

Sunday School

Return to the LORD

A study of Jeremiah 2:1-13

Set Apart for the LORD Part III

Jeremiah 2:3 Israel was holy to the LORD, the firstfruits of his harvest. All who ate of it incurred guilt; disaster came upon them, declares the LORD."

Israel was holy to the LORD.

Qodesh means apartness, **holiness**, separateness, **set-apart**, dedicated, and consecrated

Exodus 19:5-6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; ⁶and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Leviticus 19:2 "Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

1 Peter 1:15-16 but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, ¹⁶since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

We are to be _____ as He is holy.

Things We Shouldn't Do (Chapter 18)

Leviticus 18:1-4 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God.

1. Do not be like the _____

Leviticus 18:6-18 "None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives to uncover nakedness. I am the LORD.

2. Do not commit _____

Relatives by blood _____

Relatives by marriage _____

These laws enforce a distinction between family _____ and _____ love.

Leviticus 18:19 “You shall not approach a woman to uncover her nakedness while she is in her menstrual uncleanness. (Leviticus 15:19–24)

Leviticus 18:20 And you shall not lie sexually with your neighbor’s wife and so make yourself unclean with her.

3. Do not commit _____ (Exodus 20:14)

Leviticus 18:21 You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 18:22 You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; **it is an abomination.**

4. Do not engage in _____ activity. (Gen. 2:23–24)

Hebrews 13:4-5 Let marriage be held in honor among all and let the marriage bed be undefiled. For God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous.

Leviticus 18:23 And you shall not lie with any animal and so make yourself unclean with it, neither shall any woman give herself to an animal to lie with it: it is perversion.

5. Do not partake in any kind of _____. (Sex with animals)

Leviticus 18:24 "Do not make yourselves unclean by any of these things, for by all these the nations I am driving out before you have become unclean, ²⁵and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. ²⁶But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you ²⁷for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean, ²⁸lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. ²⁹For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. ³⁰ So keep my charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God."

What happens to the land when these abominations are practiced? _____ (Jeremiah 2:7)

Things We *Should* Do (Chapter 19)

Leviticus 19:3 Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and you shall keep my Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

1. Honor your _____ and _____.

Leviticus 19:4 Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am the LORD your God.

2. Worship God (YHWY) _____.

Leviticus 19:9-10 "When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge; neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God.

3. Provide for the _____ and the _____.

Leviticus 19:11-12 "You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹²You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

4. Be _____, be _____ and be _____ in your relationships and protect the name of the LORD.

Leviticus 19:13-14 "You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

5. Pay wages to a hired _____ on time and honor the _____ disadvantaged.

Leviticus 19:15-16 "You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

6. Treat the _____ and the _____ the same in a court of law.

Leviticus 19:17-18 "You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

Leviticus 19:33 "When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. ³⁴ You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

7. Love your _____ as yourself.

Holiness requires that a person keep the Word of God.

Punishment for Disobedience (Chapter 20)

Leviticus 20:1-5 Child sacrifice- _____

Leviticus 20:9 To dishonor parents- _____

Leviticus 20:10-16 Adultery, Homosexuality, Sex with relatives by marriage, Bestiality- _____

Leviticus 20:17-18 Sex with blood relatives, Sex during menstrual cycle - _____

Leviticus 20:19-21-Sex with aunts and uncles- _____

Leviticus 20:22-26 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. ²³ And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them. ²⁴ But I have said to you, 'You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey.' I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples. ²⁶ You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

Holiness is a _____ thing

Leviticus Chapter 21-22 Holiness of the Priesthood.

Chapter 21- Holiness of the Priests
Chapter 22- Holiness of the offerings

Exodus 28:36-38 "You shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engraving of a signet, 'Holy to the LORD.' ³⁷ And you shall fasten it on the turban by a cord of blue. It shall be on the front of the turban. ³⁸ It shall be on Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear any guilt from the holy things that the people of Israel consecrate as their holy gifts. It shall regularly be on his forehead, that they may be accepted before the LORD.

Exodus 39:30 They made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote on it an inscription, like the engraving of a signet, "Holy to the LORD."

Deuteronomy 7:6 "For you are a people Holy to the LORD your God.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. (Exodus 19:6)

We are _____ . We are a _____

_____ is holy to the LORD.

