

F. The Levitical Ideal: A Holy Life in all respects Leviticus 17-25

This part of the book of Leviticus discusses our walk with God as the first part discusses our approach to God. It is a very practical section of the book and shows the completion of the life that is lived before God. Our discussion may be less detailed than the first few chapters but we are still able to comment on most of the complex of life responsibility.

1. The Ideal: A life set apart for God (17-19)

a. Spiritual concepts in this life...important for observation

- it is not a matter of place or living standard
- it is not a matter of law or legalization
- it depends on the reality of the establishment of a relationship with God.
- suitable practices are designed in the light of this fact
- for some reason...these practices are most easily demonstrated in areas where human waywardness is most pronounced
- therefore most of our attention is placed in areas of worship and devotion before God and inter-personal relationships where our honor is most stressed.

b. Purity of worship (Leviticus 17)

--whosoever killeth it out of the camp (v. 2)

he shall be cut off (v. 3)

Obviously what is involved is not slaughtering animals for sale of family consumption, but the idea of going outside the camp to offer a sacrifice or to pretend to give God something other than what He has called for and prescribed in the law.

--which they offer in the open field (v. 5)

unto the door of the tabernacle (v. 5)

So let it be that whatever is offered to God is given in agreement with his instructions after the manner He has prescribed.

--the priest shall sprinkle the blood (v. 6)

and burn the fat (v. 6)

The acts of propitiation will be shown and the whole will be given to God as directed...

--no more offer their sacrifices unto devils (v. 7)

So the congregation is directed to worship God alone and the best prescribed means for this is to follow the law as Moses has given it.

--uniformity of practice is seen in vss. 8-9

--vss 10-14...refraining from eating blood. Note vs. 11, 14.
Some cultists have a field day in these verses.