

SERMON OUTLINE

In Leviticus 17:1-16 we observe the LORD commanding His people (vs. 1-2) with 3 instructions concerning sacrifice.

- I. All Israelites and strangers must offer all killed animals to God at the tent of meeting or be cut off.
 - A. Whether killed inside or outside the camp (vs. 3-4).
 - B. No sacrifices to false gods:
 1. Whether Israelites (vs. 5-7).
 2. Whether strangers (vs. 8-9).
- II. All Israelites and strangers must abstain from eating blood or be cut off.
 - A. The command stated: Do not eat blood or I will cut you off in my anger (v. 10).
 - B. The reasons for the command given:
 1. The life of flesh is in the blood (v. 11a).
 2. I have given blood to you for atonement for your life (v. 11b).
 - C. The command repeated: Do not eat blood (v. 12).
- III. All Israelites and strangers must handle the spoils of the hunt properly.
 - A. If animal is killed:
 1. Pour the blood on the earth (v. 13).
 2. Do not drink the blood or be cut off because the animal's blood is its life (v. 14).
 - B. If animal is found dead, either of natural causes or by being torn by other animals:
 1. Eat, but cleanse by washing clothes, bathing in water, and remaining unclean until evening (v. 15).
 2. Bear your iniquity if not properly cleansed (v. 16).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, September 1, 2019

Passage: Leviticus 17:1-16

Memory Passage: Leviticus 16:34

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 17:1-9.** Who is speaking in this chapter and who should listen (vs. 1-2)?
- (b) Why would an Israelite kill a sacrificial animal anywhere other than the tent of meeting?
- (c) What is the primary reason God gives His people the laws in vs. 3-9 (see esp. v. 7)?
- (d) What does the phrase “bloodguilt shall be imputed to that man” mean?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 17:1-9.** What is significant about the peace offering that helps us understand these laws in vs. 3-9?
- (b) Why on earth would the Israelites offer sacrifices to goat demons?!?! What does the LORD think of this practice (v. 7)?
- (c) What does “cut off from his people” mean, and why is this penalty so strong?
- (d) For what reason would sojourners bring sacrifices to the LORD (find a hint in v. 9!)?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 17:10-12.** What command is given twice in vs. 10-12 (notice the emphasis: command/reason/command)?
- (b) Explain the reason given in v. 11 for the prohibition against eating blood.
- (c) How does the penalty given in vs. 4 & 9 differ from the penalty given in v. 10, and what does this difference mean?
- (d) What do you learn about God’s grace in vs. 10-12? About His holiness? About His wrath?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 17:13-16.** Explain the procedure for eating animals which are hunted, die on their own, or are torn by beasts (vs. 13-16).
- (b) We have covered much of this ground before, but it is vital to revisit it here: How has Christ fulfilled Leviticus 17, especially vs. 10-12 (see, among many other passages, Is. 53:10; Mark 10:45; Rom. 3:25; Heb. 9:1-28; 10:29-31)?
- (c) Must NT believers abstain from eating blood (cf. Acts 15:29, Rom. 14:2-3, 14-15, and the wondrous reversal in John 6:52-58!)? Explain your answer using your ever-expanding knowledge of Biblical theology.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 17:1-16.** What truths in Leviticus 17 are applicable to you today? Write down at least 10 personal applications from Leviticus 17 you will both apply to your life this week and share in your Sunday school class. Consider, for example (and you could find many more!): (1) God is concerned about idolatry (17:7; Col. 3:5; Eph. 5:6), (2) God is the only true God to be worshiped (17:7; Matt. 6:24), (3) outsiders attached to the community of God must worship Him rightly (17:8-9, 13, 15; Matt. 7:15; 24:24; Acts 20: 29-30, 2 Cor. 11:12-15), (4) we must not dishonor the blood of the atonement which is a sovereign gift of God (17:10-12; Heb. 10:29), (5) God’s people are to trust Him alone for their salvation and obey His commands (17:10-12; John 6:52-58), (6) God cares about how He is worshiped (17:1-16; John 4:23-24; Acts 5:1-11), & (7) Life is a gift from our loving and sovereign God (17:11 “I have given it to you;” 1 Tim. 6:13; consider your role in seeking justice, guarding life, promoting thriving communities, serving everyone, etc.).

DATE: September 1, 2019

Life Is in the Blood

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