

Pentateuch Overview: Leviticus

[#13] *God of Life or Death* – Leviticus 26-27

Sermon Outline – June 18, 2017

Children's Sermon: Born Again

How old are you?

When you were born, did anyone check with you first?

John 3:3

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is *born again* he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Transition: If you did not choose your identity, who did?

Leviticus: Meditations on the Gospel

Notes:

God of Life or Death (26-27)

- Blessings & Curses (26)
- Vows: Trusting & Treasuring the LORD (27)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

You must be born again through faith in Jesus and even this is a gift from God.



The Blessings of Israel are a Picture of Heaven

(...not this Life)

Ezekiel 34:22–31 (Cf. Revelation 22:1–5)

²³ And I will set up over them one shepherd, **my servant David**... ²⁵ "I will make with them a covenant of peace and banish wild beasts from the land, ...I will send down the showers in their season; they shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷ And the trees of the field shall yield their fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and **they shall be secure in their land**. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when *I break the bars of their yoke, and deliver them from the hand of those who enslaved them*.

²⁸ They shall no more be a prey to the nations, nor shall the beasts of the land devour them. **They shall dwell securely**, and none shall make them afraid. ... ³⁰ And **they shall know that I am the Lord their God with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, declares the Lord God**.

John 18:36

Jesus answered, “*My kingdom is not of this world*. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But *my kingdom is not from the world*.”

1 Peter 1:3–5

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an *inheritance* that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

John 16:33

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. *In the world you will have tribulation*. But take heart; **I have overcome the world**.”

A. Blessings for Covenant Loyalty (26:1-13)

Leviticus 26:1–3 (Cf. Leviticus 18:2–5)

¹ “You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for **I am the Lord your God**. ² You shall keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. ³ “*If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them...*

1. Rain... rich harvest (4–5)
2. Peace & security in the land; beast or sword (6-8)
3. Prosperity and population growth (9–10)
4. The presence of God (11–13)

Leviticus 26:11–13 (ESV)

¹¹ *I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you*. ¹² And *I will walk among you and will be your God*, and you shall be my people. ¹³ **I am the Lord your God**, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

B. The Curses for Rebellion Picture Hell (26:14-39)

Leviticus 26:14–16

¹⁴ “***But if you will not listen to me*** and *will not do all these commandments*, ¹⁵ if you *spurn my statutes*, and ***if your soul abhors my rules***, so that you *will not do all my commandments*, but *break my covenant*, ¹⁶ then I will do this to you...

1. Disease and defeat (16–17)
2. Drought (18–20)
3. Wild beasts, diminishing population (21–22)
4. Devastation (23–26)
5. Deportation (27–39)

Leviticus 26:27–33

²⁷ “*But if in spite of this you will not listen to me*, but walk contrary to me, ²⁸ then I will walk contrary to you in fury, and ***I myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins***. ²⁹ You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters. ³⁰ And *I will destroy* your high places and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and ***my soul will abhor you***. ... ³³ And *I will scatter you* among the nations...

Leviticus 26:40–42

⁴⁰ “***But if they confess their iniquity... 42 then I will remember my covenant*** with Jacob... Isaac and... **Abraham.**

Galatians 3:11–12 (Cf. Eph. 2:1–10)

¹¹ Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “***The righteous shall live by faith.***” ¹² But the law is not of faith, rather “***The one who does them shall live by them.***”

We are not Being Taught How to Secure Eternal Blessings & Avoid Hell!

We are Being Taught How Jesus Secures Our Eternal Blessings Rescuing Us from Hell!

- ✓ Jesus repents for Israel/Us.
- ✓ Jesus fulfils the OC for Israel.
- ✓ Jesus is the true Israel...
- ✓ Through him we are Faithful Israel (Cf. Eph. 2:12–22).

C. Vows: Trusting & Treasuring the LORD (27)

1. Vowing of creatures
2. Vowing of property
3. Things that could not be used to pay a vow

Nothing in this life is the ultimate point.
Jesus understood this perfectly!

We Must be Born Again!

...Fired at our Life & Heart

Only Jesus can rescue us from hell and secure eternal blessings. Cry out to him for mercy!



2 Corinthians 1:21–22

²¹ And *it is God who establishes us with you in Christ*, and has anointed us, ²² and who has also put *his seal* on us and *given us his Spirit in our hearts* as a *guarantee*.

God will put his law within us!

Jeremiah 31:33

³³ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: *I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts*. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Meditation Assignment:

Consider the contrast between the Old Covenant & the New as taught in **Hebrews 8:8-13 & 10:12-31**

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

⁵ This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, *that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God*, for which you are also suffering— ⁶ since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, ⁷ and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels ⁸ in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not *obey the gospel* of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.