

## Session #16: **“THE SANCTITY OF THE BLOOD”** — **Leviticus 17:1-16**

Monday 7:30pm, H 206 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, High School—top of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area),  
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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by **David Hocking**, also to comments/notes from Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- \*\*\*\*\*Questions: Do you fully understand what “The life is in the blood” means?
- How essential is the blood of Jesus Christ?
- Do you know why Jesus’ blood was/is sinless? Who contributed His blood?
- Is hygienics the primary reason we are not to eat the blood?
- What is/was the greatest transfusion of all?

The theme of the book is a **“CALL TO HOLINESS”** and it is divided into two parts: Chaps. 1-16 emphasize that the **WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE**, while chapters 17-27 emphasize that **OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION**.

In chapters 17-20, we have the **“Laws of Holiness.”** They cover the following four issues:

- (1) The **SANCTITY of life (blood)** - ch. 17
- (2) The **SANCTITY of sex** - ch. 18
- (3) The **SANCTITY of law** - ch. 19
- (4) The **SANCTITY of judgment** - ch. 20

The usage of the word **“blood”** in various translations is a most interesting fact. The Hebrew word, **dam**, is used 359 times in the Old Testament; 88 times in Leviticus; and 13 times in Lev. 17.

The Greek word used for **“blood”** in the New Testament is the word **haima** which appears 99 times. A companion word is used twice and is translated, **“the shedding of blood”**. The King James Version lists the word **“blood”** in 101 places, exactly as it is found in the Greek.

**“The Chemistry of the Blood”**, M.R. DeHaan, M.D., ISBN 0-310-23291-0:

Blood is the only tissue that moves throughout the body-circulates averaging 5 quarts, it circulates every 23 seconds; consists primarily of red cells (Erythrocytes) which carry oxygen & waste and white cells (Leucocytes)-standing army, which can multiply rapidly to protect against infections; Antitoxins, prevent us from re-infection: The blood of Christ: see pgs. 23 and 24. Separateness of mother’s blood: see pg.30-31. The precious blood: pgs. 38-40.

The word **“blood”** is used in several ways in the Bible:

- (1) It refers to **physical life**
- (2) It refers to **a human being (“flesh and blood”)**
- (3) It refers to **physical changes in the heavens and upon the earth** - (*Acts 2:19-20* cf. *Joel 2:30-31*)
- (4) It refers to **the atoning death of Jesus Christ** (provides **spiritual cleansing from sin/redemption**)

**OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION** - Leviticus 17-27

1A. THE **CLEANSING OF BLOOD** - CH. 17

2A. THE **COVERING OF SEXUALITY** - CH. 18; 3A. THE **CONDUCT OF GOD’S PEOPLE** - CHPS. 19-20; 4A. THE **CONSECRATION OF PRIESTS** - CHPS. 21-22; 5A. THE **CONVOCATIONS OF HOLINESS** - CHPS. 23-24; 6A. THE **COVENANT OF THE LAND** - CHPS. 25-26; 7A. THE **COMMITMENTS OF GOD’S PEOPLE** - CH. 27

- ❖ 1A. THE **COMMAND CONCERNING BLOOD** CAME **FROM THE LORD HIMSELF** – LEV. 17:1-2

**“This is the thing which the LORD has commanded”**

24 times in chapters 17-20 we read the phrase, **“I am the LORD”**

cf. **Genesis 9:1-7**; **Deuteronomy 12:15-16, 23-28** - cf. **Acts 15:19-21** (James’ decision) **15:28-29**

(apostles, elders, and the **whole church approved** the decision) – **Has this ever been changed?**

**Leviticus 17:7** - **“This shall be a statute for ever for them throughout their generations”**

- ❖ 2A. THE **CONDITION** FOR KILLING OR EATING ANY FLESH – LEV. - 2-7

- 1B. Every animal that is killed **is to be brought as an offering** to the Lord a “peace offering” (v. 5) - cf. **1 Timothy 4:1-5**
- 2B. The **blood** of the animal is **to be sprinkled upon the altar**, and the **fat burned** - 6 **Leviticus 3:17** - “This shall be **a perpetual statute** throughout your generations in all your dwellings: you shall not **eat neither fat nor blood**”.
- 3B. No animal was to be offered in sacrifice **to any pagan god**  
The Bible says that in that case, it is offered “unto demons” - v. 7  
The Hebrew word for “*devils*” is *seirim* which means “*hairy one*” or “*goat*”. The Egyptians worshipped Mendes, the goat god, and the Greeks worshipped Pan, the goat god, which Greek literature depicts with tail, horns, and cloven feet. Greek “Pan” meaning all – god is in everything – PANtheism. In medieval times, this goat god became the symbol for the devil and thus the reason for the translation. Cf. **1 Corinthians 10:14-33** (based on Leviticus 17) – cf. **Deut. 12:20-25**

- ❖ 3A. THE **CONSEQUENCE FOR ANY DISOBEDIENCE** - LEV. 17:8-10  
**Leviticus 17:4, 9, 10, 14** - “*that man shall be cut off from among his people*”  
cf. **Lev. 7:21, 25-27; 18:29; 20:3, 5, 18; Lev. 23:26** “**Cut off or destroy**”  
**Exodus 12:15, 19; Numbers 15:30-31; Hebrews 10:26-31**

- ❖ 4A. THE **CAUSE BEHIND THESE PROHIBITIONS** - 11-14

- 1B. To **PROCLAIM** the **sanctity of life**  
“*For the life of the flesh is in the blood*” – vv. 11, 14 **Because the life of the flesh is in the blood, Jesus gave His blood so that we could have life!**
- 2B. To **PROVIDE** an **atonement for the soul** (The heart of Leviticus!)  
v. 11 - “*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*”  
**Hebrews 9:11-22; 10:4, 19-25**  
**Matthew 26:28** - “***For this is my blood** of the new testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins*”;  
**Luke 22:20** - “*This cup is the new testament **in my blood**, which is shed for you*”  
**1 Peter 1:18-19** - “*Forasmuch as you know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; but with the **precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*” :  
**1 John 1:7** - “*the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses** us from all sin*”  
**Ephesians 1:7** - “*In whom we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.*”  
**Colossians 1:14** - “*In whom we have redemption **through His blood**, even the forgiveness of sins.*”  
**Colossians 1:20** - “*and, having made peace **through the blood of His cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself*”  
**Ephesians 2:13** - “*But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the **blood of Christ***”  
**Revelation 1:5** - “*unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins **in His own blood***”  
**Acts 20:28** - “*the church of God, which he hath purchased **with His own blood***”  
**Romans 5:9** - “*Much more then, being now **justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him*” (Oh, **how essential** is the blood of Jesus Christ!!) **Heb. 10:10, 14 (Once & for all)**

- ❖ 5A. THE **CLEANSING WHICH IS NEEDED** FOR THE DEFILEMENT – 15-16 - The blood cleanses us from sin! The washing is a reminder of the cleansing! Even if you don’t know the circumstances, you must wash! **Jn. 15:3; Eph. 5:26; Ps 119:9.**  
We have been saved by His blood from the wrath of God! But it is the water (The Word) that we need to keep clean.  
His blood represents the cleansing from all the sin of the world. There is not a sin that is not covered by His blood!! Oh how important is His blood! **How aware and how thankful are you of the shedding of His precious blood for you? – THE LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD! Rev. 1:5; 5:9; 7:14; 12:11**