

HE THAT IS WORTHY OF DEATH >>>

DEUTERONOMY 17:1 – 18:14

~ The power structure in these United States was wisely divided into three separate and distinctive branches of government when it was formed: Executive, Judicial and Legislative. That system worked quite well for this nation for the first two hundred fifty years or so of our relatively short existence; although I cannot say it is still a viable system of government. Men have polluted our Republic and corrupted the Oval Office irreparably, in my estimation. The democratic system can be relied on; but the hearts of the men controlling it pervert the truth and justice it affords, and they abuse the opportunity by doing evil continually. As a result, the system is no longer trusted. Well, three societal branches were established by God in the structure of ancient Israel. They were a theocracy; ruled by the Most High, Jehovah - Who occupied all three offices. The three offices were: Prophet, Priest and King....

XVII

1 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God any bullock, or sheep, wherein is blemish, or any evilfavouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

~ We can bring this down to our level today by comparing the second hand giving – if it is "giving" at all – that contemporary Christians do when they donate secondhand clothes or other leftover stuff. People only give their loose change to real missionaries who are actually doing something to further the Gospel and advance the cause of Christ. Most people ONLY give God anything if there is something left over. We never seem to give God the very best anymore – most of us never have. God said the firstborn of every creature belonged to him; and when they made that offering it was to be perfect. People seem to want to offer what they would have simply thrown away otherwise and call it giving in the name of the Lord – well, God says – keep it. You little Jesus people can just close your Bible and walk away if you want to. You do me no favors by reading my reports, trust me.

When Malachi speaks to our safari, and blares out his diatribe against idolatry, he will begin by specifically condemning the offering of sick cows. I think many of you know exactly what I am talking about. The fact is that almost every single dollar masquerading as “Christian giving” today is sinful and shameful. The manner in which most so-called believers do business with God would result in a life sentence in the penitentiary for fraud if it were conducted in the same manner in the secular business world today. That’s where every single one of us needs to perform a serious spiritual checkup, particularly concerning financial matters. Now, to be absolutely sure, God isn’t poor, and God isn’t asking for anything from you. The cattle on a thousand hills are His and, if God were hungry, He wouldn’t tell you; according to Him, that is. The fact is: you couldn’t hand anything over to God that isn’t His already. God permits us to function in this capacity as a blessing to OTHERS and, subsequently, our own souls. Miserly and stingy giving does not bless your souls, I promise you that. The standard is to esteem others better than yourself and consider the welfare of others above your own. How’s that working out for you, friends? ~

2 If there be found among you, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that hath wrought wickedness in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant,

3 And hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded;

4 And it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, and enquired diligently, and, behold, it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel:

5 Then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have committed that wicked thing, unto thy gates, even that man or that woman, and shalt stone them with stones, till they die.

~ This was an absolute law against idolatry and God makes no apologies for it. Any breaking of the Ten Commandments at all was punishable by stoning. The so-called “enlightenment” of our current soft-on-crime

generational society means that we are either wrong, or God is outdated. I am going on the premise that God is right, and we are wrong. I know we believe we are a generous, loving and civilized nation, and we like to see ourselves as loving, worldly people today; especially now that we have mostly rid ourselves of the death penalty, even for the most heinous of crimes, to the point where any deterrence by law for any crime is diminished to none. Most fascinating, giving and the death penalty are taught intertwined in Scripture. Also interestingly, Americans are the most lawless, uncaring society in the world, and we are, hands down, the dumbest, stupidest, most wrong-minded thinkers known to mankind now or at any point on earth in world history – and the rest of the world knows it and laughs at us, too, by the way. I say all that to say this: God is right, and we are wrong, my friends. Death was the penalty for ALL of the broken Ten Commandments – including covetousness.

If we look closely at Greek mythology or the idolatry of the orient, naturally, it's all closely associated with the sun, moon and stars. The Heavens was most common amongst the Greeks, of course. Diana was the goddess of the moon, Apollo the god of the sun. Well, God said they worshipped the creature rather than their Creator; and that began at the Tower of Babel, as far as the Biblical record is concerned. Babel was a rallying place for those people who were against the True and Living God. God had sent a flood, so, these people aren't going to worship that God. No, they are going to worship the sun and anything that doesn't threaten to send a flood. Of course, God promised not to send another flood, but they aren't even willing to listen to Him now. Unfortunately, the scientific geniuses of that day didn't understand how the sun draws water up and transmits it across the sky. As soon as man discovered that factual accuracy, Greek mythology became the laughingstock of the world. And it remains relegated to incredible; frankly, it's just nonsense.

