

## BIBLE CLASS STUDY GUIDE

## LEVITICUS 19-20

## CONTINUING LAWS

It becomes clear in these chapters of Leviticus that the Israelites were really a people *set aside* for a special purpose. They were to be different in the way they lived and acted. They were not to appear like the heathen who surrounded them. They were *God's people* preparing for the Christ. The laws in this chapter show clearly how they were *separate* and *holy to God*.

- ! Every Christian is dead to the flesh and alive to God. How have each of us been *separated* unto God?

## Chapter 19

## God's Holy Law

The LORD then spoke to the entire assembly of Israel through Moses. "Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy," He said. This set the tone for what was to follow.

The laws outlines in this section are essentially extensions (details) of the Ten Commandments with a few of the ceremonial laws indicated as well. Think about and discuss the laws God gave to His people:

- Honor your father and your mother (v3)
- Observe the Sabbath (v3)
- Do not have any other gods (v4)
- Make proper sacrifices (w5-8)
- Look out for the poor (w9-10)
- Do not steal (v11)
- Do not lie (v11)
- Do not deceive one another (v11)
- Do not swear falsely (v12)
- Do not defraud others (w13, 35-36)
- Give a worker his due (v13)
- Do not harm the disabled (v14)
- Be just (v15)
- Do not show partiality (v15)
- Do not slander (v16)
- Do not endanger your neighbor's life (v16)
- Do not hate your brother in your heart (v17)
- Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge (v18)

Do not mate different kinds of animals (v19)  
Do not wear clothing woven of two different kinds of materials (v19)  
Do not plant your fields with two different kinds of seed (v19)

- ! What do you think the LORD wanted to impress on the people by giving them these three laws?

Sexual purity (w20-22)  
Laws regarding planting (w23-25)  
Do not eat meat with blood still in it (v26)  
Do not practice divination or sorcery (w26, 31)  
Do not cut the hair at the side of the head or the beard (v27)  
Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put marks on yourselves (v28)  
Do not give your daughter to prostitution (v29)  
Have reverence for the sanctuary of the LORD (v30)  
Show respect for the elderly (v32)  
Do not mistreat foreigners among you (v33)

- ! How does one distinguish between the laws that were specific to separating the Jewish people and those which still apply to us now? Discuss those who still try to apply Old Testament ceremonial law today.

## Chapter 20

## Consequences of Sin

The consequences of sin were great among the Israelites. They were to recognize and understand the truth that “the wages of sin is death.”

The death penalty was to be imposed by the Israelites for:

Those who sacrificed to the false god Molech (w1-5)  
Those who cursed father or mother (v9)  
Those who committed certain sexual sins (w10-16)

Judgment would come from God (“cut off from His people”) for:

Marrying his sister (v17)  
Certain sexual relations (w17-21)

God gives the reason for these laws. What does He say about it?

- ! Read and respond to Lev 20:22-27

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