

that there be no wickedness among you

chapter twenty Leviticus

~ Our Spiritual Safari continues on to the other side of the valley we entered in our last report as we studied a correct earthly walk with God; correct according to HIM, that is! This leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God won't be any easier. In fact, it's going to get darker - a whole lot darker - in this report! We were instructed on the severity of the worst social sins man can commit and, if you haven't read our previous report from Leviticus and, indeed, all twenty-three safari reports from this book of the Bible, then I highly suggest you go back and do so now. God stressed that the sins of Israel were occurring - and reoccurring. God is dealing with His people in this dark, desperate and seamy valley. Almost no one ever comes here in the Bible, my beloved.

This is directed at the people and aimed specifically at the home; even more specifically, right in the bedroom! If you think you have a privacy right with God, you're absolutely mistaken. God is going to tell them He will reach into the bedroom and bring them out for stoning if these things are what is going on in there. The illustration of sins in everyday life situations intensifies in this section of Scripture. This chapter deals specifically with the penal code for the awful deeds we have seen in the previous two chapters. Dr. Andrew Bonard, in his book on Leviticus, entitles this chapter "*sins of the former inhabitants.*" I like that!

These are the sins that the people who lived in the land before the children of Israel inherited the land were committing. The death penalty was exacted for breaking any one of the Ten Commandments. Only a few are listed in this chapter, not all of them. For example, this is not a chapter on murder and yet the death penalty was leveled for murder. We have already seen that, and we will see it again in Numbers.

Once again, we must note that the penal code listed here is an abridged edition. That's how we may be sure our inference of it is correct when we say ANY breaking of the Ten Commandments was punishable by death! So, with that we establish that God Himself instituted the death penalty; and we have already established that God is just and righteous in all that He does. The death penalty is meted out with unsparing severity! It's as if the angel of God walks down a hallway with a sword slaying people on every side, saying, "do this and die!" and "do that and die!" It is alarming and frightening how swift and certain this all really is. Punishment is not for the purpose of reforming, friends; not in the Word of God. That just does not happen to be the objective of the Bible.

Further, this is not given as a deterrent to cut down the crime rate, shockingly enough. I think it would cut down on the crime rate if it were actually learned and applied; but that's not the point here. Either way, we have shocking decisions and questionable dispositions being handed down from a bench today that refuses to enforce the law. Many people argue about the death penalty. God says He instituted capital punishment; and He says He did it for good and sufficient reason. If you don't believe God is right, then you are wrong. People simply don't realize they are elevating themselves above God when they make apologies for Him.

God makes no apologies for any of this, friends. Justice and righteousness demand a punishment, or they mean nothing! When the majesty, demands, holiness and justice of God and His laws have been outraged, His wrath is certain! That's the moment the crime is punished. Those of you who do not believe in capital punishment might want to think about your babies being kidnapped and sold as child sex slaves. What do you think ought to be done to the people who do that? I don't want them in my society - period. It's too easy to be complacently theoretical and ideal; and that is why it is too easy for judges to sit on the bench of justice and say they do not agree that certain people should die for the crime of murder. My Christianity reinforces my belief they should die. If you think I am going to argue compassion and mercy you are wildly mistaken. Other people's lives are irreversibly affected by crimes like these, not just the offenders. That changes the color of the picture altogether if you ask me. God says,

“they are to be punished.” Here, God just goes down the list of condemnable sins....

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

~ Notice that God speaks to Moses but not to Aaron. Moses is the law giver, and this is certain legality. Paul says those in position of authority and who rule over us do not carry their sword in vain! That means they are going to use it if they have to. We have no right, nor do we have an obligation, to accept sadistic, psychotic or dangerous criminals back into society under any circumstances. These are the things God has in mind to protect your family and my family. People think execution is just an awful and terrible thing – it sure is! Stoning was particularly horrible; you better believe it! The crimes committed to warrant the death penalty are horrible crimes and we don’t want those people amongst us; at least, I don’t – maybe you do? ~

We have already seen how children were brutally murdered by putting them into the arms of this satanic red-hot idol. It's unthinkable. These people acted fiendishly and demonically. This is a stark contrast to the outstretched arms of the Lord Jesus, Who said, “forbid not the little children to come unto Me!” Any parent that would put their child in the arms of an idol to die deserves worse than stoning. People do this to their children all day long in this modern age - and they have many idols; mammon is one as they encourage them to succeed at all costs, for example. Don’t think I’m discouraging a meaningful education, because I’m not; but when not properly balanced with an education in the Word of God they are nothing but a Christian disaster. This is a tremendous principal; and that’s only number one....

3 And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

~ Notice the language here as God takes a position against man! Was this the unpardonable sin of that day? Who knows! This is a terrible invective, to be sure. God says He will cut the man off from amongst his people! Any sin that God says is a sin is a sin when we commit them. We profane the name of God when we sin! Ezekiel had a lot to say about this. This is one of the reasons God gave for the judgment of the nation Israel when He was speaking to Ezekiel. This type of idolatry is high treason in a theocratic nation....

