

Leviticus 19

Part 2

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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 Pass Around Pages 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:

12 Do not swear falsely by my name and so profane the name of your God. I am the LORD [NIV].

We must keep God's name holy. It is so easy in this world to brush off this command because we fall into a kind of worldly apathy, which is very detrimental to obtaining the humble heart necessary for true and meaningful prayer. We cannot pray to a god we do not respect. Therefore, it is necessary to guard our words and thoughts from anything that takes God's holiness away from Him. Of course, God's holiness can never be taken from Him, but our state of mind, our attitude, can make Him less than He actually is. If God is not absolutely holy and awesome and sovereign to us, then we have defined God incorrectly and have diminished Him in our sight.

Satan's world intends to diminish God's place, but we must not let him have this power. God must never be diminished or we will lose our ability to pray, or we may even decide that we must forge ahead on our own, prayerlessly. This leads to the belief in fate in which "whatever will be, will be," and, consequently, we will feel we only have ourselves in which to trust. This all stems from buying into Satan's deceitful view and obtaining a belief in a diminished god (or no God at all). Remember, God gave us free will and it is possible to judge by appearances and find "proof" that God doesn't exist because what we pray, believing, does occur. But knowing God (who is real) is so much better than knowing nothing (which isn't the truth). There really is no comparison.

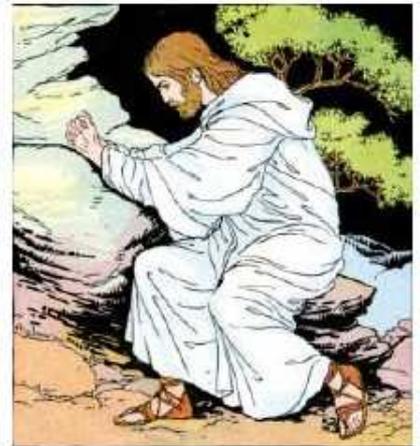
14 Do not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block in front of the blind, but fear your God. I am the LORD. [NIV]

Isn't this a good idea? Do not get upset with those who cannot hear the truth or those who are blind to the awesome salvation God has for us. We put curses on the deaf when we do not



show Christ's light to them by our choices and responses. We put stumbling blocks in front of the blind when we shove them out of our way, rather than take the time to show them Christ's love (despite the fact that they can't see it and that they will probably resent us for even attempting to be nice). When we are argumentative or feel as if we have been unjustly treated,

we must take the time to organize our thoughts properly about what is occurring. All is not what appearances would tell us. God put the blind and deaf in front of us to strengthen us in Him, not so WE could correct them from their blindness and deafness. When they attack us, they fully expect to be attacked back. God says, "Surprise them! Show them Me instead."



If we have been attacking back for years, we may find it difficult to respond as Christ would, but there is no better goal than to realize our true desire to be like Him. Keep in mind that it is not in our best interests to correct the world from its many problems. Satan has deceived us. There aren't many problems—but only one. And it has been solved by Jesus on the cross. All the thousands of separate problems, taking on many forms, some taking minutes to solve, others taking years, and some elusive to ANY problem solving we may come up with, all are the result of our fall from grace and our decision to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil—to judge.

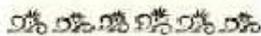
It is an illusion to think that any problems are solved by our own methods. All problems stem from our usurping God, and trying to be God ourselves. All problems are solved because Jesus died for us on the cross. His blood shredded the problems we have made here on this deceitful world, and by taking up our crosses and following Jesus, who is the way, the truth and the life, we find we have the complete solution to all problems, in Him. We can be of good cheer because He overcame the world and, as He dwells in us, and we dwell in Him, we, too, can overcome the world. As we learn to make no decisions without Him (who sees the whole picture), this complicated world outside the Garden of Eden, wrapped end to end with red tape, slowly begins to unravel. Then God reveals His perfect justice, separating the chaff from the wheat, separating the goats from the sheep, separating those who care, from those who don't.

15 Do not pervert justice; do not show partiality to the poor or favoritism to the great, but judge your neighbor fairly.[NIV]

What is God's perfect justice? How do we avoid perverting it? We avoid perverting it by not showing partiality to those poor in God's spirit. We avoid perverting justice by not making

idols out of men (and women) who have made the world a kingdom for themselves. We must always judge righteously. They must not be condemned by us, but given all the opportunities, through Christ indwelling us, to see Him and either find their salvation, or be reminded of the compassionate love Christ has for us.

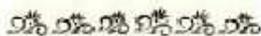
If you are a Christian, heed these verses in Leviticus and the inspired teaching below them in this Pass Along Page. If you aren't a Christian, you are missing out on belonging to the most challenging and exciting religion on the face of this earth. Christianity is NOT about "pie in the sky" but about removing the planks from our own eyes which cause us to view the world so one-sidedly. Christianity is not about saving everyone else. It is about saving ourselves and, in that wonderful, humbling experience, seeing others come to Christ all around us because WE show the genuine love of Christ to the hurtful and prideful and sinful all around us. Pray the following prayer. Humbly take off the world which clings to you, trying to draw you into its state of defiance and rebellion to God. Let it go and let God be God for you, beginning now.



Jesus, help me always recognize your sovereignty and your power. Help me always keep Your name dignified even as I know you as my dad (or daddy). God I do not want to cause anyone to stumble by my actions (or reactions), especially the people who can't see You or hear You yet. I may be the only way they'll ever see You, God. Will You please help me act like Your Son?

If you haven't accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior, please pray the following prayer:

Lord, Jesus, I am filled with sin and I don't want to be anymore. I thank You, Lord, for dying on the cross for me, wiping away my sins forever. Please, God, I want to be adopted by You, becoming Your child. Lord, help me mature in You. I am so tired of trying to live life MY way. Thank You, Lord. In Your mighty name, I pray. Amen.



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Thank you, and God bless you.
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