

(Through the Bible) Leviticus 16-20

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The sermon explores the significance of the Day of Atonement, the importance of blood in the Old Testament, and the symbolism of the high priest's ministry in relation to Jesus Christ.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher discusses the moral decay and corruption in society, particularly in relation to the portrayal of sinful acts in movies. He emphasizes that God's people are called to be pure and separate from the world. The preacher warns that when a nation reaches a point of moral decay, it can no longer exist and will crumble. He highlights the importance of obeying God's commandments and laments the forsaking of God's ways in the United States, which he believes is close to the point of collapse.

Transcript

Now in chapter 16, we deal with Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. The high priest wasn't to go into the Holy of Holies at any time. The Lord began to speak to Moses and this was given after the death of the sons of Aaron.

And now God is becoming more specific about the ministry of the priest and how that they are not to go into the Holy of Holies at any time, that they die not. For God said, I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy sea. And so Aaron shall come into the holy place with a young bullock for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

And he shall put on a holy linen coat and shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh and shall be girded with a linen girdle and with a linen miter shall he be attired. These are the holy garments, therefore, that he shall wash his flesh in water and so put them on. Now on the Day of Atonement, now during the rest of the year, the other priest would offer the sacrifices, but on the Day of Atonement, actually the high priest had to do all the work.

And if you count the number of animals and all that he had to kill and butcher and offer, it comes to some 30 some animals that he had to deal with. Plus he had to bathe five times. Now on this particular day, he did not wear the beautiful garments of the high priest, the ephod and the blue miter and all that.

But on this day, he wore just the plain linen of the robes of the priesthood. And the first thing he had to do is offer an offering for his own sins. He had to take care of his own sins first.

And then having offered the offerings for his own sins, then he would offer for the sins of the people. And of course, as you look at this, it is all looking forward to Jesus Christ. So there is just beautiful symbolism all the way through, with the exception that there is no no equivalent in Christ for the sin offering that the high priest offered for himself.

For Jesus did not have to offer any sacrifice for himself being sinless. There's no New Testament equivalent to that. But Christ has become our high priest.

And he entered into the heavens of which the earthly tabernacle was only a model and not with the blood of goats, but with his own blood. And his was not an annual affair for the high priest must each year offer, but Jesus once and for all and is forever sitting down now at the right hand of the Father until his enemies are made his footstool. But in the work of Aaron on the day of atonement, you find tremendous symbolisms to Christ, our great high priest, going in and offering for us and for our atonement before God.

Speaking of the Old Testament and the sacrifices, Paul the Apostle tells us in Colossians that these were all a shadow of things to come, but the substance is Christ. These things were all just shadows of Jesus Christ. He's the substance.

And so Christ standing there at the division of history, cast the shadow in the Old Testament in the sacrifices and in the holy days and all, they were all shadows of Jesus Christ. And none more important or powerful than this day of atonement, Yom Kippur, when the priest made atonement for the people and in the offerings we see the work of Jesus Christ. Now, there were two goats that were brought and the high priest Aaron would take the two goats and would cast lots on the two goats.

One was for the Lord and the other was a scapegoat. Verse nine, and Aaron shall bring the goat which is upon upon which the Lord's lot fell and offer him for the sin offering. But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to make an atonement with him and to let him go for a scapegoat into the wilderness.

And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself and shall make an atonement for himself and for his house and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself. And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord and his hands full of sweet incense big and small and bring it within the veil. And he shall take the blood of the bullock sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward before the mercy seat he shall sprinkle blood with a finger seven times and then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring his blood within the veil to do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat and before the mercy seat and shall make an atonement for the holy place because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel and for their transgressions.

And so now on Yom Kippur the day of atonement when the high priest doing all of his work alone no help on this day even as Jesus alone bore our sins suffered in our place. Now the high priest would only come into the holy of holies one day a year. That was all.

This was coming into the presence of God manifested there within the holy of holies the mercy seat. And on this day of atonement he would enter the holy holies three times. First of all coming in offering the sin

offering for himself then with the blood of the bullock as a sin offering for the people and then with the blood of the goat as a sin offering for the people coming into the holy of holies offering these sin offerings that God might make a covering of the sins of the nation.

