

Leviticus 17 - 27
The Holiness Code
Lesson 3

Laws regarding blood - 17:1-16

Several laws were given with God's specific requirements to show how sacred blood is.

1. Using Lev. 17:1-6 what was:
 - An improper sacrifice?

 - The Lord's penalty for this?

 - The Lord's reason for this penalty?

 - The proper way to sacrifice according to the law?

2. From Leviticus 17:7, what did the Lord forbid?

3. Do you think the problem mentioned already existed or was anticipated after Israel entered the land? (Remember Moses received Leviticus while in the wilderness.)

4. Verse 10 states that "*Any Israelite ... who eats any blood - I will set my face against that person ... and will cut him off from his people.*" What was God trying to impress on their minds and hearts regarding blood? (vs. 17:11-16)

Laws Related To Sexual Relations - 18:1-30

5. What stern reminder did the Lord give Israel before stating his laws on sexuality? (vs. 18:1-5)

God's laws of sexual morality are given in Leviticus 18:1-30. In Genesis, sexual intimacy was a good gift from God and was to be enjoyed within the covenant of marriage. His children, the nation of Israel, were about to enter into the land of Canaan where God's gift of sexual intimacy had been distorted.

6. What were God's laws and God's view regarding these practices in Canaan?

Reference	Sexual Act	God's Law and reason
vs. 18:1-17	Incest	
vs. 18:18-20	Adultery	
vs. 18:21	Child sacrifice	
vs. 18:22	Homosexuality	
vs. 18:23	Bestiality	

7. Why did God include his laws regarding these sexual activities? (vs. 18:24)

8. *"Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants."*
 What do you think that statement meant? (vs. 18:25)

Holiness and Justice - 19:1-20:27

9. Chapter 19 included specific instruction on holiness; how to be holy as God is holy. Read this chapter and then explain how you think obeying these laws would help the people of Israel to live out, or imitate God's holiness?

10. Several verses deal with the occult (19:26, 28 & 31; 20:1-6, 27).
 - What does God think of these practices?

 - What was God's prescribed way of dealing with those who practice the occult?

11. God reminded Israel over and over that he alone is God and they are not to have any other gods before him. Why do you think he emphasized this again in the Levitical laws on sexual behavior, holiness and justice?

Laws For The Priests - 21:1-22:33

12. What would you say is the central theme of Leviticus 21:1 - 22:33?

13. What was the special warning in Leviticus 22:2 for priests and leaders?

Celebrations - 23:1-24:9

14. "The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'These are my appointed feasts, the appointed feasts of the Lord, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.'"

Fill in the chart below on the seven appointed "Feasts of the Lord:"

Leviticus 23	Celebration
vs. 3	
vs. 4-8	
vs. 9-14	
vs. 15-22	
vs. 23-25	
vs. 26-32	
vs. 33-44	

15. What did the Lord require Israel to have continually before him? (vs. 24:1-4)

16. What was to be done with the 12 sacred loaves of bread? (vs. 24:5-9)

Blasphemy - 24:10-23

17. Using a dictionary, define "blasphemy."

18. How seriously does God take blasphemy? (vs. 24:10-23)

19. How seriously does today's society take blasphemy?

The Year of Sabbath and Jubilee - 25:1-55

20. The sacred times of Israel (The Sabbath Day, Sabbath Year and the Year of Jubilee) had both practical and commemorative purposes. Describe how you see the physical and economic benefits of observing these times. (vs. 25:1-55)

Blessings and consequences - 26:1-46

Chapter 26 clearly states that obedience to God and his laws will result in blessings while disobedience will bring about God's punishment.

21. From Leviticus 26:3-5:

- What was one of the conditions of their blessings?

- What was God's promise regarding material blessing?

22. Leviticus 26:6 and 26:36-37 address fear. In your own words, describe the different responses and the reasons for them.

23. Read Leviticus 27 then write a brief answer to the question, "*Why is it important for me to keep my vows and commitments to the Lord?*"