

/We will now begin the ninth lecture on the book of Leviticus. /The main text comes from chapter 19. /Chapter 19 teaches us about human relationships.

/Read verses 1-2. /And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, you shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.”

/Because God is holy, the people of God have to be holy. /The word “holy” is used many times. /The word “holy” comes from the Hebrew term “Kadosh.”

/“Kadosh” means being distinguished or separated. /God is holy. /God distinguishes Himself from the world, /and He distinguishes Himself from people.

/God is separated from sin, /and He is perfect in light of moral as well as ethical aspect. /This verse is saying that because you are children of God, you also must be holy like God.

/It is especially noted in Hebrew 12:14. /Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness. /We also must strive to be holy.

/In verse 3, it is stated that “Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father.” /This lesson comes from the Fifth Commandment. /We are to honor our parents. /This is clear in Exodus 20:15. /Ephesians 6:1 also makes this evident.

/He also commanded us to keep the Sabbath holy. /Keeping the Sabbath holy is the most essential commandment from the Ten Commandments. /It is the most important commandment during our age.

/The Fourth Commandment is crucial in our period. /Whoever keeps the Sabbath holy will be blessed spiritually and physically. /This is stated in Leviticus 23:3. /It is also noted in Exodus 20:8.

/We call it the Lord’s Day. /God talked about in Nehemiah 13:15. /We are not to make profits on the Lord’s Day. /We are not to buy and sell during the Lord’s Day. /It is wrong to sell products on the Lord’s Day.

/Are you an owner of a department store? /You should keep it closed on the Lord’s Day. /Even if you are making great profits, it is proper to keep your business closed. /Some people might call this “legalism.”

/However, this is not legalism. /It is simply keeping the Sabbath holy. /God noted also in Isaiah 58:13-14. /The Lord’s Day and the Sabbath have the same meaning.

/We should not work on the Lord’s Day. /We should not enjoy any forms of entertainment, /including our personal favorites. /We should not speak about private affairs. /What are some private matters?

/We should not speak about educating kids, /making profits, /traveling to a place, /and other personal matters. /We are to devote our entire day for God in holiness.

/It is the most joyful day. /It is the day of God. /Turn your TV off on the Lord’s Day. /Do not

read newspapers. /Is this being legalistic? /It is keeping the Sabbath holy.

/Are there anyone publishing newspapers? /Do not publish it on the Lord's Day. /Then God will be pleased. /Keeping the Sabbath holy is a sign of being the saint of God.

/Ezekiel notes that keeping the Sabbath holy is a sign that we are the people of God.

/In verse 4, it says "do not turn to idols." /In addition, the verse commands not to make any gods of cast metal. /This reflects the First as well as the Second Commandments. /We are not to turn to anything other than God.

/We also should not make an idol or bow before it. /There are other ways to worship idols. /For instance, loving something more than God becomes our idol.

/This is called a spiritual idol. /Loving some objects more than God, /and being controlled by some objects more than by God /all become idols.

/Our child, /husband, /wife, /and parents can all become our idols. /Moreover, worldly materials as well as money can become our idols. /People cannot give up on such materials.

/Should we hold on to the Word of God or money? /God or people? /We should think about this.

/Verse 5. /When you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the LORD, you shall offer it so that you may be accepted.

/How are we to offer a sacrifice of peace offerings to the Lord? /When we are offering such a sacrifice of peace, we have to eat the sacrifice on that day and till the next day. /If the meat remains until the third day, we must burn it with fire.

/After the third day, the meat might turn bad. /It might have insects or smell bad.

/On the third day, we should not eat the meat but burn it with fire. /If we eat it, it will become tainted. /Then it will become sin.

/Verse 9. /When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest.

/What we are to do when we reap the harvest of our land? /The verse says not to reap the harvest clean. /We are not to reap right up to the edge of our field.

/We are also not to strip our vineyard bare, /but leave a little. /Leave some for the poor. /In addition, we are to have compassion for the poor as well as the sojourner.

/God also made this command in James 1:27. /We must show kindness and mercy. /If we do not show mercy, we will receive merciless judgment.