Now this is the law of God for sin. And as we get into a subsequent chapter God deals with the importance of the blood in chapter 17 and he forbids any eating of blood. And in verse 11 he said for the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls for it is the blood that makes the atonement for the soul the covering.

It's the blood that makes the covering. I point that out to point up to me what is a great disparity today among the Jews though they observe still Yom Kippur as the holiest day of the year. Yet I have questioned the Jews as to how they hope to have forgiveness of their sins.

And the standard pat answer that the Jew gives to me as far as the basis for the forgiveness of his sins is that Yom Kippur is now the day of reflection. In which you think over your past year and you think of all of the evil things you have done and you think of all of the good things that you have done. And your hope and purpose is that your good outweighs your evil.

Now if you know some crooked Jew that's been giving you a bad time you might go to him the day before Yom Kippur because quite often about this time of the year they're really striving hard to make up for all of the other mismanagement during the year so that on the next day when they're reflecting they are going to come out okay in these balances. And yet and yet the fallacy of it all because God has established the basis for relationship with himself and the way that God has established for the basis of relationship is through blood sacrifices for it is through the blood that atonement is made. God also declared in the law for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.

And sin is that which is always separated man from God. And under the law there is not one word about balancing your good works against your evil. God made a covenant with these people a covenant whereby they might relate to him a covenant whereby they might come to him but that covenant whereby they might come to him was actually a covenant that involved the shedding of the blood of an animal for with it is through the blood that atonement is made.

Now one thing the law shows is not how approachable God is but how unapproachable God is by the normal man. Under the law there is no easy approach to God. There was only one man that could really approach God and that was the high priest and that was only once a year and that was only after many sacrifices and many washings.

And so their own law shows them that God is unapproachable by them. And when I have challenged the Jew on this issue he really has no real answer but only gives you some of the lame things that the rabbis have taught them which have no scriptural basis. The Old Testament doesn't really present us a God that can be approached by anyone at any time.

In fact the 16th chapter here begins and the Lord spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron when they offered before the Lord and died and the Lord said unto Moses speak to Aaron and thy speak to Aaron thy brother that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil. You're not to come here just any time. You're only to come here once a year and then only as you follow all of the ceremony that God is laying out here.

Now if God was so unapproachable then what makes the Jew think that God is any more approachable today and if he could only be approached through blood sacrifices how do they think that they can approach him with their own works which God's word in their own testament declares is as filthy rags in the sight of God. Now in the Old Testament any endeavor to approach God by any other method than the prescribed method by God was considered by God an abomination so they are not true to their own scriptures. Having forsaken the way of God they have now sought to establish their own righteousness by their works apart from the law of God and as Paul said those to whom the law was given never did attain to the righteousness that is in the law because having departed from the law of God they are seeking now by works to be righteous before God and Paul in Romans shows the fallacy of their whole approach to God today.

Now we have an approach to God something that Israel no longer has. They don't have any offering for sins. They don't have any temple.

They don't have any high priest but we have approached to God today through Jesus Christ our great high priest who has entered into heaven for us not into the earthly tabernacle made with hands but into the very presence of God the heavenly of which the earthly temple was only a model and there Jesus has entered in and by his entering in with the sacrifice for us he then flung wide the door and said okay all of you kids come on in and all the children who by faith believe and trust in Jesus Christ now have a free access to God through the blood of Jesus Christ and the blood of his new covenant that he is established with man and therefore let us come boldly to the throne of grace that we might receive mercy in our time of need what a beautiful thing we have through Jesus Christ so we are

not coming to God apart from a blood sacrifice for it is the blood that makes the atonement and without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin and that is why Jesus shed his blood and that is why God put such a high respect for blood in the minds of these people emphasizing over and over the high respect that they should have for blood even the blood of animals it is to teach them that high respect so that when God's blood was shed for our sins it should be something that is held in highest respect and reverence in Hebrews we are told that he that despised Moses law was stoned in the mouth of two or three witnesses of how much sore punishment suppose ye he to be thought worthy who hath trodden underfoot the son of God and who hath counted the blood of his covenant wherewith he

was sanctified an unholy thing oh the reverence that God would have us to have and respect God would have us to have for blood even the blood of the animal how much more respect for the blood of Jesus Christ and I shudder when people speak disparagingly concerning the blood of Jesus Christ I shudder when people say oh Christianity is a bloody religion I shudder when men like Voltaire say the blood of Christ the blood of pigs there's no difference I shudder at such blasphemy God wants you to have the very highest respect for the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed that your sins might be put away but the glorious thing about Jesus Christ and about his sacrifice for our sins it was only necessary once and it covered for all we don't have to bring sin offerings his sacrifice was sufficient

