

Leviticus 20:1–27
False Worship, Defiance, Lust & Death
November 3, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon: Why Do We Wear Cloths?

Key Idea

False worship leads to a defiance of God's authority. A defiance of God's authority leads to unrestrained sexual immorality. All of our rebellion leads to death.

B. The Basic Categories in Leviticus

Leviticus 10:10

¹⁰ **You are to distinguish** between the *holy and the common*, and between the *unclean and the clean*...

C. The Path to Holiness (Drawing Near to God)

1. Cleansing (11-16)
2. Consecration (17-22)
3. Communion (23-26)

D. The Structure of Chapter 20

- A. Penalties for religious crimes (20:2b–6)
- B. A call to holiness (20:7)
- C. A call to obedience (20:8)
- D. Penalties for family crimes (20:9–21)
- C¹. A call to obedience (20:22–25)
- B¹. A call to holiness (20:26)
- A¹. The penalty for religious crimes (20:27)¹

II. Worship, Obedience & Sex

Romans 1:22–25, 29–32

²² Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³ and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and

¹ **Eveson, P. H.** (2007). *The Beauty of Holiness: The Book of Leviticus Simply Explained*. Welwyn Commentary Series (271). Darlington, England: Evangelical Press.

creeping things.²⁴ Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to ***the dishonoring of their bodies*** among themselves,²⁵ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator...²⁹ They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,³⁰ slanderers, ***haters of God***, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, ***disobedient to parents***,³¹ foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.³² Though they know God's righteous decree that **those who practice such things deserve to die**, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

III. These Things are Deserving of Death

A. False Worship

1. Gives any of his children to Molech (2-5)

2 Timothy 3:2-5

For people will be ***lovers of self***, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, ***disobedient to their parents***, ungrateful, unholy,³ heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good,⁴ treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, ***lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God***,⁵ **having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power**. Avoid such people.

2. Manipulate the Supernatural/Spiritual

Leviticus 20:6, 27

⁶ “If a person turns to **mediums** and **necromancers**, whoring after them, ***I will set my face against that person and will cut him off*** from among his people.
...²⁷ “A man or a woman who is a medium or a necromancer ***shall surely be put to death***. **They shall be stoned with stones**; their blood shall be upon them.”

B. I Have Separated You...Be Separate!

Leviticus 20:7-8, 22-26

⁷ ***Consecrate yourselves***, therefore, and ***be holy, for I am the Lord your God.*** ⁸ Keep my statutes and do them; ***I am the Lord who sanctifies you.*** ...

²² “You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. ²³ And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, ***for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them.*** ²⁴ But I have said to you, ‘You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.’ ***I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from the peoples.*** ²⁵ You shall therefore separate the clean beast from the unclean, and the unclean bird from the clean. You shall not make yourselves detestable by beast or by bird or by anything with which the ground crawls, which I have set apart for you to hold unclean.

²⁶ ***You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.***

C. Defiance of Authority

Leviticus 20:9-10

⁹ For anyone who ***curses his father or his mother*** shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or his mother; ***his blood is upon him.*** (Cf. Matt. 15:4)

¹⁰ “If a man ***commits adultery*** with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

1. If a Man Lies With...

(vs. 11-13) ...his father’s wife; ...his daughter-in-law, (perversion); ...a male as with a woman, (abomination).

2. If a Man **Takes** a Woman and her Mother Also (depravity; **“burned with fire”** Cf. Joshua 7:15–25)
3. Man or Women...Lies with an Animal
4. Marries a Sister

Leviticus 20:17

¹⁷ “If a man **takes his sister**, a daughter of his father or a daughter of his mother, and **sees her nakedness**, and **she sees his nakedness**, it is a disgrace, and they shall be **cut off in the sight of the children of their people**.

5. Lies with...Menstrual Period
6. Lies with his Uncle’s Wife, (die childless)
7. Take your Brother’s Wife, (die childless)

IV. Closing Observations & Applications

- A. Sexual Immorality is a Crime against God!
- B. Capital Punishment?
 1. Who Has God Authorized?
 2. What Should be Done In the Church?
(Cf. 1 Corinthians 5:1–5)
 3. What Happens If We Fail to Consecrate Ourselves? (Cf. Revelation 21:8)

Hebrews 12:14

Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

- C. Repentance for Rank Unbelief

Key Idea

Let us turn from the self-serving path that leads to destruction and rely upon Jesus who provides the only path to self-sacrifice and eternal life.