

HEROES OF THE FAITH

MOSES: Miscellaneous Laws

Chapter 19

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➤ God spoke to Moses... (vv. 1-37)

❖ Speak to My people. “Be holy...the LORD your God is holy.” (v. 2)

☐ “...holy...”

- Free from defilement of crimes, idolatry, & other profane and unclean practices.
- Set apart; sacred.

☐ 1 Peter 1:16, 2:5, 2:9

☐ God’s character is behind all His commandments.

☐ No man-made idol, or god, could ground all moral duty in his divine character. God could.

☐ The principle is the same as the fifth commandment – Exodus 20:12.

☐ It is stated negatively in the curse ritual at Deuteronomy 27:16.

❖ God’s holiness shapes His expectation for the parent child relationship. (v. 3)

❖ God expects one to keep His Sabbaths. This command occurs...

☐ ...15 times in Exodus.

☐ ...24 times in Leviticus.

☐ ...3 times in Numbers.

☐ ...61 times in the books that follow.

☐ All parts of Scripture emphasize the Sabbaths.

☐ No other nation of antiquity observed a seven-day week.

❖ God’s warning: Do not misplace your worship by making, or turning to, idols. (v. 4)

☐ Exodus 20:3-5a

☐ Deuteronomy 4:15-19; 5:7-9a

❖ Fellowship offerings (vv. 5-8)

☐ A restatement of what God directed in Leviticus 7:15.

☐ That passage was especially meaningful to priests.

☐ Meat spoils without refrigeration.

☐ Meat that could not be eaten was to be promptly shared with others, or burned.

❖ Helping the unfortunate (vv. 9-14)

☐ Leviticus 23:22: Almost identical to vv. 9-10.

☐ Do not steal, lie, deceive. (v. 11; Exodus 20:15-16; Deuteronomy 5:19-20)

☐ Do not swear by God’s name. (Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11; 20:3; 22:32; v. 12)



- ☐ Do not oppress the poor. In antiquity, employers paid workers daily. (v. 13)
- ☐ Do not possess a callous attitude toward an image bearer of God. (v. 14)
 - Do not curse the deaf.
 - Do not mock the blind.
 - God hears. God sees.
 - He created all human beings. Fear and respect God.

❖ Fairness and neighborly love (vv. 15-18)

- ☐ Justice is not justice unless the scales of the balance swing evenly. (v. 15)
 - Do not show partiality to either the rich or the poor.
 - Deuteronomy 27:19; 2 Chronicles 19:7
- ☐ Do not slander, or gossip about, your neighbor. (v. 16)
- ☐ The OT law did not concern itself merely with the outward appearance. (v. 17)
 - Matthew 5:43
 - Jesus did not teach a new spiritual command. He merely amplified what the law stated.
- ☐ Love your neighbor as yourself. (v. 18)
 - Deuteronomy 6:5: The greatest commandment. (Matthew 22:37-38)
 - Matthew 22:39-40: The secondary commandment. Scripture is built from these.

❖ Keep God's law, commands, principles, & statutes with pure, undefiled worship of Him. (v. 19)

❖ Protection of slave girls. (vv. 20-22)

- ☐ A man lay sexually with a woman assigned as a slave to another man. (v. 20)
- ☐ She has not been ransomed or given her freedom.
- ☐ Neither the slave nor the man would die.
- ☐ The man brought a ram to the tabernacle for a guilt offering. (v. 21)
- ☐ The priest made atonement for him with the ram before the LORD for his sin. (v. 22)
- ☐ Presumably, the slave girl, after being freed, would be married to the man. (vv. 21-22)

❖ Fruit Trees (vv. 23-25)

- ☐ Common fruit trees - olive, fig, and date palms - were prevalent in Palestine.
- ☐ Olives are slow growing trees.
- ☐ Date palms reach full maturity in 30-years. They last nearly 200-years.
- ☐ The fruit of these trees must not be eaten for three years. (v. 23)
- ☐ In the fourth year, the fruit became holy. It would serve as a praise offering to God. (v. 24)
- ☐ In the fifth year of a tree's fruit bearing, they could eat of it. (v. 25)



❖ God's position on heathen practices. (vv. 26-31)

- ☐ Do not eat animal flesh with its blood still in it. (v. 26; Genesis 9:4; 3:17; Deuteronomy 12:16)
- ☐ Do not practice divination or sorcery.
 - Israel was a theocracy. God did not tolerate false religion, nor should His people.
 - Israelites were bound to Israel's worship of God. A community of believers in Jehovah, dwelling in a godless Canaanite world.
- ☐ There was nothing wrong with cutting the hair, or the beard, or with tattooing. However, these practices were parts of some heathen, Canaanite, cultic rituals. (vv. 27-28)
- ☐ These practices then, and now, were parts of heathen ritual.
- ☐ Do not profane your daughter. (v. 29)
 - Do not make her a temple prostitute.
 - Do not make her a religious harlot.
 - Do not make her a devotee of a heathen shrine.
- ☐ God's command to observe the Sabbath. Revere God's sanctuary (temple, tabernacle). (v. 30; Exodus 20:8)
- ☐ Do not turn to mediums, wizards, magicians, or spiritists. (v. 31)

❖ Protection for the elderly, the stranger, and the poor (vv. 32-37)

- ☐ Stand up for, defend, respect, and honor the elderly. (v. 32; Exodus 20:12; Proverbs 20:29)
- ☐ Do not wrong a sojourner – a guest in your land. (v. 33)
- ☐ Love an alien, stranger, neighbor as yourself. (v. 34; Leviticus 19:18; Matthew 22:37-40)
- ☐ Honor God with the way you conduct your life. (vv. 35-36)
- ☐ Honor God with the way you live for Him, and with the people in your life.
- ☐ If you love God, obey God by keeping His commandments, rules, statutes, & principles. (v. 37)



Group Questions

- 1) Read Leviticus 11:44-45, verse 2, 1 Peter 1:16, 2:5, and 2:9. God possesses clear expectations for both Jews and Christians. Namely, "...be holy...". He commands his people to be so. Discuss the clear implications existing between obedience, worship, and holiness.

- 2) Read Deuteronomy 6:2-6 & Matthew 22:37-38. Discuss the commands. God's expectation. His promise. God's commitment. His blessing. The great commandment. The relational lifestyle. This text is both descriptive and prescriptive. Explain what this meant yesterday, and what it means today.

- 3) Carefully read verse 19. God provides three different examples to build a strong, cogent position. What is it? Discuss the examples and evaluate their possible meaning. Once you have done so, talk about how this applies to Christians today. Remember verse two. Let it guide your thought process.

- 4) Write down one other major point that stood out to you in this chapter.

