

Message #37

Leviticus 20:9-27

BEING HOLY MEANS GOD'S PEOPLE WILL CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES OF THEIR ACTIONS AND WILL CHOOSE NOT TO DO CERTAIN THINGS AND WILL ALSO CHOOSE TO DO CERTAIN THINGS.

People who are becoming holy will think very carefully and very seriously about God in all areas of life. I want to point out something very important here—these are things God's people are not to do. Even though these are things no one should ever do, this list is aimed at God's people. You may have, prior to becoming God's child, have done some things on this list. All sin, even the grossest of sin is washed away by the blood of the Lamb.

PART #1 – There are specific things that a child of God is not to do. **20:9-21**

(Sin #1) – The child of God is not to curse his father or mother. **20:9** – Consequence = Death!

It is important to grasp the Hebrew word “curse” which is in the Piel stem and imperfect tense. The Hebrew word “curse” is one that means to make light of, to diminish, to despise, to hold in contempt (Gesenius, p. 733). The Piel stem used here indicates an eager, persistent repetition of the action (Gesenius, *Hebrew Grammar*, p. 141). The imperfect tense of the verb indicates a continuing action (*Ibid.*, p. 125). What is described here is a child who continually repeats an action of despising and holding in contempt his father or mother. When a child continually persists in degrading his mother or father, he is a godless child whom God loathes. His anger burns against this kind of child and that son or daughter who is a disgrace to the name son or daughter will **never** experience His blessings.

(Sin #2) – The child of God is not to commit adultery with another man's wife. **20:10** = Death!

Notice both the adulterous man and woman were to be put to death. Look at the hypocrisy in John 8:1-11—where is the man?

(Sin #3) – The child of God is not to commit immorality with his father's wife. **20:11** = Death!

(Sin #4) – The child of God is not to have relations with his daughter-in-law. **20:12** = Death!

(Sin #5) – The child of God is not to be involved in any homosexuality. **20:13** = Death!

(Sin #6) – The child of God is not to marry a daughter and her mother. **20:14** = Death by burning! All three that were involved were to be burned, not stoned.

(Sin #7) – The man of God is not to have sex with an animal. **20:15** = Death!

(Sin #8) – The woman of God is not to have sex with an animal. **20:16** = Death!

(Sin #9) – The child of God is not to have sex with his sister. **20:17** = Cut off from people!

The remainder of the sexual sins does not carry the formula of being put to death, but they do carry consequences. Sexual sin is in a different category of sin.

(Sin #10) – The child of God is not to have sex with a menstruous woman. **20:18** = Cut off from people!

(Sin #11) – The child of God is not to have sex with his aunt. **20:19** = Bear guilt.

(Sin #12) – The child of God is not to have sex with his uncle's wife. **20:20** = Barren

Dying childless in Biblical times was regarded as a great tragedy because it was viewed as one who was cursed by God.

(Sin #13) – The child of God is not to have sex with his brother's wife. **20:21** = Barren

Let me tell you a tragedy in this dispensation—dying spiritually childless, never influencing anybody for Jesus Christ. Nothing will kill our influence quicker than sexual immorality.

PART #2 – There are specific things that a child of God is to do. **20:22**

Specifically, the child of God is to carefully obey the Word of God so that he is not eliminated from the land God gave him.

PART #3 – There are specific practices the child of God is not to follow. **20:23**

The child of God is not to follow the evil customs of a godless society.

PART #4 – There are specific ways that God's people are to be. **20:24-26**

(Way #1) – God's people are to be a separated people. **20:24**

(Way #2) – God's people are to be distinguishing people. **20:25** - Judging clean from unclean.

(Way #3) – God's people are to be a holy pursuing people. **20:26**

PART #5 – There are specific things God's people are not to be. **20:27**

God's people are never to be connected to Satanic, demonic activity such as a medium or spiritists. The consequence is death.

PARTING THOUGHTS:

- 1. God's people are to be holy people.**
- 2. Holiness means making concrete choices not to do certain things.**
- 3. Holiness means making concrete choices to do certain things.**

- 4. There are consequences for God's people for the choices they make.**
- 5. If you have committed any of these sins, you can be set free from law violations by Jesus Christ (John 8:1-11).**