for every one of us and has provided the basis whereby God can forgive you of your sins but let me tell you this in the scripture there is no other basis whereby God can forgive you of your sins and there is no way that you as a sinner can have fellowship with God until the sin issue is dealt with something has to be done about your sins God is a holy God there's no sin that can dwell in his presence and thus for you to become one with God have fellowship with God something must be done about your sins so no man can really have fellowship with God apart from Jesus Christ the cross of Christ is to them that perish

foolishness but to us who are saved thereby it's the power of God whereby I've been cleansed of my sin so that now I can come to God through Jesus Christ so the 16th chapter is

absolutely a fabulous chapter to study as you see Aaron the high priest going in sprinkling the blood before the mercy seat making the atonement in the holy place for the uncleanness of Israel and that was with the blood of the bullock and then going back in with the blood of the goat the two goats they cast the lots one was for the Lord sacrificed as the sin offering but the other one the scapegoat these speak of the twofold work of Jesus Christ Jesus not only provides the forgiveness of your sins but he also provides you power over sin to separate your sins from you now the second goat the scapegoat after having slain the first goat upon whom the lot fell and offering it as a sacrifice he took the second goat and he laid his hands upon the head of the second goat and over the

head of the second goat he confessed all the sins of the nation transferring all of the sins onto this second goat and then the second goat was led by a priest out of camp out into the wilderness and it was let go to just run off in the wilderness and it was the scapegoat and it spoke of the separation of us from sin now as the years went on there was a highly developed ritual that went with this as the temple was finally established in Jerusalem there was a certain area where the scapegoat was generally released and there were men that would stand at vantage points all the way out to the Judean wilderness and the priest would be going out and the people would all be waiting back in the great area of the temple mount and the priest as he would lead the scapegoat out into the wilderness

finally had come to the wilderness area where he turned it loose and as it ran and when it disappeared he would give a signal to the fellow back on the mountain peak who would give the signal to the next guy who would send the signal to the next the next to the next and in just a few moments the signal would come from the mount of olives to those down on the temple mount that the scapegoat has gone the sins are gone and there would be this great rejoicing of the people the singing of the halal psalms the praises unto God as the news would come back that the goat carrying the sin was gone and I think of that great rejoicing when we realize that our sins are gone never to be remembered again Christ having born them carried them and the victory and the power that he gives to us over sin so

this day of atonement a most important day in the Jewish calendar it's worthy to study and compare with Jesus Christ so in verse 34 this shall be an everlasting statute unto you to make atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year and they did as the Lord commanded Moses now in chapter 17 God laid out that there was only to be one place for sacrifice and that was the temple they weren't to just sacrifice anywhere but they but the tabernacle and later the temple were to be the only places where sacrifices were to be offered unto the Lord and that anytime you killed any of your animals you really should bring them you shouldn't just butcher your animals anywhere in the field you should bring them to the temple and offer them as the Lord unto the Lord as a peace

offering or communion with God so that you would offer it and then you would get the part of the meat back for yourself in order that as you ate it was something that had been offered with to God he is having part of it the fat and all is burned as a sweet savor unto the Lord and so you get the meat to eat and as you eat it the idea is I'm communing with God I'm eating with God I'm having this fellowship with God the peace offering and so anytime you were going to eat meat anytime you were going to have a barbecue you should bring it first to the priest offer it to the Lord let it be slain there you weren't to just slay the animals anywhere but let it let there be that constant reminder of the need that we have for fellowship with God and so offer it to God and realize that I'm eating

with God I'm partaking with God I'm a part of God and realize that relationship that you have to the Lord and then in the latter portion of chapter 17 the sanctity of the blood beginning with verse 10 they are not to eat any manner of blood nor to allow any stranger within the land to eat any manner of blood for God will set his face against that person and cut them off from the people for the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls for it is the blood that makes the atonement for the soul therefore I said unto the children of Israel no soul of you shall eat blood neither shall any stranger that sojourns among you eat blood and whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel or the strangers and so forth that hunts

