

The House of Rules and The House of No Rules

Leviticus 18: 1-5

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Big Idea: The Lord requires Obedience

1.) The Old Covenant is built on the indicative. (v. 2)

A.) The Repetition of Verse 2 is Meant to be the Drumbeat of This Entire Literary Unit

B.) All the Lord Prohibits and Commands is Grounded in His Saving Purposes; His Good, Perfect, and Pleasing Will.

Exodus 20:2

C.) Verse 2 is the Indicative of the Entire Old Covenant

D.) The Imperatives Always Follow the Indicatives.

2.) General Prohibition (v. 3)

Read Verse 3

A.) Do Not Walk Like an Egyptian

B.) Do Not Walk Like the Canaanites

"4 You shall observe My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them: I am the Lord your God. 5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments..."

3.) General Commandment (v. 4-5a)

A.) Israel was to Follow the Ways, Rules, and Statutes of the Lord

Psalm 19:7-9

B.) The Law of the Lord was a Gift to Israel

C.) People are Deceived into Believing Slavery is Freedom

D.) Obeying the Lord is Real Freedom

Psalm 119:32, 45

Ephesians 4:17, 24

"...be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Romans 12:2

1 Peter 1:15-16

"...vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ." (2 Thessalonians 1:8)

Galatians 5:1, 13-14

"...(not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ)..." (1 Corinthians 9:21)

4.) The Difference Between the Old Covenant and the New (v. 5b)

Leviticus 18:5, "...which if a man does, he shall live by them: I am the Lord."

A.) The Means by Which the Old Covenant was to be Maintained was Obedience.

Deuteronomy 28:1, 15

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

B.) Israel was Like a New Adam

C.) The Old Covenant was Maintained by Obedience to the Law, but the Law Had No Power to Enable Obedience.

Romans 7:10

D.) The Fundamental Difference Between the Two Covenants is Romans 8:1 because...

Romans 8:1-2

- i.) It is Ratified by Jesus' Blood
- ii.) It is Maintained by Jesus' Perfect Obedience
- iii.) The New Covenant is Better Because it is All About Jesus
- iv.) It Does not Depend on Us!

Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-18