



Equipping People for Life

**“It is the blood
that makes atonement for the soul.”
Leviticus 17, September 9, 2016**

Notes

Introduction:

Law 1: verses 1 – 7: Laws that govern sacrificial animals (other than birds).

Leviticus 17:1-7 (NKJV) – ³“Whatever man of the house of Israel who kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp, or who kills it outside the camp, ⁴ and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting to offer an offering to the **LORD** before the tabernacle of the LORD, the guilt of bloodshed shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people, ⁵ to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, that they may bring them to the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to the priest, and offer them as peace offerings to the LORD. ⁶ And the priest shall sprinkle the blood on the altar of the **LORD** at the door of the tabernacle of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet aroma to the **LORD**. ⁷ They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.”

Three things that God required of Israel:

1. No other gods – “demons” (17:7).

- The same word is in Isaiah 13:21 & 34:14 where it is of the demonic.
- In Lev. 17:7, the TLV & NASB translate as “goat-demons.”
- In Lev. 17:7, the NIV & NLT translate as “goat idols”

Exodus 20:1-3 (NKJV)

¹ And God spoke all these words, saying:

² “I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³ “You shall have no other gods before Me.

1 John 2:22-23 & 1 John 4:2-3

2. No other place (verses 3–5 & 6 mention the Tabernacle).

Although Manasseh repented, he missed this –

2 Chronicles 33:17 (NKJV) – **The people, however, continued to sacrifice at the high places, but only to the LORD their God.**

God chooses places for his offerings to be brought (such as Jerusalem). E.g., Deut. 12:5-7, 2 Chron. 6:3-11

3. **How** animals are to be killed:

The word “kills” (Lev. 17:3 – שָׁחַט, shaw·khat) – actually means to slit the throat for a sacrifice.

Law 2: verses 8 – 9: Consequence for violating the first law.

Leviticus 17:8-9 (NKJV) – ⁸“Also you shall say to them: ‘Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, ⁹ and does not bring it to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, to offer it to the **LORD**, that man shall be cut off from among his people.

“Cut off.” – קָרַת from כָּרַת (*to cut as in a covenant*)

Law 3: verses 10 – 12: Reason for the laws of this chapter.

Leviticus 17:10-12 (NKJV) – ¹⁰‘And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, WHO EATS ANY BLOOD, I will set My face against that PERSON WHO EATS BLOOD, and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹ For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.’ ¹² Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘No one among you shall EAT BLOOD, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you EAT BLOOD.’

Acts 15:18-21 (NKJV) – ¹⁸“Known to God from eternity are all His works. ¹⁹ Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, ²⁰ but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by **idols**, *from sexual immorality*, *from things strangled*, and *from blood*. ²¹ For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.”

Genesis 9:3-6 (NKJV)

³ Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. ⁴ But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood. ⁵ Surely for your lifeblood I will demand *a reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man.

⁶ “Whoever sheds man’s blood,
 By man his blood shall be shed;
 For in the image of God
 He made man.”

Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV) – And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission.** (NIV: “no forgiveness”)

Law 4: verses 13 – 14: All blood must be buried and covered.

Leviticus 17:13-14 (NKJV) – ¹³“Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall **pour out its blood and cover it with dust;** ¹⁴for *it is* the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.’

Why bury the blood?

- Other people / animals will not eat it.
- Animals will not eat it.
- The blood returns to God.
- The blood will not cry out for vengeance (Ezek. 24:7-8)
- The blood could not be used in pagan, cultic (chthonic) rituals.

Law 5: verses 15 – 16: The blood of non-sacrificial “road kill” (and wild game) is also important.

Leviticus 17:15-16 (NKJV) – ¹⁵“And every person who eats what died naturally or what was torn by beasts, *whether he is* a native of your own country or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean. ¹⁶But if he does not wash *them* or bathe his body, then he shall bear his guilt.”

The blood prohibition is universal

- The first Law (17:1–7) applies to sacrificial animals in the area of the Tabernacle.
- The last Law (17:15-16) applies to non sacrificial animals outside the area of the Tabernacle.
- The prohibitions apply to Israelites and to aliens (Gentiles).

Why is the prohibition on the blood universal?

1. Propitiation

Romans 3:24-25 (NKJV) – ²⁴being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God set forth as a **propitiation by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.

2. Brought near.

Ephesians 2:13 (NKJV) – But now in Christ Jesus you who once were **far off** have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ.

3. Justified.

Romans 5:9 (NKJV) – ⁹ Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

4. Redeemed.

Ephesians 1:7 (NKJV) – In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the **forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of His grace.

Revelation 5:9 (NKJV) –

“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

Redeem – ἀγοράζω (*agorazo*) to go to the market place to buy or sell. The agora is “the market place.”

Galatians 3:13 (NKJV) – Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.

Redeemed – ἐξαγοράζω (*exagorazo*) ek is a preposition meaning “out of.” He went to the market place, paid the price of a slave, and removed us from the market place.

Titus 2:14 (NKJV) – who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself *His* own special people, zealous for good works.

λυτρόω (*lutroo*) – to release on receipt of ransom. He went to the market place, paid for us, removed us from the market place, and set us free.

5. Washed.

Revelation 1:5-6 (NKJV)

⁵ To Him who loved us and **washed us** from our sins in His own blood,
⁶ and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Conclusion:

Announcements:

- 1) Do you have any cassettes of messianic music? An elderly lady in a nursing home would like some messianic music for her cassette player.
- 2) Equip Classes –
 - A. Israel and the Last Days, NRH, Sun, Sep 11 & 18 @ 12:30 pm
– Taught by Pastor Greg
 - B. Jesus in the Jewish Bible – NFW, Mon, Sep 12 & 19 @ 7 pm
– Taught by Joey Benami & Dr. Rudolph