

Session #27: “BLESSINGS & WARNINGS” — Leviticus 26:1-31

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes to commentaries on Leviticus by Pastor Chuck Smith, David Hocking and Jon Courson.

What is the object (main purpose) of our worship?

- Do you absolutely refuse to acknowledge or tolerate any false gods?
- “Reverence My sanctuary: - “You are the temple of the living God” (2 Cor. 6:16) Is the “You” singular or plural?
- “Oh, that they had such a heart in them”!! (Dt. 5:29) Does that describe you?
- “Five shall chase a hundred” -- Can you think of anytime this happened in the Bible?

In our last couple of messages in Leviticus 25, we observed that the word “**land**” is used 39 times. Not only did **God own the land** (v. 23), He **also owned the people** (v. 55) because He has redeemed them.

Promise of Blessing and Retribution (Warning) - THE WORSHIP WHICH THE LORD DESIRES

Lev 26:1 *"You shall not make idols for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a sacred pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; **for I am the LORD your God.***

Lev 26:2 You shall **keep My Sabbaths** and **reverence (respect) My sanctuary**: I am the LORD.

It **REFUSES** to acknowledge or tolerate **any false gods** - cf. Exodus 20:1-6; Deut. 4:16-19; 11:16; 16:21-22; 27:15; Psalm 115:4-8; Jeremiah 10:1-16 **The LORD God is the God of Israel!**

It **RECOGNIZES** that the **LORD alone is our God** - cf. Deut. 4:35, 39; 6:4; Isa. 43:10-11; 44:6-8; 45:5-6, 21-22; 46:9 – **I am the LORD your God** - Used 163 times in Bible; **45 in Lev.**

It **RESPONDS** to the **observance** of the Sabbaths - cf. Lev. 19:30

It **RESPECTS** the **place** where God is to be **worshipped and praised** – (the temple of the body of Christ) - cf. Psalm 5:7; 96:6-9; 100:4; 138:2; 150:1-6

It **REALIZES** that the **object of our worship is the LORD** Himself - “**I am the LORD**” - appears 34 times in the Bible, **21 in Leviticus.**

THE **WALK OF THE BELIEVER IN WHICH GOD DELIGHTS** - 3-13 - cf. Deut. 5:29 - cf. Lev. 18:4-5; Psalm 81:12-13 - Key phrase: “**I will give you**”

Lev 26:3 *"If you walk in My statutes and **keep** My commandments, and **perform** them, The **blessing of God's PROVISION** - 4-5*

Lev 26:4 ***then I will give you** rain in its season, the land **shall yield** its produce, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.*

Lev 26:5 *Your **threshing shall last** till the time of vintage, and the vintage shall **last till the time** of sowing; you shall **eat your bread to the full**, and **dwell in your land safely.***

True blessings always come from the hand of the LORD. - - cf. Psalm 65:9-13; 104:13-14; Amos 9:13-15

The **blessing of God's PROTECTION** - 6-8

Lev 26:6 ***I will** give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and **none will make you afraid**; **I will** rid the land of evil beasts, and the sword will not go through your land.*

Lev 26:7 *You will chase your enemies, and they shall fall by the sword before you.*

Lev 26:8 *Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall by the sword before you. (Shamgar – 800; Samson – 1,000; Gideon & Elijah – 450:1) cf. Psalm 29:11; 47:14*

The **blessing of God's PEOPLE**- 9-10

Lev 26:9 *"For **I will** look on you favorably and make you fruitful, multiply you and confirm My covenant with you.*

Lev 26:10 *You shall eat the old harvest, and clear out the old because of the new. - cf. Psalm 107:38; 138:6-7*

The **blessing of God's PRESENCE** - 11-12 Lev 26:11 ***I will set My tabernacle among you, and My soul shall not abhor you.***

Lev 26:12 ***I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.*** - cf. **Psalms 76:1-2**

The **blessing of God's POWER** - 13

Lev 26:13 ***I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves; I have broken the bands of your yoke and made you walk upright.*** - 9 times the LORD reminded them of His deliverance - cf. **Lev. 11:45; 19:36; 2:33; 23:43; 25:38, 42, 55; 26:13, 45**

THE **WARNINGS** THE LORD DECLARES TO THOSE **WHO DO NOT LISTEN AND OBEY** - 14-

31 - Key phrase: **"I also will do this to you"** - v. 16 - **Five punishments while Israel is in their land**; one, beginning in v. 32 warns of **taking them out** of their land.

Their **PRODUCTIVITY** will end - 14-17

Lev 26:14 ***"But if you do not obey Me, and do not observe all these commandments,***

Lev 26:15 ***and if you despise My statutes, or if your soul abhors My judgments, so that you do not perform all My commandments, but break My covenant,***

Lev 26:16 ***I also will do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, wasting disease and fever which shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.***

Physical **Diseases** - 16a - cf. **Deut. 28:21-22, 27-29;** - Personal **Discouragement** - 16b: - Agricultural **Defeat** - 16c - cf. **Deut. 28:33, 51:**

Lev 26:17 ***I will set My face against you, and you shall be defeated by your enemies. Those who hate you shall reign over you, and you shall flee when no one pursues you.*** - National **Destruction** - 17a: -

Foreign **Domination**

Their **PRIDE will be broken** - 18-20

Lev 26:18 ***"And after all this, if you do not obey Me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins.***

Lev 26:19 ***I will break the pride of your power; I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.***

Lev 26:20 ***And your strength shall be spent in vain; for your land shall not yield its produce, nor shall the trees of the land yield their fruit.***

- **"I will punish you seven times more for your sins"** - cf. **Deut. 28:23**

Their **PEOPLE will be reduced** in number - 21-22

Lev 26:21 ***"Then, if you walk contrary to Me, and are not willing to obey Me, I will bring on you seven times more plagues, according to your sins.***

Lev 26:22 ***I will also send wild beasts among you, which shall rob you of your children, destroy your livestock, and make you few in number; and your highways shall be desolate.***

- **"I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins"** - cf. **Deut. 32:24**

Their **PEACE will be taken away** - 23-26

Lev 26:23 ***"And if by these things you are not reformed by Me, but walk contrary to Me,***

Lev 26:24 ***then I also will walk contrary to you, and I will punish you yet seven times for your sins.***

Lev 26:25 ***And I will bring a sword against you that will execute the vengeance of the covenant; when you are gathered together within your cities I will send pestilence among you; and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.***

Lev 26:26 ***When I have cut off your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall bring back your bread by weight (rationing), and you shall eat and not be satisfied.***

No peace! - **"will punish you yet seven times for your sins"** - cf. **Isaiah 33:8**

Lev 26:27 ***"And after all this, if you do not obey Me, but walk contrary to Me,***

Their **PRESERVATION as a people will be questionable** - 28-31

Lev 26:28 ***then I also will walk contrary to you in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins.***

Lev 26:29 ***You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.***

Lev 26:30 ***I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars, and cast your carcasses on the lifeless forms of your idols; and My soul shall abhor you.***

Lev 26:31 ***I will lay your cities waste and bring your sanctuaries to desolation, and I will not smell the fragrance of your sweet aromas.***

- v. 28 - **"and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins"** - Cf. **Deut. 28:53-57; v. 30** - cf. **Psalms 78:58-59 - v. 31** - cf. **Psalms 74:3-8 - Cf. Isaiah 1:11-20; Luke 21:4-5, 24**

2 Cor. 3:14