

## Leviticus 19

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### “A Handbook for Believing Families!”

#### 1. Intro:

- 1.1. **Virginia Anderson** – Child Evangelism Fellowship.
- 1.2. **Jeff Thompson** – update & clear up last weeks comment.
- 1.3. Still in Leviticus? (Sometimes I’m tempted to leap frog to a more exciting book also!) Sometimes (like last week) I feel like I’m treading through deep mud...but I plod on!
  - 1.3.1. 2 Tim.3:16,17 “**All** Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be **complete, thoroughly equipped** for every good work.”
  - 1.3.2. **All**, means all here.
    - 1.3.2.1. When I dig in **my back yard** I find that in one part of my slope it is **easy** to dig, & 3’ away it is **very hard**.
    - 1.3.2.2. I see **the word of God** being the same. Sometimes we need a simple **shovel** to uncover Gods riches, other times a **pick**, & sometimes a few sticks of **dynamite**.
- 1.4. Mark Twain said, “It isn’t the portions of the bible which I **don’t** understand that bother me; it’s the ones I **do!**”
  - 1.4.1. In this **chapter 19** it basically is an overview of the 2 tablets given to Moses...the 10 commandments!
  - 1.4.2. All 10 are found here!
    - 1.4.2.1. 1 & 2(vs.4); 3(12); 4 & 5(3); 6(16); 7(29); 8,9(11-16); 10(18).
  - 1.4.3. They were the basis for all **Jewish Law** & should be the basis for all **Moral Law today**.
- 1.5. **We have here a “Handbook for Believing Families”!**
  - 1.5.1. It is really a **guidebook** to be used at home rather than in a public worship service.
  - 1.5.2. “It deals w/ordinary life, w/the institution of the family, w/agricultural practice, w/social behavior, w/the question of paying wages, w/ensuring correct weights & measures be used in the market place, & so on.”<sup>1</sup>
    - 1.5.2.1. In each case it has to be an expression of **love!**
- 1.6. The children of Israel were brought *out of* Egypt, but now they needed to be *brought into* “a land flowing w/milk & honey”!
  - 1.6.1. **As believers** we have been brought **out of** our own personal Egypts, but now we must be **brought into** “the land flowing w/milk & honey”! - **Q: Where are you on that trek?**

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<sup>1</sup> William Barclay; pg.114

## 2. GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO GOD! (1-8)

- 2.1. (1) **The Lord spoke to Moses** – So as to distinguish that Moses wasn't writing like a Plato or a Socrates.
  - 2.1.1. He wasn't writing his own thoughts on life, but God's very words.
- 2.2. (1-3) **I am the Lord your God!**(see 3b)
  - 2.2.1. 15 times in this chapter.
  - 2.2.2. Remember the exhortation to "be Holy" applies to **us** today because of 1 Pet.1:16!
  - 2.2.3. The primary reason for all **holiness & obedience** is the **character & authority** of god!
    - 2.2.3.1. Again, when we talk about **God's Holiness** we mean **His Transcendence, His Remoteness** from everything earthly & wrong.
    - 2.2.3.2. When we talk about **Man's Holiness** we mean consecration to God.
- 2.3. (3,30) **Sabbath!**
  - 2.3.1. Only commandment the church in the NT is **not** told to repeat.
    - 2.3.1.1. It was a sign between God & Israel **Ex.31:13** "Speak also to the children of **Israel**, saying: 'Surely My Sabbaths you shall keep, for **it is a sign between Me** and you throughout your generations, that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you.'"
      - 2.3.1.2. It was a **capital offense** to break this(Numb.15:32-36, man gathering sticks)
  - 2.3.2. Yet, we are to give **our time** still to Him. We must not waste it.
    - 2.3.2.1. **Eph.5:15-17** "See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord"
    - 2.3.2.2. **Make sure you devote special times to Him in Worship & Service!**
- 2.4. (4) **Idolatry!**
  - 2.4.1. Focuses on both 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> commandments.
  - 2.4.2. The Occult could fit into this category also(see 26,31).
- 2.5. (5-8) **Worship!**
  - 2.5.1. We must **eat & drink** to the Glory of the Lord.
    - 2.5.1.1. This would keep us from the sin of **Gluttony**, & other eating problems like **Anorexia & Bulimia**.
    - 2.5.1.2. "Our table should be an altar for **peace offerings**, not a field for **battles**."
  - 2.5.2. They knew how to present this sacrifice. He sought their obedience to this.

