God’s word. /God said that he would remember the covenant.

/God would watch over their land. /However, what would happen if they continued to disobey God’s commands?

/Verse 43. /For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees.

/God would punish the land and all its people. /What do you think about keeping God’s commands? /This is our last lecture on Leviticus.

/Leviticus is originally “About the Levites.” /“For the Levites.” /The Levites were priests, and they served in the house of God.

/Today, we can say that we are all Levites. /God’s servants are Levites, and all believers are also Levites. /We are God’s children, and we are priests. /How do we serve God?

/Can we say that we are God’s holy people? /We are becoming more and more secularized. /James 1:27. /What does it mean to be godly? /It means to keep from being influenced by secular ways.

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/God restores those who repent and return to him. /Regardless of what types of lives we lived in the past, God restores us if we repent and become upright. /This is God’s law.

/Verse 46. /These are the decrees, the laws and the regulations that the LORD established on Mount Sinai between himself and the Israelites through Moses.

/I pray that you will be obedient to God's word.

/We will lastly study chapter 27. /There are times when we make promises to God. /We make promises to God.

/In verses 1-8, the people promised to give people to God. /“Set the value of a male between the ages of twenty and sixty /at fifty shekels of silver, according to the sanctuary shekel.” /“A male between the ages of twenty and sixty,... and if it is a female, set her value at thirty shekels.”

/“If it is a person between the ages of five and twenty, set the value of a male at twenty shekels /and of a female at ten shekels.” /“If it is a person between one month and five years, set the value of a male at five shekels of silver /and that of a female at three shekels of silver.” /If it is a person sixty years old or more, set the value of a male at fifteen shekels /and of a female at ten shekels.”

/They resolved to give themselves to God. /Still, it did not mean that they could all do God's works for a living. /Therefore, a system was made so that the people could give materials in their places.

/The offerings were given to God and used for God's works. /Let's say a person decided to give himself to God, but he was too poor. /Then, the priest was to set a value for him according to what he could afford.

/People who were in an age group capable of doing more work gave the biggest amount to God. /God requires much from those who have much. /Did God give us many things?

/Then it is right for us to give much to God. /Did God give us many talents? /There are many types of talents. /It is right that we give our talents to God.

/God requires much from those who were given much, /and he requires less from those who were given less.

/In verses 9-13, they promised to give their animals to God. /They did not make changes to their promise. /They also did not exchange bad animals for good ones.

/Let's say there were several cows in one household. /There was one fine cow. /Its owner was blessed and decided to give the cow to God. /However, as time passed, his heart changed.

/“There is no need for me to give my finest cow to God, because I can give him any cow I want.” /“All cows are the same.” /“The cows are going to be killed and offered to God anyway.” /He thought, “I can give any cow to God.”

/The people were not to make changes like this. /There are times when we make resolutions before God when we are blessed. /We show our faith when we keep our promises to God.

/We must give God what we promised him, whether it is good or bad. /Then let's say something inevitable happened. /They were then allowed to give something else in place of the animal.

/The priest set a value on the animal, and then they were to add a fifth of the value to the animal. /They were allowed to then offer it to God by adding a fifth of the value to it.

/Next, verses 14-15. /A man dedicated his house to God. /He dedicated his property to God. /He thought, "I must dedicate my house to God." /"I must give my land to God."

/You probably know the story in Acts chapter 5. /Ananias and Sapphira were blessed. /They wanted to give materials to God. /Who were they? /Ananias and Sapphira.

/They sold their property. /They wanted to give it to God. /However, they had a large amount of money after they sold their property. /They thought it was a waste to give it all to God. /Hence, they gave only a portion of it to God, and they both died.

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/We must make sure that our hearts don't change. /Then something inevitable happened. /Then they were to add to the house or land a fifth of the value and give it to God.

/Verses 16-25. /There was a man with a field and he wanted to give it to God. /He had the heart to give it to God, and so what was he to do?

/He could have given his entire field to God. /Even today, there are people who give their lands to God. /They have great faith. /We give tithes to God.

/When we give tithes to God, God accepts it as our entirety. /A man wanted to give his land to God, and that land was passed down in his family in each generation.

/The passage speaks of family land. /In verse 16, it says, its value was set according to the amount of seed required for it—fifty shekels of silver to a homer of barley seed. /A value was set on the land. /This was so that the determined value would not change.

/If anyone was to add a homer of barley seed to the family land, another fifty shekels of silver would be added to the land's value. /God also said to calculate the Year of Jubilee. /If the Year of Jubilee was not far off, the value could be reduced.

/Then in verses 26-27, it says that the firstborn of an animal belongs to God. /The

firstborn were to be offered to God. /Exodus 13:2. /Exodus 13:2.

/The firstborn belonged to God. /If the animal was unclean, it was bought back at its set value, and it was allowed to be given to God by adding a fifth of the value to it.

/In verses 28-29, is everything so devoted to God. /Anyone devoted to destruction was to be put to death. /There were people and animals that were wholly devoted to God.

/They were not to be sold or redeemed. /Therefore, the animals were to be killed, /and the people were to be devoted to God. /They were God's possessions.

/Verses 30-34 /speak of tithes. /A tenth of everything from the land, whether grain or fruit of the land, belonged to God. /They were considered holy. /Were tithes allowed to be substituted for anything else in inevitable circumstances?

/If anyone wanted to redeem any of his tithe, he was to add a fifth of the value to it. /The giving of tithes is a system from God. /The Book of Malachi also writes about giving tithes.

/It says that God would bless those who properly give tithes. /Malachi 3:10 says, God would pour out so much blessings so that we would not have room to store all of it. /"Pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

/We learned God's word through the Book of Leviticus. /You and I must truly love God's word and live according to his word. /Let us thank God.

/I pray that God's grace will be with you all. /Thank you.