and catches any beast or fowl that it may be eaten he shall pour out the blood and cover it with dust for it is the life of all flesh the blood is for the life thereof therefore I said unto the children of Israel you shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh for the life of all flesh is the blood so the respect for life and then of course the realization that the blood was that which brings the covering for sin chapter 18 here we find the term used over and over again for I am the Lord your God so God wants a holy people he tells them how they are to walk with him for I am the Lord your God and actually laying out the importance of the fact that they are representing God to the world now Paul the apostle speaks about how the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because the ways

the Jews were living and and God was stressing the importance for I am Jehovah your God and all through this chapter you'll find that emphasis as God deals with them in the way that they should live and dealing with moral issues in chapter 18.

Now as God deals with these moral issues he is dealing basically with incestuous relationships first of all and forbidding any type of incestuous relationship I think that the movie industry has had the most corrupting influence upon the world than any other single source I think the minds of men have been polluted more through the movie industry than anything else I think that they have introduced more filth and corruption into the world than any other single source and there seems to be within the movie industry a desire to show bizarre kind of relationships first of all adultery seeking to make it an acceptable practice and then having satiated people with adulterous relationships so that no longer gives a tingle they started showing incestuous relationships homosexual relationships

seeking to make them accepted practices and then began to show bestiality the relationship with animals horrible filthy polluting things now the bible says whatsoever man saw it that shall he also reap and if you sow to the flesh you're going to have the flesh reap corruption you cannot look at those things without polluting yourself without polluting your mind because you are sowing into your mind these things and if these are the things you are sowing into your mind sowing to your flesh then of your flesh you're going to reap corruption paul tells us of the heathen world having forsaken god and not wishing to retain god in their minds god gave them over to minds that were reprobate and then he begins to speak of the reprobate practices homosexuality and goes on then and lists a whole

horrible list of the reprobate practices of men who no longer wanted to have god in their conscience of course they didn't want god in their conscience of course they'd like to think that we evolved from animals they must get rid of god out of their conscience because they could never live with a conscience with all of the horrible filthy things that they have dreamed up in their minds and in their imaginations and have portrayed upon the films horrible acts and as paul lists for us in romans chapter one these horrible things that men did he says something very startling at the end of the chapter being filled with all unrighteousness fornication wickedness covetousness maliciousness full of envy murder debate deceit

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inventors of evil things disobedient to parents without understanding covenant breakers without natural affection implacable unmerciful now go down that list again and just think of the movies what kind of things do they depict in the movies fornication unrighteousness wickedness covetousness murder deceit haters of god proud bolsters inventors of evil things without natural infection those are the things portrayed they say well this is life this is realism this is how people live we have a right to show it because this is this is real this is real life realism if that is so god help us we're living in a horrible world but the last verse is the clincher who knowing the judgment of god that they which commit such things are worthy of death not only do the same but have pleasure in them

that do them if you go to the show to find pleasure in watching murders in watching fornication in watching these things if you go to the show to find pleasure watching other people do them you are guilty taking pleasure in those that do them so god is speaking now of the moral laws his people are to be a pure people his people are to be a representative people before the world you're not to be as the world everybody's doing it is no excuse for the child of god you're to be separate you're to be different from everybody he is the lord you're god and your life is to be separate and different and if it's not then what do you really have surely not a true relationship with god and so the first thing that god is forbidding here is any type of incestuous relationships things that are all of

a sudden become a very popular subject in the hollywood movies after the showing of a few movies where fathers abusing their daughters and all they have made it almost a common thing and the young girls that are abused by their fathers today the number of them is staggering it's horrible it's unthinkable but that whole horrible door was opened by hollywood oh yes i know it existed earlier but it's but it's magnified through hollywood now they are coming out with a series of films on mothers having incestuous relationships with their sons horrible absolutely horrible one of the shows on tv that you're missing tonight has that theme thank god you're missing it what a corrupt sinful world but because jehovah is your god you're not to be polluted by these things you're not to follow these

practices you're to be different and the theme all the way through chapter 18 for i am jehovah your god and you'll find that he says it some 14 times as he emphasizes this truth now they are not to allow their children to pass through the fires thy seed to pass through the fires of molech which was now god said the egyptians did these things the canaanites did these things i know that they're doing it but for this reason i'm driving the canaanites out of the land for this reason i'm destroying them you're not to follow the practice of the canaanites the land the people in the land where you're going in verse 27 the prohibition of homosexual relationships thou shalt not lie with mankind as with womankind it is an abomination now these i know where i am i'm just trying to frame the word for

