

**“The Pentateuch”
Leviticus 17-18
Wednesday March 24, 2010**

Leviticus 17-20 Constituted a legal code for the people of Israel, touching on many areas of their personal and public life.

Lev 20:7-8

“I am the Lord!” 24X in Lev 17-20

Leviticus 17:1-18 Sanctity of Blood
Leviticus 18:1-30 Sanctity of Sex

Leviticus 17:1-18 Sanctity of Blood:

Leviticus 17:1-8 The Offering of Food: Lev 17:1-4

Lev 17:11

Any animal used for food had to be brought to the altar and presented as a fellowship (peace) offering to the Lord.

Lev 17:5

1. By bringing the animal to the altar, the offerer was seeing to it that the Lord (3:1-17) and the priest (7:11-18) each received their rightful portion.

Lev 17:6

2. By this law the Lord dignified ordinary meals and made them a sacred experience.

2 Cor 2:16

3. This kept the people from secretly offering sacrifices to idols out in the fields.

Lev 17:7

Lev 17:8-9 The Offering of Sacrifices:

Lev 17:10-14 The Eating of Blood:

Lev 17:15-16 The Eating of Animals Found Dead:

Leviticus 18-20 is often called "The Holiness Code"

Leviticus 18:1-30 Sanctity of Sex:

Lev 18:1-5 God's Authority:

"I am the Lord"; The phrase is used 42X in Leviticus 18-26.

1 Cor 6:18-20

Lev 18:3-5

Lev 18:6-23 God's Standards:

Leviticus 18:6-18 Incestuous Relationships.

uncover nakedness - "to have sexual relations with."

Lev 18:7

1 Cor 5

Lev 18:8-16

Did not prohibit what is known as "Levirate Marriage." ("Levir" is the Latin word for "husband's brother.") (Deut. 25:5-10).

Lev 18:17

Polygamy – Lev 18:18

Adultery: Lev 18:20

Child Sacrifice – Lev 18:21

Sodomy – Lev 18:22

Romans 1:26-32

Bestiality – Lev 18:23

Lev 18:24-30 The Consequences:

Application:

1. God sets the standards, not man nor society. God is both the creator, and the sustainer.
2. God wants to be glorified through His people. This is not only God's highest, but it will result in what is best for us.
3. The Believer should not attempt to be like the world and still be accepted by God, but should desire to be as much like the Lord and different from the world.
4. Israel's obedience to God's commands did not make them God's people, but their obedience was the result of their having become God's people.