Science, in our modern day, doesn't have the final word, friends. Even after twenty centuries of escalating catastrophic failures, man still believes he can solve the world's problems in his own wisdom. Well, the philosophies and theories throughout the ages have proven to be wholly inaccurate; and we do laugh at the worship of the sun, moon and stars. In modern times,

many have opted for atheism, because they simply cannot produce a godly deity in their minds that isn't horribly frightful. Of course, the Word of God says the atheist is a fool, so we're always immediately back to square one with them. See, friends, that just happens to be God's judgment and condemnation for breaking the first and second commandment....

6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; but at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death.

~ Enforcement of the law was not carried out arbitrarily in Israel; and no single individual couldn't level a credible prosecution out of vengeance or revenge. God doesn't deal with us, judge us or act in response out of vengeance towards us. There had to be two or more witnesses to bring a charge to begin with. In our day, one witness can condemn a man to death row. I, personally, disagree entirely with that premise. I feel we need more than one witness to establish a credible cause in any criminal case. Well, that's not the way it's done and, as a result, the poor man has no chance in this judicial system; whereas the rich man will be almost impossible to bring an accusation against – even when said accusation is true. God happens to be fair in His dealings and God demands that we, also, be fair in ours. Jesus saith, "judge a righteous judgment."

Moreover, the nation Israel was a theocracy, and they should not have desired a king to rule over them like the nations round about them had. Later in history, Israel will ask for a king to rule over them; all the other nations around them had a king, and Israel wanted that type of centralized government. Well, God is going to give them a king, and their requests were granted; but, as in the case of the wilderness demand for meat, God also sent leanness to their souls. If God answered most of our prayers at face value, literally as we pray them, it would be the biggest mistake of our lives. It would create problems on a level that we have never experienced. God is being gracious when He says "no" – and He does that to me all the time. I have to assume God says "no" to you many times, also? ~

7 The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hands of all the people. So thou shalt put the evil away from among you.

8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up into the place which the LORD thy God shall choose;

~ When the matter was too difficult to be solved and became indeterminate, and the evidence was equally as impressive on both sides, or if the problem was regarding an area of law that was not specifically addressed by the Mosaic System of Levitical Law, they were told to inquire of the priests for a final answer. Haggai said, in chapter two at verse eleven, "... ask the priests concerning the law." In these cases, the priests and the judges appointed by God would issue the final disposition. Today, we don't even have any capable or qualified men who can be turned to; we have no Godly men who could be consulted in this connection; and every man does that which is right in his own eyes in our society. That's a sad commentary but, it's true - and there it is, my safari friends....

9 And thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days, and enquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgment:

10 And thou shalt do according to the sentence, which they of that place which the LORD shall choose shall shew thee; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they inform thee:

11 According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not decline from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left.

12 And the man that will do presumptuously, and will not hearken unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the LORD thy God, or

unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel.

13 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 When thou art come unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are about me;

15 Thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the LORD thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not set a stranger over thee, which is not thy brother.

~ This section of Scripture leads our safari through a legal discourse concerning the kings. We are given three strict and specific prohibitions for a king in Israel. As you read the next few verses, consider the following background facts: horses speak of war in Scripture. Horses being multiplied was only done because there were riders to go on them – to fight. King Solomon was a real horse multiplier, as we shall see later. The ruins of Solomon’s stables at Megiddo may be the most impressive sight you can visit in that land today. That was just ONE stable, too, by the way. In their hey-day, those stables would have made Churchill Downs and Belmont look like a tenant farmers tract in rural Georgia. I have no doubt in my mind Solomon went all out in every direction multiplying horses and wives. Egypt, or course, in the Bible, represents sin. Egypt was the place to get the best horses. Even today, the Baladi Egyptian is one of the most highly sought-after breeds of the Equidae family....

16 But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the LORD hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way.

17 Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turns not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

~ Well, old King Solomon multiplied wives and horses and learned all about the art of this particular sin from his father, King David. It was, actually, all those wives that turned Solomon away from God. Before the issue even becomes an issue, the Lord dictates the edicts regarding which path we are to go by. Verse seventeen contradicts Solomon because Solomon, literally, cornered the gold market in the day in which we are studying. David set the standards in place and Solomon finished David's business of collecting gold and silver and hoarding it. Of course, they did it to build the temple – but – that does not change the fact that God made this decree WAY before David and Solomon decided they were going to build a house for God. Historically, we know that specific act of disobedience resulted in the dividing of the northern and southern kingdoms and, ultimately, both of their captivities. God will have the final word in your disobedience, you may be absolutely sure....