these characters who are trying to pass themselves off as ministers and so forth who are advocating homosexual relationships cal state long beach has a gaze for christ club governor brown just appointed an avowed homosexual to the superior court in los angeles governor brown is going to be one of the featured speakers at the gay community centers uh fundraising dinner in los angeles the end of this month he's beginning to identify himself so much with that community that it's beginning to look like our governor needs to examine his own relationship with god and i think you got the message in verse 23 bestiality forbidden defile not yourselves verse 24 and any of these things for in all of these the nations are defiled which i cast out before you the land is defiled therefore i do visit

the iniquity thereof upon it and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants in other words the land itself is so sick of the corruption that is going on with within ultimately the land itself vomits out i wonder i wonder jesus it was interesting said when the pharisee said lord rebuke your disciples when he was making his triumphant entry he said i'll tell you something if i were if these disciples were were to all together hold their peace these very rocks would crowd i wonder how much the land really knows god said to abel to cain the blood of thy brothers the ground crieth out unto me where your brother's blood was spilled now god says the land vomited out the inhabitants of the people so sick were their practices you see there is a point of moral decay that once the nation reaches

that point it can no longer exist it's gone beyond the point of return and the nation can no longer exist it's going to crumble and fall and let me tell you something the united states is awfully close to that point now god in speaking of these things said to the nation israel if you will obey my commandments and do them then i will make you great but if you forsake them then you're going to be cursed in the city cursed in the fields cursed everywhere you go god said righteousness exaltation but sin is a reproach to any people and god's cry against israel and the reason why she had to fall was they have forsaken my loss they have forsaken my commandments and they've gone after their own ways and i'm sure that as god looks at the united states today his cry is much the same they have

forsaken my ways they've forsaken my loss they've forsaken my commandments and the land is about to vomit out its inhabitants because of the things that we have allowed sitting back and doing nothing and so the land is defiled therefore i visit the iniquity as the land vomits out her inhabitants now verse 28 that the land spew not you out also when you defile it as it spewed out the nations that were before you for whosoever shall commit any of these abominations even the souls that commit them shall be cut off from among their people therefore shall you keep my ordinance that you may commit not any one of these abominable customs which were committed before you and that you defile not yourselves therein for i am jehovah your god the repetition again now god continues in this same vein as

he moves into chapter 19 speak to the congregation of the children of israel and saying to them ye shall be holy for i the lord your god am holy you shall reverence every man his mother and his father and keep my sabbaths i am the lord your god turn ye not unto idols nor make to yourselves molten gods for i am the lord your god notice the repetition over and over i am the lord your god you're not to have idols or molten gods and so forth i am the lord your god and if you offer a sacrifice of a peace offering unto the lord you shall offer it of your own will again man's free will involved in all of his service and worship to god eat what you can for two days if you can't eat it all in two days burn it if you eat it the third day then it's no longer accepted it becomes an abomination of

that which was offered as sacrifice in the peace offerings to god when you reap your harvest don't gather the corners of the fields and don't gather everything leave something there for the poor of the land and so the welfare program was a beautiful program in that they weren't they were to go through and pick the grapes that were right but leave everything that wasn't right but they couldn't go through and pick the second time whatever was left was left for the poor in the land they could come in once your harvesters had gone through you weren't to glean your own land let it be there for the poor don't even harvest the corners of your fields leave that for the poor and thus the poor could go out and gather in the fields anytime the harvesters had gone through it was there it was

available for them and so it wasn't just a dole out program you just didn't go out down and get food stamps but you actually went out and gathered your own and so you were busy doing something rather than just

sitting and watching tv and polluting your mind now the lord goes on to give further instructions verse 10 thou shalt not glean the vineyard neither gather every grape leave them for the poor and the stranger you shall not steal you're not to deal falsely don't lie you shall not swear by god's name falsely neither shalt thou profane the name of thy god for i am jehovah thou shalt not defraud thy neighbor neither rob him of the wages that is higher actually you would pay wages daily you weren't even to keep his wages overnight thou shalt not curse the deaf now these are a couple