/Verse 11 notes not to steal. /It also says not to deal falsely. /There should be no lies among neighbors. /This is noted also in Exodus 20:15-17. /We are not to lie.

/This belongs to the Ninth Commandment. /What is speaking falsely? /It can be a lie with a certain intention. /We call it a fraud these days. /For example, some people say, “I will make you rich.” /or “I will make you famous.”

/They also lie, “I will make you successful.” /There are many different lies. /We should also not make it sound like something does not exist, /or something does exist when it is not true. /God is completely against such a sin.

/Revelation 21:8 talks about different types of people who will be in the lake that burns with fire. /They are deceivers. /They are murderers. /They committed adultery.

/One of the characteristics of such people is deceiving. /Jesus noted in John 8:44. /He called Satan father of lies.

/We are not to lie. /Next, we are not to steal. /What is stealing? /Taking something that does not belong to us is stealing. /Malachi talks about robbing God. /It is noted in Malachi 3:8-9. /They stole from their tithes and contributions.

/They did not give their best but worst to God. /“You are robbing Me.” /We should not steal from God.

/Not keeping the Sabbath is stealing a day. /Put efforts to offer tithes. /God will bless you.

/Verse 12 says not to swear by God’s name falsely. /We should not swear. /It is important to keep a promise but we should not swear. /There might be a circumstance where it would be impossible to keep a promise.

/We might get sick, /or lose life. /The saints must not swear. /We might profane the name of God.

/We are not to oppress or rob our neighbors based on verse 13. /We are also not to keep the wages of hired worker all night until the morning. /We should pay the worker right after work.

/We are not to steal from other people, /and not curse the deaf. /This is clear in verse 14. /We are not to curse the deaf. /In addition, it is not right to put a stumbling block before the blind.

/Who are the blind? /They are the people who do not know about the world. /They are inexperience young people. /We should not put stumbling blocks before them.

/Furthermore, verse 15 notes that we shall do no injustice in court. /We should not be partial to the poor or defer to the great. /We must judge in righteousness.

/Verse 16 states that we shall not go around as slanderers among people. /We should not tell different stories to two different people, /in order to make them argue.

/This is harming our neighbors’ lives. /The believers should not commit such an act. /In verse 17, it says we shall not hate our brother in our heart. /We should not hate people in our congregation.

/“Even though I hate that person, God please love me.” /Will God really love us if this is the case? /We must strive to love our brothers.

/There are people hard for us to love. /There is a way to love such people. /Give them small gifts. /Give small presents to people you hate.

/Although we hate that person now, in order to love that person, give that person small gifts. /The Bible says our hearts move toward materials. /By giving that person gifts, we will be able to love such a person.

/If we love someone, we will keep on handing that person gifts. /The love will turn deeper. /It is effective. /We give offerings to God as well.

/Then why does God demand this? /Because we will love God more and more. /We are also not to take vengeance against our neighbors. /We should not take revenge.

/In addition, we should not bear a grudge against the sons of our own people. /We must love our neighbor as ourselves.

/Verse 19. /You shall keep my statutes. You shall not let your cattle breed with a different kind. You shall not sow your field with two kinds of seed, nor shall you wear a garment of cloth made of two kinds of material.

/God commanded us not to let our cattle breed with a different kind. /God will not be pleased. /We are not to sow our field with two kinds of seed.

/We are not to wear a garment of cloth made of two kinds of material. /God is not pleased with mixing two different things. /This does not apply to our age but simply displaying the will of God.

/God’s people should not blend in with foreign religions. /We have to keep our faith pure. /We must not blend our faith of God with faith of this world, /and must not mix the work of Spirit with work of Satan.

/We should not mix the work of heaven with work of the world. /We must keep what is righteous. /We have to disregard compromising. /There will be no life when we mix such elements together.

/When such factors get mixed together there will be no trace of life. /It is difficult to keep our faith pure.

/Verse 20. /If a man lies sexually with a woman who is a slave, assigned to another man and not yet ransomed or given her freedom, a distinction shall be made. They shall not be put to death, because she was not free.

