

## Leviticus Chapter 20

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V: 1-2 God hates the murder of children; they & we are made in His image.

- His seed refers to children or descendants, being passed through the fire; meaning sacrificing their children to the pagan god Molech, the god of pleasure.
- In ancient days they had cast iron and brass statues of their god Molech. They would build a fire inside the idol and heat it up until it was red hot, then as they drums were beating loudly to drown out the screams of the babies, they would place their children into the red hot, extended arms of Molech where they would be burned to death. Worshipping the god of pleasure, the god of convenience.
- This really isn't any different from the abortion issue today, today these same worshippers burn their children to death in a saline solution, or cut them to pieces, dismembering them in the womb, or with other equally cruel techniques.
- Most if not all abortions are performed for the sake of convenience, still worshipping the god of pleasure, they don't call it Molech, they call it "choice".
- 95% off all abortions are the result of sexual relations outside of marriage.
- "Whosoever" – "any": these are inclusive terms, no exceptions.
- What to do, and how to do it: "... he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones."

V: 3 God will set His face against that man, and will personally cut him off. God would use the people as His instrument of judgment.

- <sup>1</sup>For killing their babies, and <sup>2</sup>for defiling His sanctuary, and for <sup>3</sup>profaning His holy name.

<sup>1</sup>**Genesis 9:6** "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made He man."

<sup>2</sup>Worshipping God with innocent blood on our hands. Worshipping God and worshipping Molech = adultery.

- <sup>3</sup>Profaning the name of God. We are made in His image, He is the One who gives life, He alone has the right to take life, when we as believers follow His commandments we glorify His name, when we're disobedient we profane His name.
- God is not neutral on this issue. He's calling us to be obedient and not do what the pagan's do, specifically not to destroy our children.

**Psalm 24:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in His Holy place? <sup>4</sup>He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.”

V: 4-5 If the people ignore what is being done, or look the other way – and don’t do what God has commanded to put a stop to this practice – then God will set His face against that individual, against that family, and against that people to cut them off.

- There is specific mention of “that man”, and “his family”: because if a man was doing this, who would likely know about it? His family would know, and there was the expectation that they would put a stop to it.
- The various family members were expected to choose obedience to God’s word over every other family relationship.

Jesus taught us:

**Matthew 10:37** “He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me.”

- Why such a **resolute** stand? Because this constitutes whoring after Molech. Being unfaithful to God, and reverencing Molech through our actions.
- We’re called to be holy because He is holy.

**Romans 1:32** “Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.”

- We are forced to choose:

**Deuteronomy 30:19** “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.”

Jesus said:

**Matthew 12:30** “He that is not with Me is against Me; and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad.”

- We are either working with God or we are working against Him. We are either worshipping the true and living God, or we are committing spiritual adultery or fornication.
- This is the litmus that I apply to any candidate for public office: where do they stand with regard to the right to life; by their actions and their words.
- I will not vote for a candidate that I know to be pro-abortion, one that I know will make the wrong choice in opposition to God’s word.

- I pray that we would all take a stand for righteousness and cast our ballots according to Biblical values.

**Thomas Jefferson** wrote: *“Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just.”*

**Proverbs 14:34** “Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people.”

V: 6 We’re not to be involved in or have fellowship with those who engage in occultic practices. Physics, fortune-tellers, astrology, Ouija boards, etc.

**1 Corinthians 15:33** “Be not deceived: evil communications / company corrupts good manners / habits.”

**Ephesians 5:11** “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”

V: 7-8 Sanctify – to make holy, to consecrate or to be set apart specifically for God’s use.

The theme of this book:

**Leviticus 11:44** “For I am the Lord your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy:..”

- *“You shall keep My statutes, and do them...”* Sanctification comes through obedience to God’s word.

V: 9 This chapter describes the penalties for things discussed in previous chapters and as such puts them in a negative tone. Instead of “honor your father and your mother” God says that if we do the opposite, cursing our parents, then the penalty is death.

- The promised blessing attached to the 5<sup>th</sup> commandment is long life; the opposite of that is a shortened life.

