

The Holiness Code

Leviticus 19

Read Leviticus 19:1-2

Big Idea: Israel was to be Holy, for the Lord Their God is Holy.

Read verses 1-2.

Lesson: Holiness is By God, With Others, For Others.

1.) The Prerequisite for Holiness is a Covenant Relationship with the Lord

Read Verse 3.

A.) The Two Commands in Verse 3 Can Be Restated as One: Keep My Covenant in Loving-Faithfulness

Read Deuteronomy 6:4-7

i.) To Reject One's Parents was to Reject the Covenant

Read Exodus 31:12-13, 16

ii.) To Refuse to Keep the Sabbath was to Refuse the Sign of the Covenant

B.) The Covenant at Mount Sinai Made Israel Holy

C.) We are Holy Because of Our New Covenant Context

2.) The Practice of Holiness Occurs in Covenant Relationship With Others.

A.) Verses 9-18 and 32-36 are Summarized by Verse 18.

"...you shall love your neighbor as yourself..." (v. 18)

B.) Israel Lived Their Neighbors By:

i.) Dealing with Them Honesty and Integrity (vs. 11-12, 35-36)

ii.) Treating the Vulnerable with Honesty and Integrity (vs. 13-14, 32)

iii.) Maintaining a Just Legal System (vs. 15-16)

iv.) Not Hating Them in Their Hearts (vs. 17-18)

C.) The Take Home Point: Holiness was Not Simply an Individual Pursuit; It Was Necessarily Relational

Read Ephesians 4:25-28

3.) The Purpose of Holiness is the Blessings of the Covenant Relationship for the Nations.

A.) Israel was Set Apart for the Sovereign Redemptive Purposes of God.

Read Deuteronomy 4:5-8

B.) Likewise, We are Holy For the Nations.

Read 2 Timothy 2:13

*"...speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ **16** from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." (Ephesians 4:15-16)*

Read 1 Peter 2:9-12