/Someone had a sexual relationship with a woman assigned to another man. /God made commands concerning such a situation. /If the woman is not free, the man will not receive punishments.

/In addition, he will not be put to death. /However, what if the woman was free or married with a husband?

/The man will not be forgiven. /In such a case, the man has to make atonement for his sin.

/Then verse 23 talks about planting any kind of tree for food. /We should not eat its fruit for three years. /However, we may eat it in the fourth year. /All fruit should be holy, an offering of praise to the Lord. /In the fifth year, we become the owner of the tree.

/The first harvest belongs to God. /The firstfruits belong to God. /Verse 26 states about not eating any flesh with blood. /God continually commanded us not to eat blood.

/We are also not to interpret omens or tell fortunes. /This is fortune-telling. /They would tell us to “do this to be successful.” /“It seems like you will receive a curse.” /“Then what should you do?”

/“Then pay me more.” /Some fortune-tellers use constellation, /some lines of the palm, /some make use of physiognomy, /and some even use lines of the foot. /We should not participate in this.

/Our success and failure all depend on God rather than such a fortune-telling. /We should not go to them. /We should not pay attention to what they say about our future as well as the day after tomorrow.

/It is clearly stated in Deuteronomy to execute such a person. /Some follow dream interpretations but it is wrong. /Even if our dreams match reality, we should not follow it.

/We must follow the Word of God. /We should not interpret our dreams. /God will not be pleased.

/Verse 27 notes not to round off our hair. /We are not to mar the edges of our beard.

/In verse 28, we should not make cuts on our body for the dead or tattoo ourselves. /The Bible prohibited us from doing something for the dead.

/We should not grieve too bitterly when facing someone’s death. /When Abraham died, Isaac did not take any grand actions. /Jacob did not perform a great ceremony a year after Isaac’s death.

/Indeed, if someone dies, we can mourn for that person as well as arrange a funeral service at that time. /However, after the death of Jesus, the disciples did not gather every year on the day Jesus was crucified to take any further actions.

/Paul’s disciples did not gather once a year to perform rituals after Paul’s death. /There is something called a remembrance service and people gather every year or every three year. /This service is not biblical.

/Why should remember the dead and seek for the dead? /Based on the Bible, we should not

remember the dead. /When there is a meeting, we should not gather on the day when our ancestor died.

/We should not assemble on such days, /but on other days to have service or meals together. /Remembrance services are not biblical. /It is simply a slightly different form of ancestral rites.

/People go to remembrance services instead, in order to avoid persecutions for not performing ancestral rites. /We should not attend such services.

/Verse 29 says not to profane one's daughter by making her a prostitute. /This is an unclean act. /God will not be pleased. /There is also a "catamite."

/A "catamite" is a male prostitute. /Such people should not exist among the believers. /One prostitute worked hard. /She made a huge amount of thanksgiving offering to God.

/Would God be pleased? /A thief made money by stealing. /He made great profits by stealing from a rich person. /Then the thief gave ten percent of his income to God. /Would God be pleased?

/One person made money by hurting many people's feeling. /He became an owner of a major company. /Would God be pleased? /Our goals are important. /Our motives are equally crucial.

/Why did we do it? /So the entire process is also important. /Our motives are important. /In addition, our purposes are vital. /These three elements are all equally important. /We must remember that God is watching our actions.

/Moreover, God dislikes tattooing our bodies. /God is also not pleased when we make cuts on our bodies.

/God again said in verse 30. /Again, God told us to keep the Sabbath holy. /We also should remember the sanctuary of God. /We should respect His sanctuary.

/Verse 31. /Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God.

/They are all fortune-tellers. /They are shamans. /They are all unclean in the eyes of God.

/Verse 32 makes clear that we must honor the elders. /We are to honor the gray head. /Why should we honor them? /They went through difficult times.

/They are also wise. /Showing respect to such people is the duty of the saints.

/Verse 33. /When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong.

/We should not persecute sojourns. /When the people of Israel came out of Egypt, many other ethnic groups followed as well. /We must not mistreat them. /Rather, we should be merciful towards them.