things i found sort of amusing you're not to curse the deaf or trip the blind man what a dirty dog cursing the deaf man or laying a stumbling block before a blind man i mean that's that's really but you know i'm amazed at how cruel people really are i'm amazed how cruel children are to a handicapped child what is it about our nature that children are so cruel to a handicapped child now in the animal realm quite often an handicapped animal will be killed by the other animals but unfortunately sometimes men aren't far from that taking advantage of the disadvantaged how often we see it done and yet there's nothing more cruel in all the world than taking advantage of a disadvantaged person there's nothing more dangerous in all the world because god says he sticks up for the

disadvantage god said he watches over the widow man when you're doing it to one that god is watching over you're in big trouble but you see man apart from jesus christ isn't far from the animal for an animal has body and consciousness and man apart from jesus christ has body and consciousness therefore he relates well to the animal kingdom therefore he is cruel to the handicapped or disadvantaged but a man who has been born again by the spirit of god and now has a spiritual birth not just born of the flesh but now born of the spirit and with the spiritual birth now is related to god and related to jesus christ you really can't do these things and if you find yourself doing these things persistently and continually then i will tell you you don't have a true relationship with jesus christ

for whosoever is born of god does not practice sin for god's seed is in him now a new seed a new life born again by the seed of god by the spirit of god and he cannot be living in sin you say oh i don't know about that chuck hey i'm not telling you my words that's god's word you can read it for yourself in first john now in judgment they're not to respect the person of the poor or to honor the person of the mighty but they shall be righteous in the judging of their neighbor you're not to go around bearing tails as a tailbeard you know what he did let me tell you whisper it and people believe you thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart you see what the jews forgot was that the law was dealing with the spirit and the heart of man and they started to just observe it from an outward

thing and jesus when he came pointed out where they missed the law completely in interpreting it as governing outward activities when the law is spiritual and god is concerned with the attitudes and here the law says you're not to hate your brother in your heart they just took the law they'll not kill you can hate him all you want just don't kill him and it's only when you kill them that you violated the law but jesus brought out again hey if you hate your brother you violated thou shalt not avenge nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself now when jesus asks the lawyer which is the greatest commandment he said thou shalt love the lord thy god with all thy heart with all thy soul with all their mind and thy neighbor as thyself

that's what jesus answered the lawyer and he said in this is all the law and the command so this is the second greatest commandment jesus said the second is likened to the first the first is loving god but the second and jesus is quoting them from this one thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself for i am the lord now you're not to sow your you're not to interbreed animals you're not to sow your field with mingled seed

nor are you to have mingled materials in your garments such as wool and linen mingled together and all when they come into the land they are to plant the trees but for the first three years they're not to eat the fruit of it in the fourth year the fruit belongs to god in the fifth year it becomes theirs and thus will they be blessed and can reap the harvest after the fifth

year they're not to make any markings upon their bodies the forbidding of tattoos and so forth the forbidding of of haircuts the cornering of your head or making baldness this is what they would the the well the harry krishna's good example you shall not any eat anything with blood neither shall you use enchantment or observe times you're not to be following horoscopes not to make any cutting in your flesh for the dead or marks upon you for i am the lord keep my savage verse 30 reverence my sanctuary i am the lord regard not them that have familiar spirits neither seek the wizards to be defiled by them i am the lord thou shalt rise up before thou shalt rise up before the hoary head in other words when the old man gray-haired man comes in you're supposed to stand up and honor the face of

the old man and fear thy god for i am the lord so the respect for the elderly is taught and also the respect for a stranger treat him as one that is born within your land just balances just weights a just if f and a just hen which are measurements shall ye have for i am the lord your god which brought you out of land of egypt so the the fairness in their dealings chapter 20 now god begins to get a little heavier and in chapter 20 god goes over some of the things that he dealt with in chapter 18 only in chapter 20 telling that the violators of these things should be put to death i know a lot of these sob sisters are crying out against capital punishment but if we practice capital punishment as the bible said we wouldn't have near the crime problem that we have today i don't know what's

