



ALLEN TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY SCHOOL LIVE!

“LIVING AS GOD’S JUST PEOPLE”
▶ Leviticus 19:9-18;33-37

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Lesson Objectives



During the lesson we will examine:

- What it means to love one's neighbor as one's self
- Ways to act with compassion
- What a life of justice and compassion looks like

“Our lesson today deals with loving and respecting people for whom God has made them, in His image, to be.” Precepts for Living

▶ Lesson Segments

- Overview of Leviticus
- Context of Today's Lesson
- Scriptures of Focus
- Questions for Thought
- Bibliography



Overview of Leviticus

- Leviticus is a book of instruction
- Themes: Holiness is for everybody; Sacrifice, Rituals, Worship and Rules for Holy Living
- While often referred to as the Priest's Manual, it asserts that holiness is for everyone: *"You must be holy because, I, the Lord your God am Holy."* Lev 19:2
- It's location is the Meeting Tent or Tabernacle
- Author believed to be partially Moses. Not evident if book was written all at once

Overview of Leviticus

Focus	Foundation Events						Foundation People									
Divisions	Offerings of Praise & Dedication 1 3		Offerings of Restoration 4 7		Holy Office of the Priest 8 10		Holiness in Daily Life 11 15		Holiness in National Life 16 17		Holiness for the Individual 18 20		Holy Priests & Holy Feasts 21 23		Holiness in the Holy Land 24 27	
Topics	Worshipping a Holy God						Walking with a Holy God									
	Vital Offerings						Various Obligations									

Context of Today's Lesson

- Our scriptures of focus are part of the Holiness Code
- The Holiness Code was given to the Israelites as a set of ethical and religious responsibilities. There are negative directives as well as positive directives.
- The Holiness Code is found in Chapter 18:1 through Chapter 24:9

- ▶ Context of Today's Lesson
 - Social Justice: Treating Others Right (Leviticus 19:9-16)
 - Social Justice: Starts With The Heart (Leviticus 19:17-18)
 - Social Justice: Cares for Strangers (Leviticus 19:33-34)
 - Social Justice: Being Fair in Business (Leviticus 19:35-37)

Source: Precepts for Living

▶ Leviticus 19:9-10 (NLT)

9 “When you harvest the crops of your land, do not harvest the grain along the edges of your fields, and do not pick up what the harvesters drop.

10 It is the same with your grape crop—do not strip every last bunch of grapes from the vines, and do not pick up the grapes that fall to the ground. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners living among you. I am the LORD your God.

▶ Leviticus 19:11-13 (NLT)

11 “Do not steal. “Do not deceive or cheat one another.

12 “Do not bring shame on the name of your God by using it to swear falsely. I am the LORD .

13 “Do not defraud or rob your neighbor. “Do not make your hired workers wait until the next day to receive their pay.

▶ Leviticus 19:14-15 (NLT)

14 “Do not insult the deaf or cause the blind to stumble. You must fear your God; I am the LORD .

15 “Do not twist justice in legal matters by favoring the poor or being partial to the rich and powerful. Always judge people fairly.

▶ Leviticus 19:16-17(NLT)

16 “Do not spread slanderous gossip among your people. “Do not stand idly by when your neighbor’s life is threatened. I am the LORD .

17 “Do not nurse hatred in your heart for any of your relatives. Confront people directly so you will not be held guilty for their sin.

Leviticus 19:18 (NLT)

18 Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against a fellow Israelite, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD

▶ Leviticus 19:33-34 (NLT)

33 “Do not take advantage of foreigners who live among you in your land.

34 Treat them like native-born Israelites, and love them as you love yourself. Remember that you were once foreigners living in the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

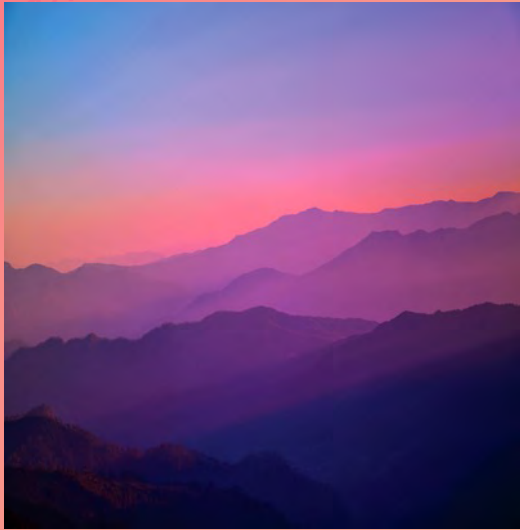
▶ Leviticus 19:35-36 (NLT)

35 Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight, or volume.

36 Your scales and weights must be accurate. Your containers for measuring dry materials or liquids must be accurate. I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

▶ Leviticus 19:37 (NLT)

37 “You must be careful to keep all of my decrees and regulations by putting them into practice. I am the LORD .”



Questions for Thought

- In the abundantly blessed areas of my life, am I sharing with others? Could I do better?
- Have I totally embraced God's commandment of loving my neighbor as myself? In what areas am I falling short?
- What is my attitude toward those from another country? Do I love them as I love myself?
- Am I convinced more than ever to keep the Lord's decrees and put them in practice?

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