/God commanded this in verse 34 as well. /We should treat strangers who sojourn as native among us. /Even if we do not feel that way, we should treat them as native among us. /God will be pleased.

/Verse 35 notes that we should do no wrong in judgment. /In addition, we should not deceive in measures of length, weight, or quantity. /No one should falsely operate measurement scales in different stores.

/We should have just balances as well as just weights. /We should also use a just ephah, and a just hin. /These are units to measure liquid.

/Verse 37. /And you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them: I am the LORD.”

/Based on the Word of God, we must follow all His regulations and customs.

/Now we will bring our studies on chapter 20. /We are to honor our parents and not curse them. /We are also not to offer our children as false sacrifices.

/Verse 2. /Say to the people of Israel, Any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who gives any of his children to Molech shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones.

/The verse notes that any one of the people of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn in Israel who give any of his children to Molech shall be put to death. /Molech is what the Ammonites worshipped.

/This idol has a body of a man and a head of a cow. /People heat up such an idol with fire. /Then, people put a child on the heated spot. /By doing this, people make sacrifices.

/God will bring judgment to people who perform such acts. /Our children should be not be secularized these days. /We must teach them not to become slaves of Satan.

/Verse 6. /If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.

/There are mediums and necromancers. /They try to foretell our fortunes and misfortunes. /In other words, they ask Satan. /God will never be pleased with such an act.

/God said he will cut such a person off from among His people. /We must purify ourselves and make ourselves holy. /People who curse their mother or father will surely be put to death.

/Verse 9. /For anyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; his blood is upon him.

/Verse 10 talks about a man committing adultery with the wife of his neighbor. /God made clear that both of the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

/It says in verse 11 that if a man lies with his father’s wife, both should be put to death. /Verse

12 states that if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both should be put to death. /Verse 13 says that if a man lies with a male, they should be put to death.

/Likewise, if a woman lies with a female, they should be put to death. /Verse 14 says that if a man takes a woman and her mother also, he and they shall be burned with fire.

/Earlier in the book, God commanded His people to stone such sinners but now He told His people to burn such wicked people. /This shows how God is against sin. /If a man lies with an animal, he and the animal should be put to death.

/If a woman lies with an animal, the woman and animal must be put to death. /Their blood is upon them.

/In verse 17, it is noted that if a man takes his sister, a daughter of his father or mother, it is a disgrace in the eyes of God. /In addition, in verse 18, if a man lies with a woman during her menstrual period, both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

/In verse 19, if a man lies with his mother's sister or father's sister, they are sinning against God. /They shall bear their iniquity. /Verse 20 notes that if a man lies with his uncle's wife, they shall bear their sin and die childless.

/They shall die childless. /Verse 21 says if a man takes his brother's wife, it is impurity. /They shall be childless.

/Verse 22. /You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out.

/In order for the land to not vomit us out, /we must keep all His statutes and rules. /We must not walk in the evil customs of the unbelievers. /We must not take pleasure in what such unbelievers enjoy.

/We should not love songs of the unbelievers. /We should not perform what they perform. /"You shall not walk in the customs of the Canaanites that I have brought out before you."

/"Why are you following their ways, when they were destroyed because of their sins?" /"You shall inherit their lands." /"A land flowing with milk and honey, a land that I promised to give you."

/"I will give the land to you to possess." /In other words, the land is an inheritance of God. /Therefore, the believers must live a holy life.

/Verse 25 talks about the clean and unclean animals. /There are clean and unclean birds. /The content here is a repetition from Leviticus 11. /Some things please God some God regarded as unclean.

/The people of God must live a distinguished life. /We should live a holy life. /Verse 27 notes about a medium. /It also talks about a necromancer. /They must be put to death.



/No one from Israel should be mediums or necromancers. /We should not perform such acts even as an entertainment. /What do we enjoy?

/Do we enjoy gambling? /How about a card game? /Do not enjoy such games. /The believers should not enjoy such things. /We should live a distinguished life.

/What did God command us? /He said in 19:2. /“You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.” /This is what God wants, intends as well as wills.

/Thank you.