## 2.6. (12) The Name of God!

- 2.6.1. The name of the lord is **sacred** & must never be used **blasphemously** or **in an oath** that the person doesn't intend to fulfill.
- 2.6.2. Do "some" Christian business cards fit in this category?
  - 2.6.2.1. If someone wants to use **my name** or **the churches name** I am very careful with whom I trust w/it. (happened this week, prob by accident, we ask you **not** to use the churches in name, unless you ask us)
  - 2.6.2.2. If you got the **fish** or **dove** friends on your business cards...it better be Gods business! - To me it's like going into partnership with Him!

### 3. PRECEPTS PERTAINING TO PEOPLE! (9-18)

## 3.1. (3) Parents!

- 3.1.1. Revere/honor your parents, & keep the Sabbaths. - "Through the former we learn the later."
- 3.1.2. In the earliest days our parents are God's representatives.
- 3.1.3. How pliable are plants during their tender age? Yet year by year they grow more rigid as they develop into a mature trunk...never to be bent.
- 3.1.4. Holiness starts in the home as children show respect to our parents.

## 3.2. (9,10) Poor &amp; Needy!

- 3.2.1. **Eph.4:28** "...working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need."
- 3.2.2. We should think of others as we enjoy what God has given to us.
  - 3.2.2.1. *If He is Lord in our work, we cannot be selfish in our earnings.*
- 3.2.3. **Q:** What **are** you doing to help out the poor? - What **can** you be doing?

## 3.3. (11) Stealing &amp; Lying!

- 3.3.1. 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> commandment.
- 3.3.2. "Respect for **truth & property** is the foundation for a just & orderly society."<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Warren Wiersbe

- 3.4. (13) **Employees!**
- 3.4.1. Make honest business deals, telling lies, holding back \$, & using God's name to cover frauds are all out of question when he is Lord.
  - 3.4.2. **Workers were paid daily, & delay would cause hardship.**
  - 3.4.3. **Q:** Bosses, Managers, Owners, are you treating your employees fair?
  - 3.4.4. **Employers** were never to take advantage of their **employees**.
- 3.5. (14) **No Injustice!**
- 3.5.1. How can you help our handicap friends to make their life easier?
- 3.6. (15) **Rich & Poor!**
- 3.6.1. Justice was not to be partial.
  - 3.6.2. **Ps.82:3,4** "Defend the poor and fatherless; Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy; Free them from the hand of the wicked."
- 3.7. (16,17) **Talebearer!**
- 3.7.1. **Talebearer** = (Strong's) "a scandal-monger, slander, carry tales."
    - 3.7.1.1. Here the context is "gong around" doing this.
    - 3.7.1.2. **Feather story!**
  - 3.7.2. A **talebearer** is like a 3 fanged rattlesnake, it emits a **3-fold poison**. It injures **the teller, the hearer, & the person concerning whom the tale is told.**
  - 3.7.3. Whether the report is true or false, we are by this precept of God's Word forbidden to spread it.
  - 3.7.4. Count it shame to help the devil in this!
  - 3.7.5. (17) gives the answer on what to do...go to them to their face, not behind their back.
    - 3.7.5.1. **This week:** I heard of someone slandering me, but I went to 2 pastor friends asking them to "Pray about this situation".
  - 3.7.6. **Gen.9:20-23** "And Noah began to be a farmer, and he planted a vineyard. Then he drank of the wine and was drunk, and became uncovered in his tent. And **Ham**, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and **told his two brothers outside**. - But **Shem** and **Japheth** took a garment, laid it on both their shoulders, and went backward and covered the nakedness of their father. Their faces were turned away, and they did not see their father's nakedness.
  - 3.7.7. It is your choice to be a Ham, or a Shem & Japheth.

- 3.8. (18) Note the sequence of 14-18: unkindness(14), injustice(15), gossip(16), & hatred(17)...But instead “Love your neighbors as yourself”.
- 3.8.1. Amazing we find this gem dug up in this “load of law”! (in Leviticus!!!)
- 3.8.2. “Getting along with people, especially our neighbors, isn’t a matter of **obeying laws** but of **having love** in our hearts!”
- 3.8.3. “**Love is the fulfilling of the law!**” (Rom.13:10)
- 3.8.4. This is to help us in **human relationships** & treat people the way God treats us.