

“BE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY”

THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

Loving Your Neighbor

Lev. 19:1-18



Outline

I. 19:1-8 Honoring God

II. 19:9-18 Loving Your Neighbor



I. 19:1-8 Honoring God

19:1,2 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.'"

I. 19:1-8 Honoring God

A. Why should we live a holy life?

1) Holiness is commanded by God then & now.

1Peter 1:15: “but like the Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all your behavior;”

2) To avoid bringing dishonor on God’s name.

2Sam. 12:14: “by this deed you have given occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme,”



A. Why should we live a holy life?

3) To avoid reaping the devastating consequences of sin in my own life. **Gal. 6:7,8** “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap...”

4) To avoid God’s discipline in this life **1Cor.11:30-32**

“For this reason many among you are weak and sick, and a number sleep.”



A. Why should we live a holy life?

5) To live for this world and not for God is a losing proposition. **2Pet 3:10-11**

6) To enjoy close fellowship with God.
Psalm 4:3, Psalm 37:28

7) Holiness is a believer's destiny. **Rom 8:29**: "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..."

8) A holy life is the best life! **Psa 1:1-3**

B. Further commands Lev. 19:3-8

vs 3a “**Every one of you shall reverence his mother and his father**” repeating the 5th commandment in Exod. 20:12. Paul repeats it in **Eph. 6:1-3**

vs 3b “**and you shall keep My sabbaths; I am the LORD your God**” repeating the 4th commandment in Exod. 20:8.

For whom was the Sabbath commanded? **Exod. 31:16,17**

Now as Christians, we worship the Lord on Sunday.
John 20:1,19, Acts 20:7, 1Cor. 16:2

vs4 'Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods; I am the LORD your God. Repeating the 2nd commandment found in Exodus 20:4.

NT commands re: idolatry: **Acts 15:29, 1Cor. 6:9,10**

Vs 5-8 Continue the theme of acceptable worship with a command about peace offerings.

II. 19:9-18 Loving Your Neighbor

Vs 9,10 God's public assistance program for the poor



Vs 11a '**You shall not steal**,
repeating the 8th commandment
found in Exod. 20:15

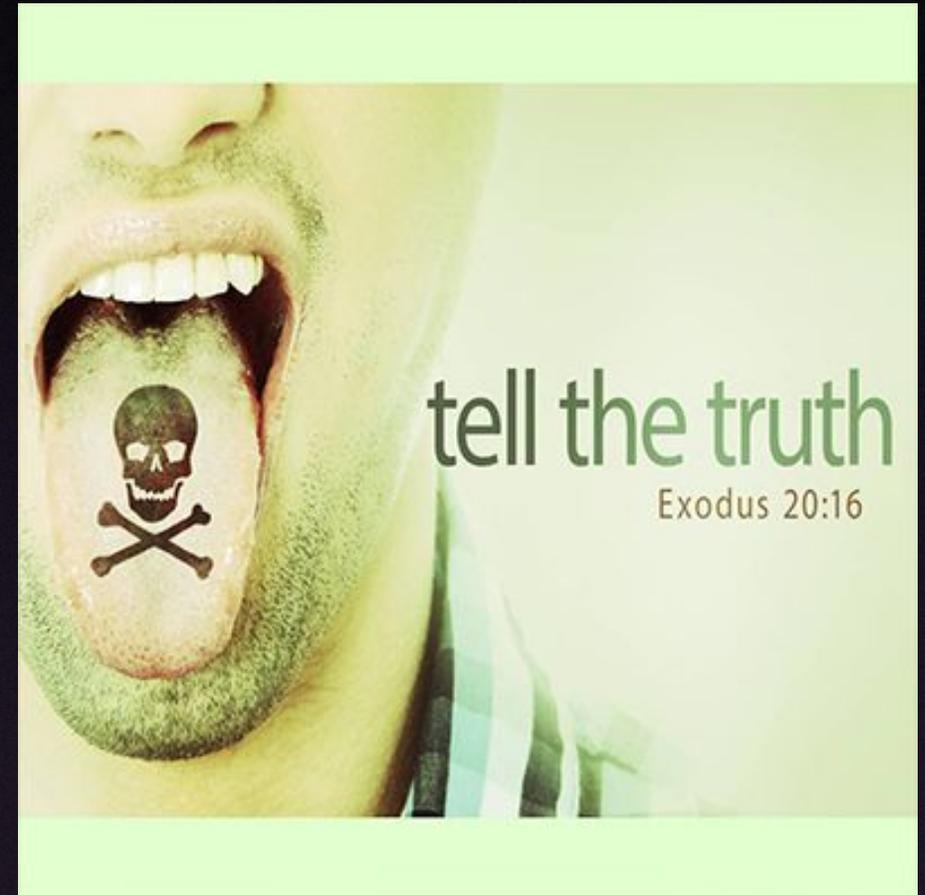
Ephesians 4:28 “Let him who steals
steal no longer; but rather let him
labor, performing with his own
hands what is good, in order that he
may have something to share with
him who has need.”



Youtube.com

11b nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. Repeating the 9th commandment in Exod. 20:16 “You shall not bear false witness against you neighbor.”

Ephesians 4:25 “Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.”



1st Baptist Church St Charles

12 'And you shall not swear falsely by My name, so as to profane the name of your God; I am the LORD.



13 “You shall not oppress your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of a hired man are not to remain with you all night until morning.”

14 'You shall not curse a deaf man, nor place a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.



15 'You shall do no injustice in judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor nor defer to the great, but you are to judge your neighbor fairly.

16 'You shall not go about as a slanderer among your people, and you are not to act against the life of your neighbor; I am the LORD.

What is slander?

Webster: “the utterance of false charges or misrepresentations which defame and damage another's reputation”

17a “You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart...”

Corollary NT passages: **Matt. 5:22, 1John 2:9**

17b “you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him.”

Matt. 18:15 "And if your brother sins, go and reprove him in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother."

What does it mean to reprove someone?

“to scold or correct usually gently or with kindly intent”



— THE —
PEACE
MAKER

REVISED AND UPDATED

A BIBLICAL GUIDE TO
RESOLVING PERSONAL CONFLICT

KEN
SANDE

vs18 'You shall not take vengeance,

Rom 12:19 “Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord.”

18b “...nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people,”

Hebrews 12:15 “See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God; that no root of bitterness springing up causes trouble, and by it many be defiled”

Ephesians 4:31,32 “Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

18c "...but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.

Mat 22:35-40 "And one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And He said to him, "'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' "This is the great and foremost commandment. "The second is like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

How can we better love our neighbor? Leviticus 19 gives us practical applications:

- Be imitators of God in living a holy life
- Honor your father and mother
- Turn away from idolatry
- Care for the poor
- Don't steal
- Don't deal falsely or lie to one another
- Don't exploit the poor or mock the disabled
- Judge fairly
- Don't hate, take vengeance, or bear a grudge

How can we better love our neighbor?

1Cor. 13:4-8a “Love is patient, love is kind, and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails...”