

Leviticus 19

Part 1

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As I read the third book of the Bible, Leviticus, I came to the 19th chapter in which I felt the Holy Spirit begin to move in me to write some things down. These three pamphlets will be expository writing based on this chapter of laws to which the children of the Israelites needed to adhere. I felt the truth that we, today, should also heed these laws:

1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy. [NIV]

Jesus, too, asked us to be perfect even as our Heavenly Father is perfect. We are not to be reticent about doing this for we must remember that God gave us free will and He gave us the rules we must follow in this fallen world (in the Bible) therefore, if He asks us to set a high standard for ourselves and to attempt holiness, consider it an edict, a command, and follow it. If we find that the command to be perfect, even as our Heavenly Father is, too weighty, too cumbersome, too distracting, too overbearing, too intimidating, too sacrificial, too ANYTHING, then we must be willing to review our precepts, review our standards and change them to comply with God's rules, dropping our own deficient standards by our willing heart and by utilizing our free will to discipline our mind. Since this is impossible for us to do on our own, we must be willing to recognize that God said with Him, all things are possible, and we must pray for and know this truth for this is part of the correction He is making in us. Also, praying this way is praying properly the prayer that is always answered: That God's will be done!

3 Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God. [NIV]

How can we respect our mothers and fathers if they have fallen short of our concept of what motherhood and fatherhood are? Does the rule still apply if they made terrible mistakes that have, more or less, taken our childhood away, or caused deep sorrow to dwell within us? The answer is, "Yes, the rule still applies." Because, despite the mistreatment we get in life, God still must prevail and His holiness is an ideal that must be constantly reached for (of course, only with His strength, for of our own strength, we can do nothing). Often, God gives parents angels known as their children, who, on their own have figured out life's true meaning and life's true potential found in the agape love Jesus teaches us. It is Christ's love we must share ESPECIALLY to those whom God has made close to us. They won't hear a stranger, but they may hear us—if not physically, then we must prayerfully bring them into our Tent of Meeting within and nurture them with Christ's love, and help them understand the blood shed by Jesus, was meant for all, including them. We must bring them into our prayers and make our parents, our special charges, gloating over them, nurturing them, plying them with Christ's love, which we are asking Him to flow through us. We must not continue to poke our heads out of this prayer-time, to check our results as this rips us away from the truth that, in God's time, and His time only, our prayers will be heard and our parents will be moved, willingly toward the Lord, accepting His loving and forgiving ways. Whether this takes a week, or a year, or many years, the blessings reaped by praying for others, will be impossible to measure—and they will

NOT be only for our parents but, most certainly, will increase our spiritual foundation and make us walk, sure-footed, through this carnal land, with Christ's Presence emanating from us, drawing many to the Lord.

4 Do not turn to idols or make gods of cast metal for yourselves. I am the LORD your God [NIV].

An idol is something we worship other than God. God is Spirit, God is love. We are made in the image and likeness of God, therefore, essentially, and through Christ, we are spirit and we are love. We worship what we focus on. There are many things even today that are made of cast metal

(or have cast metal parts) that we spend much time focusing on (worshipping, if you will). Because we have free will, we must come to terms with (not hide from the fact that), we may be worshipping entertainment devices instead of developing new habit patterns of prayer. Jesus says, "What we pray believing will come about." If we are always praying, because in one way or another, we are always believing (in something), then we really must get a handle on what we are worshipping, for if it isn't God, then it must be Satan (or Satan influenced) and the results of this worship will be very undesirable. Please learn to put two and two together, connect the dots and recognize that what we worship does bring results. Try not to tuck this information into the bottom drawer of your filing cabinet, the next time you are tempted to fall into some heavy, dramatic, tense, compelling and totally engaging "entertainment." The results of this entertainment may be far from entertaining for us. Learn where the on/off switch is and, if God's world means more to you than man's world (which is really a world of re-runs), then, by your God-given free will, make a choice to turn it off. Take time to learn to pray rightly, instead.

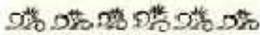


***11 Do not steal.
Do not lie.
Do not deceive one another. [NIV]***

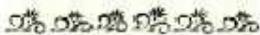
The ramifications of these commands go far beyond the obvious. How many times do we, by our actions, steal salvation from someone? When we choose to respond in an unChrist-like way toward people who, blinded by the appearances of the world, intrude upon us in some way, we are stealing an opportunity for them to see how Christ works. In addition, we are showing ourselves how weak we are in Christ. How many times, by our belief in appearances, do we say to another (or think to ourselves), some person is the devil incarnate—there is no hope of salvation for them? Whenever we give credence or make "appearances" our foundation, we are worshipping Satan, the king of lies. Whenever we judge by appearances, we are lying to ourselves. "Do not lie" does not insinuate that it is okay to lie to ourselves. Therefore, it is not okay to lie to ourselves, nor is it

okay to lie to others. Jesus says we must judge righteous judgment. In a spirit of forgiveness, then, we must judge other people as calling for our prayers for they are in a deep, unrecognized need of healing. In this light (Christ's true light), we must pray sincerely, that we be utilized by the Lord to show this person how Christ's forgiving and compassionate love works. We must help people see the truth by our own expression of the truth rather than kick more dust into their eyes by our judging them inconsiderate and disgusting. We are in cahoots with Satan when we share, to potential children of God, a deceitful view by our actions. We can contribute to their already low self-esteem by reacting to them as if they are lowly scum of the earth OR we can contribute to their salvation by reacting to them as if they are children of a most high God, needing Christ's love, which can be shown through us, at our willingness that this be so. Also, keep in mind that we must ask ourselves if we want to be molded by God or molded by Satan, because how we respond to others, indicates who we are allowing to mold us.

If you feel up to the challenge of becoming a Christian, please understand whose commands we follow. No one will tell you (in this pamphlet, anyway) that this is easy. Taking the Lord Jesus as your Savior requires immense trust and a willingness to quit doing everything on your own. It requires a willingness to be still and know that He is God and He has a plan for your life that may not be the same one you had for yourself. Please pray the following prayer and give your life to the One who knows you intimately. He has been waiting for you to make this decision so He can come into your heart.



Oh, Father God, I submit my life to You. I know You are not a legalistic God, asking us to follow Your laws mindlessly, as if we are robots. God, I appreciate that I am able to know who I am—in You. Who I am in any other way is completely fabricated. I am only Yours, God. Thank You for helping me come to terms with myself—in You. Thank You for teaching me Your ways, for they are the ways toward my salvation and the salvation of many more who may cross my path. Thank You, God, for the simplicity of salvation in which I trust You, abide in You, and love You with all my heart. Satan has laws that help govern his world. There are no laws I want to follow but Yours, God. I give my life to You, Lord, and make you my King. In Your name I pray, Amen.



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Thank you, and God bless you.
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