gone wrong with our judicial system but we are far more interested in protecting the rights of the criminal than we are of the innocent victims there's something awfully stupid about our whole system that releases the rapist and the murderers and all back and the kidnapers back onto the streets to repeat their crimes over and over again something stupid when you can't bring up the past patterns of a man's life for a present crime that he's committed the man is showing himself to be a habitual child molester or a habitual rapist and all then he should be dealt with as a habitual child molester and as far as i'm concerned better to i'll pull the switch if they need someone he can ask god to forgive him and god will forgive him and he'll go to heaven he'll be a lot better off but we'll be a

lot better off too and a lot safer and our children will be a lot safer walking in the streets i wouldn't have to worry nearly so much in sending them out to the store we are living in a crazy corrupt world that's gone wild and it's because we have forsaken the law of god we got a bunch of sob sisters panty waist romaine could tell you about them better than i could if a father sacrificed his child to molec he was to be put to death don't mess with him if he is worshiping the god molec and in so doing offers his child as a living sacrifice to molec kill him put him to death stone him with stones for i will set my face against that man and will cut him off from among the people and if you in any wise hide your eyes from him who has sacrificed his children to molec and you don't kill him

then god will set his face against you and against your family to cut you off for those that go a whoring after molec from among the people and if a person seeks after those that have the familiar spirits and after wizards to go a whoring after them i will set my face against them sanctify yourselves therefore and be ye holy for i the lord i am the lord your god and you shall keep my statutes i am the lord which has set you apart everyone that curses his father or mother shall surely be put to death that's heavy a man that commits adultery with another man's wife both of them shall be put to death a man that lies with his

father's wife those of the incestuous relationships were to be put to death homosexuals verse 13 were to be put to death bestiality the person was to be put to death

both from men or women and so god ordered stringent dealings with sin it gives you an idea what god's idea of sin is you think that god is you know very soft and easy not so god ordered them to deal severely in order that they might remain clean in order that they might be pure in order that they might be polluted and as long as they remained obedient to the law of god god blessed them when they started to mollify and and to ease off on things then the land ultimately spewed them out even as god said verse 22 ye shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my judgments and do them that the land whether i bring you to dwell in shall not spew you out in their failure the land ultimately spewed them out you shall not walk in the manner of the nations in which i cast out before you for they

committed all these things therefore i abhorred them that's why god ordered them eradicated so god dealt very severely with the violators but i'll tell you it kept the violators down to a minimum it was safe to walk around the land a woman could walk through the camp at night and never worry never fear it was a holy place heaven's going to be a holy place the kingdom age is going to be a holy place man if you find it tough looking at this then you're going to find it tough in the kingdom age because you're going to be one of the enforcers of righteousness you'll be having the rod of iron in which you're going to be going around and popping skulls like like clay pots as i said he's going to rule with a rod of iron as a potter blast a vessel and shivers so those that are disobedient to god

listen he's going to keep it pure he's going to keep it holy and it's going to be a fabulous place to live and for a thousand years it's going to be absolutely glorious as he rules with that rod of iron and righteousness covers the earth it'll be a much better place to live than it is today let me tell you that well next week we finish leuiticus so fasten your seat belts and shall we stand i want to tell you something god is very gracious god is very merciful or none of you would be around if it were not for the lord that all israel now say if it were not for the lord then we would be utterly destroyed if it wasn't for the lord's gracious and his mercy and his tenderness and his loving kindness none of us would have a chance but thank god for the grace and truth that is ours through jesus

christ but shall i sin freely that grace may abound god forbid how can we who are dead to sin live any longer therein so one of the scriptures and we passed over it god said that and you shall and if you do these things you shall live by them now that's what the covenant was based upon doing the new covenant that god has established with us is based upon being what i am in christ jesus it's no longer on what i am doing it's on what god has done and my believing and trusting in that work of jesus christ my great high priest as you go through leuiticus hebrews is going to you ought to really just as as just having when we go through leuiticus when we finish it you really ought to that time pop over to the new testament and read hebrews you'll have a better understanding of hebrews than

you've ever had before if you'll pop over and read it now just being so fresh out of the leuiticus hebrews will really talk to you in a very special way so just as a special assignment this week you that are looking for an a grade read the book of hebrews may the lord bless you and keep his hand upon your life and may he help you to walk in all righteousness and holiness for he is jehovah our god and he is a holy god and he wants his people to be a holy people that the name of the lord would not be blasphemed by my actions but that people in seeing my good works will glorify our father who is in heaven god bless you and may the face of the lord shine upon you and his love burn in your hearts all through the week in jesus name

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