

"You are to be holy to Me..."

Leviticus 20

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On Human Sacrifice and Immoralities	20	1-5	Regarding offering children to Molech
		6-8	Regarding mediums and spiritists
		9	Regarding cursing parents
		10-16	Regarding adultery, incest, homosexuality, and bestiality
		17-21	Regarding sexual relations with blood relatives
		22-26	God's call to be different than the "people of the land"
		27	Regarding stoning of a medium or spiritist

This chapter contains more commandments from God regarding the moral conduct and character of those who are to be His people. The key to this chapter is seen in verses 22-26, in particular verse 26.

Leviticus 20:22-26 NASB 'You are therefore to keep all My statutes and all My ordinances and do them, so that the land to which I am bringing you to live will not spew you out. **23** 'Moreover, you shall not follow the customs of the nation which I will drive out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I have abhorred them. **24** 'Hence I have said to you, "You are to possess their land, and I Myself will give it to you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey." I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. **25** 'You are therefore to make a distinction between the clean animal and the unclean, and between the unclean bird and the clean; and you shall not make yourselves detestable by animal or by bird or by anything that creeps on the ground, which I have separated for you as unclean. **26** 'Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the LORD am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine.

We also can't forget that the Old Testament sacrifices never removed the sins completely but atoned for them year by year. It was the once for all sacrifice of Jesus dying on the cross that paid for all the sins of the world: past, present, and future, and for all mankind, including you and me.

Hebrews 10:10 NASB By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

1 Peter 3:18-22 NASB For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the* just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; **19** in which also He went and made proclamation to the spirits *now* in prison, **20** who once were disobedient, when the patience of God kept waiting in the days of Noah, during the construction of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through *the* water. **21** Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, **22** who is at the right hand of God, having gone into heaven, after angels and authorities and powers had been subjected to Him.

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