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:

19 And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:

20 That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.

XVIII

1 The priests the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and his inheritance.

2 Therefore shall they have no inheritance among their brethren: the LORD is their inheritance, as he hath said unto them.

~ Contemporary Christianity neither considers nor teaches the stringent commandments of obedience the True and Living God gives us; nor how He demands holiness in our Christian walk and lives. Most people do whatever they want to do and then find a way to justify their selfish acts through some random and disconnected Bible verse. They pervert the truth and call it the will of God for their life; but they never spend any time studying the Bible. That will never work, friends. We have been over all of this ground before on safari. God said He is holy, so we are to be holy, also - even as He is holy.

This chapter also outlines what the priests were to receive in lieu of land and inheritance amongst the people. Naturally, everything the priests received were provided directly by the hand of the Lord Himself. Well, God will provide in this particular way for any man – or woman – who wants to OBEY the commands of the Lord. I can tell you that this is the ONLY method God uses to carry out His service in the world today, too. If you aren't doing things His way – you aren't doing anything for God. I feel very sorry for the flock that has a pastor who has one foot in the world working a secular job. That is simply the blind leading the blind.

God's people are COMMANDED to support the work of those who are giving one hundred percent of their time and effort to the cause of Christ. I am sure that is the full principle here; and I am also sure very few people care about the man who honestly believes God and helps them learn about the Word of God properly, correctly and completely. Now, in all fairness, not everyone will bring in an entire shoulder of oxen; because that's quite a bit of substance; and the idea for the priests here is not five-star dreams and caviar wishes every night, either. There is a certain balance that any honest man will strike, and any dishonest man can NEVER attain to. Let's all turn this over in our minds a few times and really consider the Biblical principals we have before us in Deuteronomy....

3 And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep; and they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The firstfruit also of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him.

5 For the LORD thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons for ever.

6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourned, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose;

7 Then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, which stand there before the LORD.

8 They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

~ Verses nine through twelve are specific warnings against idolatry. The children of Israel are warned to stay away from these pagan and heathen principles and practices that the former occupants of the land had been observing. This is all repeated in the New Testament, as Paul says, ".... in the last days, men will turn to the doctrine of demons." Friends, we are in

the last days, and I hate to be the one to tell this current world this, but mankind has totally resorted to satanic and demonic doctrines – and they do it with their Bible in hand and open – and mankind today has completely and wholesale abandoned the Word of God, His commands and His precepts. If you doubt that then you just happen to be wrong.

We have a massive manifestation of Satan worship in the church via the ilk of Osteen, Meyers and many others who brilliantly masquerade as Christ-centered organizations but, in reality, are nothing in the world but psychological motivational baby talk. Even so, they don't appear as blatant Satan worshippers – that's just not en vogue – but it will be again soon. These are not just passing fads we're talking about; this thing is more real than you can imagine. Either way, make no mistake, we are in the period referred to as "the last days." Satan is the professor de emeritus in secular circles, and he is leading our young people straight to hell. There is so much truth and reality to this report it should scare the living daylights out of you although, honestly, I sincerely doubt it does.

God says it's an abomination to Him for us to even entertain the ideas of the devil, such as astrology or tarot or palm reading. ANY thoughtful regard for necromancy or wizardry means death to the so-called Christian. We have already examined the worship of the stars, sun and moon in this report, and other issues; because more people place an emphasis on this type of thing than they do the Bible. Astrology is in your face today and they seek all of your money as you attempt to attain new levels of understanding. Well, friends, you cannot buy wisdom, knowledge, discernment and judgment. The more you pay, the more your mind becomes clouded. YOU are an abomination unto the Lord when you engage in ANY of that evil.

If you find fault with my message, then you find fault with God; and God isn't apologizing for your likes and dislikes, my beloved. You aren't an abomination to me – you are an abomination to GOD if you even consider that type of wickedness because you also divert other people from knowing the Loving and True God, and it plunges souls into the inescapable darkness of demonism, and it makes them dream of the unseen spirit world.

Subsequently, they become the “dreamers” Jude will tell us all about in his epistle. The unseen world is very real – necromancy, fallen angels and a spiritually demonized kingdom are just as much a reality as God. People have largely figured out that spiritism is real, and they are attempting to identify and function by embracing it. People are working pretty hard right now attempting to establish contact with the underworld and, beware, the unseen, satanic world is GLAD to reach back out to you. If you say you are a child of God, you will do well to leave it all alone. Anyone who turns in that direction has a very weak faith – they don’t trust Christ as their Savior – and it reveals that they simply do not believe the Bible is, in fact, the Word of God....

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do ~

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