

## SERMON OUTLINE

In Leviticus 19:1-37 we learn that because God is holy He demands holiness from His people (vs. 1-2) in 3 ways.

- I. Be holy by loving Me.
  - A. Honor your parents (v. 3a).
  - B. Keep My Sabbaths (v. 3b).
  - C. Do not worship idols (v. 4).
  - D. Approach Me correctly (vs. 5-8).
- II. Be holy by loving your neighbor.
  - A. Care for the poor (vs. 9-10).
  - B. Be honest (vs. 11-12).
  - C. Deal justly (vs. 13-16).
  - D. Love others as you love yourself (vs. 17-18).
- III. Be holy by obeying My statutes (vs. 19a, 37).
  - A. Don't defile by mixing (v. 19b).
  - B. Protect the slave woman (vs. 20-22).
  - C. Honor Me with firstfruits (vs. 23-25).
  - D. Separate from pagan practices (vs. 26-31).
  - E. Honor the elderly (v. 32a).
  - F. Fear Me (v. 32b).
  - G. Love the stranger (vs. 33-34).
  - H. Deal justly (vs. 35-36).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, October 20, 2019

Passage: Leviticus 19:1-37

Memory Passage: Leviticus 19: 1, 33

### **DAY 1 - ASK FOR INSIGHT READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Lev 19:1-37. We won't read the entire chapter every day this week, but as you do today, take note of (1) repeated words or phrases and what their repetition tells you, (2) which of the 10 Commandments do you find mentioned and how does their mention inform your understanding -of the relationship between covenant and holiness, (3) what each law says about the character of God, and (4) any questions you have arising from your reading.

### **DAY 2 - ASK FOR INSIGHT READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Lev. 19:1-8. We have seen the command given in v. 2 earlier in 11:44-45, and we will see it again in our study of Leviticus. What does this command tell us (1) about God, (2) about man & women, and (3) about what follows in this chapter?

(b) What does "holy" mean, and how are God's people to accomplish imitating Him in this way?

(c) What do each of the commands in 19: 1 -8 teach you about God's character? About our relationship to Him?

(d) Which of the commands listed in 19:1-8 are New Covenant believers required to obey? Explain your answer.

### **DAY 3 - ASK FOR INSIGHT READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Lev. 19:9-18; James 2: 1, 8, 9; 4:11; 5:4, 9, 12, 20. How can we care for the poor as holy people even though we might not own fields, vineyards, and employ day laborers?

(b) How do these verses help us understand and apply holy living in the area of justice for all, especially the oppressed?

(c) How do the ethical commands (i.e. don't steal, lie, deal falsely, hate, etc.) convey a desire for holiness? How are they examples of loving one's neighbor?

(d) How are you failing to obey the commands to be holy in Lev. 19:9-18 as they are reiterated in the NT? In what ways is the unity of our church challenged by those who violate these laws? In what ways can our church impact our community for good by pursuing holiness in these ways? In what ways are YOU impacting your church & community in these areas?

### **DAY 4 - ASK FOR INSIGHT READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Lev. 19:19-37. This section is marked off by the phrase "you shall keep my statutes" (v.19) and "you shall observe all my statutes and all my rules, and do them" (v.37). Verses 19-31 present laws that separate, or symbolize the separation of, the Israelites from the pagan cultures around them and therefore are not binding on believers today.

(b) How would you explain the commands found in v.19 to a skeptic who tries to dismiss all Biblical commands and truths as irrelevant, just as irrelevant as commands forbidding mixing 2 kinds of seed in a field or 2 kinds of cloth in a fabric?

(c) How would obeying the principle found in v.32 improve your life? Strengthen our church? Improve our community?

(d) Why are the commands found in vs.33-36 tied to the Israelites' life in Egypt? In what way might you love your neighbor in these ways? In other words, how do you apply the timeless truths, which are tied to God's character, found in vs.33-36?

**DAY 5 - ASK FOR INSIGHT READ THE PASSAGE**

(a) Read Matt. 22:37-40, Rom. 13:8-10, Gal. 5:13-15, 1 Pet. 1:13-16. As you meditate on the eternal truths about God and His call to His people to be holy, as well as see the way Jesus, Paul, and Peter used truths from Leviticus to encapsulate obedience to the law, write down at least 10 applications for New Covenant believers that flow directly from Leviticus 19. Of the 10 applications, chose 3 of them and write specific ways you will implement them in your daily life beginning today.

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*Love Your Neighbor for I Am Holy*