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not:

5 Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people.

~ We have very hard language presented in no uncertain terms God is telling these people that if their neighbor commits these sins, and something is not done to speak out against it, then THEY are cast away from Him, too! If you want to be a softhearted and softheaded individual, then YOU are equally as guilty as you become their partner in crime! It's most intriguing to me that, when an attempt is made to distort morality and to make a departure from God, they always oppose the death penalty! These people are their own gods, and they attempt to take His place....

6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

~ Here, we come to another direly strong warning against the modern-day palm readers and tarot card fortune tellers. The Canaanites were engaged heavily in this business which is a false religion and it's satanic. People want to debate if these things are real or not – well, they're real. It's so very real

it should scare your socks off. Jesus Himself warns that the antichrist will appear and perform miracles and wonders and would deceive the very elect if that were possible. God sets His face against that soul here and that should be absolutely frightful....

7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you.

9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10 And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

12 And if a man lie with his daughter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them.

13 If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you.

15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast.

16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.

17 And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a wicked thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity.

18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath discovered her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people.

19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he uncovereth his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity.

20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless.

21 And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out.

23 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people.

25 Ye shall therefore put difference between clean beasts and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any manner of living thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean.

26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.

27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

~ So, our Spiritual Safari ends this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God in satanic superstition! Demon possession is a very real reality, friends, let's not be deceived. It has existed down through the years, and it has grown strong and prevalent. Many modern cults promote a modern age of religion using the Bible. The problem is they have cut the Word of God into pieces. One group takes one doctrine, and another group develops another theology until religion is in dysfunctional disarray and the denominations are in total disagreement.

Some people think certain groups of men have spiritual power; well, so does Satan! Many different religions are wildly popular right now. A complete and total ignorance of the texts they use and misapply puts them at odds with each other. The death penalty is the sentence for participating in this religious nonsense. Sanctify yourselves, therefore, and be ye holy because God is holy! All of the abominations in this chapter deserve the extreme penalty of death. Participating in, approval of or practicing any of these things would render you executed in a very terrifying and disgusting way!

All of these contrasting verses offer a good and sufficient reason for the death penalty. We are to be holy because we belong to God, friends. Deviation to this standard of conduct is a serious breach of God's laws, plain and simple. To be involved in these practices is to turn from God to Satan! I am convinced that people today have no idea how serious this really is. God is a reality in this universe, and if you have made a confession

of faith, then He is orchestrating your life. Have you accepted Christ and now your life is in shambles? Well, do you think the problem is you or God? Say, this is very dirty pool, isn't it? God is moving in the affairs of your life if you are a Christian; and He is moving in the affairs of the kingdom of men today.

We saw the Israelite commanded to honor their father and mother – and then to fear their father and mother; and now the death penalty is given for cursing mother and father. We have been told that in the last days there will come along those people without natural affection turning parents against children and children against parents. We saw every form of perverted sexual acts and depraved and demented forms of adultery imaginable to mankind in this chapter. I don't think God missed one single situation mankind is susceptible to. All of these are to be stoned and burnt with fire. Sexual sins have been the reason for the fall of many powerful empires. Sex and alcohol are the two biggest conquerors of mankind. So many great leaders, such as Alexander the Great; Rome and France, not to mention England, have all gone down in an alcoholic flame! There were even rumors of pedophilia in the Royal Family. Everyone knows Great Britain is a third-rate – not great – nation that is an embarrassment to the world council. Many blame the wine of France for the downfall of the Nazi's; whether or not that is accurate I do not know – it is a plausible theory.

This chapter is the conclusion to the law of holiness with a P.S. - people were kicked out of the land by God that Israel was brought in to; and God warns the children of Israel that He will put THEM out if they do not obey His commands. Well, their failure to obey will bring about the future Babylonian captivity of Judah and the Syrian captivity for the ten northern tribes of the nation Israel. I, personally, believe it was settled finally and conclusively during the reign of King Manasseh that they must go into captivity. God makes it very clear in the account of this king they are to be put out of the land as the inhabitants before. Even the priests of the land concurred in this. Just about every establishment we have is joining in on unbridled greed, sexual promotion and lawlessness that defrauds, frustrates and deceives their subjects.

Israel was put out of the land for their disobedience. The fact that they currently have a recognized nation over there is not a fulfillment of prophecy. They aren't getting along very well. They have trouble every moment and they live in constant fear. The problem is that when they went back into the land they didn't return to the True and Living God; THAT is what continues to dog them today! Make no mistake, friends, when they do return to God then there will be blessing on that land. God Himself wrote these commandments and He hasn't changed His mind since. So, let's cause the sun to shine into this dark cave of Biblical history by bringing His grace and mercy to this lost and dying world; and underline this lesson of abominations that we are all guilty of committing. Let's bow and praise God that the prodigal son can come home any time they are ready! What a remarkable lesson we have had in this thrilling section of the Word of God ~