V: 10 Those that commit adultery, both parties are to be put to death.

V: 11-12 Incestuous relationships result in death.

V: 13 Homosexuality is described as an abomination, the penalty for homosexuality is death. We examined this in greater detail in Leviticus Ch. 18.

- Homosexuality is a sin that is in it’s very nature a blasphemous affront toward God.

- Marriage, as defined in the Bible, is between a man and a woman. Marriage is intended to be monogamous and heterosexual. As such the marriage relationship is intended to be a typological picture of the relationship between Christ and His bride the church.
- Homosexuality is a spiritual picture that adulterates or perverts that typology, it is the opposite of what God describes in nature, and it is most often polygamous.
- Homosexuality is blasphemous because in it man is depicted as finding spiritual fulfillment apart from God, and in a manner in opposition to God's will.
- They've brought their own blood upon themselves.

V: 14 A man that take both a wife and her mother has done "wickedness" and they are to be "burned with fire", as opposed to being stoned.

- The punishments listed are for two basic reasons:
  1. They serve as an obvious deterrent.
  2. There is a purifying effect in the nation, that there be no wickedness among them.

V: 15-16 Anyone committing bestiality is to be put to death, they have brought their own blood upon themselves.

V: 17-21 Various incestuous relationships, along with taking a women during her menstrual cycle are all forbidden. They shall be "cut off" and or "die childless"

V: 22 Obedience! 2<sup>nd</sup> time.

**James 1:22** "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

**James 1:25** "But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

**1 John 3:18** "My little children let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

V: 23 Don't do it the way the world does it:

**Psalm 1:1-3** “<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. <sup>2</sup>But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doeth he meditate day and night. <sup>3</sup>And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

**2 Corinthians 6:14-18** “<sup>14</sup>Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? <sup>15</sup>And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? <sup>16</sup>And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. <sup>17</sup>Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, <sup>18</sup>And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.”

V: 24 God's promises to Abraham, to Isaac, and Jacob still stand.

- God separated the nation of Israel for this reason; to demonstrate his righteousness, power, and grace all at the same time.

V: 25-26 While there were health benefits to the dietary laws, the primary objective was to make the children of Israel distinct, distinguishable from the people around them.

V: 27 There were 16 offenses in Israel that were capital crimes: they're not all listed in this chapter.

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| 1. Striking or cursing a parent.              | Exodus 21:15, 17.     |
| 2. Goring oxen.                               | Exodus 21:28          |
| 3. Breaking the Sabbath                       | Exodus 31:14          |
| 4. Blaspheming God.                           | Leviticus 24:10-16    |
| 5. Engaging in occult practices.              | Exodus 22:18          |
| 6. Propheying falsely.                        | Deuteronomy 13:1-5    |
| 7. Adultery.                                  | Leviticus 20:10       |
| 8. Adulterous brides.                         | Deuteronomy 22:21, 24 |
| 9. Rape.                                      | Deuteronomy 22:25     |
| 10. Incest.                                   | Leviticus 20:11-12    |
| 11. Homosexuality.                            | Leviticus 20:13       |
| 12. Bestiality.                               | Leviticus 20:15-16    |
| 13. Kidnapping.                               | Exodus 21:16          |
| 14. Idolatry.                                 | Leviticus 20:1-5      |
| 15. Bearing false witness in a capital crime. | Deuteronomy 19:16-21  |
| 16. Murder.                                   | Exodus 21:12          |

Most of these same things are described and prohibited in the New Testament as well:

**1 Corinthians 6:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate (homosexuals), nor abusers of themselves with mankind (sodomites), <sup>10</sup>nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers (abusive), nor extortioners (to steal by force, threat, or intimidation), shall inherit the kingdom of God.”

**John 1:17** “For the law was given by Moses, but hgrace and truth came by Jesus Christ.”

**Romans 6:23** “For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

- For all of that there is only one “un-pardonable sin”; one unforgiveable sin – blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.
- Not receiving the testimony of the Holy Spirit, the Spirit testifies of Jesus.

**1 Corinthians 6:11** “And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

Are you?