

# **Part 7 Leviticus 19.1-20.27 "AFTER DEATH" myvdq**

## **THE PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS**

### **COMMENT ON HOLINESS**

*In these two chapters the phrase, "Be ye holy for I am holy" occurs at the beginning and end of each section to emphasise that man who was created in God's image was to be "holy" [Hebrew vdq used of 'a worshipper', of a consecrated one', of 'Jews' in society under God and of 'priests.'] In the Apocalypse it is used of Christians whom John terms "priests unto God" (Rev 1.6 5.10 & 20.6). Tradition tells us that John in later time dressed to reflect this calling and felt both the divine authority and consecration of this spiritual office that Christ instituted. It could be questioned if this "single act of consecration" which is referred to in Revelation 5.10 [Greek aorist *εποιησας*] is by His death and our "union with Him" or in our "out-resurrection" except that we have a very clear supplementary statement given by Peter. Peter who is writing to those "begotten again by the resurrection" tells us that Jesus by his "precious" death laid the foundation stone of a new house in which believers are "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nations, a peculiar people; that you should show forth the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvellous light"(1Peter 2.9) Holiness as envisaged by the NT writers was not simply personal holiness though that is absolutely entailed but it stretched to holiness within the church as within the camp and nation of Israel. This is what Peter is telling us. Holiness besides being thoroughgoing in our personal living should figure widely in our relations with other believers everywhere. Holiness calls for involvement with the church worldwide and yet demands the maintenance of the principles of Christ in what Peter calls the body of His "peculiar people"[Greek *περιποιησιν λαος* used of "a people remaining over and above as God's"(whilst the Jews are scattered) and a "purchased and preserved people"] consecrated to his perfect will.*

### **THE LORD JESUS CHRIST REINFORCES (1-8,10) AND REPEALS (9,11) MOSES' LAW**

- [1] 19.2 Mt 5.48 Be perfect as your Father in heaven is perfect
- [2] " 1Pet 1.16 As He who called you is holy so be holy in all you do
- [3] 19.12 Mt 5.33 Do not break your oath
- [4] 19.13 Mt 20. At evening call the workers and pay their wages
- [5] " Jas 5.4 The wages you failed to pay are crying out against you
- [6] 19.15 John 7.24 Stop judging by mere appearance
- [7] " Acts 23.3 You whitewashed wall, you judge me by law yet violate law by saying, "Strike him"
- [8] 19.17 Mt 18.15 If your brother sins against you go and show him his fault
- [9] 19.18 10 refs Mt 5.43, 19.19, 22.39 Love of neighbour Mk 12.31, 33 Lk 10.27 Rom 13.9, Gal 5.14, Jas 2.8 Don't revenge Rom 12.19.
- [10] 19.32 1Tim 5.1 Do not rebuke the elder
- [11] 19.5 Romans 12.1 On pleasing sacrifice

### **READING No.1 1-14**

## **THE WHOLE CONGREGATION CONSTRAINED TO BE HOLY**

### **(SPEECH No.88) SACRIFICE AND ENJOY RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**

And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, 'Speak to the whole congregation of the children of Israel and say to them, "Be holy for I the LORD your God am holy."' Each must be reverent towards his mother and father and keep my Sabbaths; *I am Yahweh your God* Do not turn yourself to the presence of idols or and gods of cast metal; *I am Yahweh your God* When you sacrifice a "peace" or "fellowship" offering to Yahweh sacrifice it that you may be pleasing to the LORD [Hebrew *נִחַר* 'a delight' 'favourable' 'acceptable' -Paul must be referring to this in Romans 12 1 "Present your bodies...holy and pleasing to God"] On the day you sacrifice it shall be eaten or on the next; anything remaining till the third day must be burned with fire. *It is the "faith" that breaks out in joy and festivity over renewed*

*fellowship that God honours. He is not pleased with formality that fails to believe anything is changed by sacrifice. cf Reference to Hebrews 11.6 "without faith it is impossible to please God" If it is eaten on the third day it is foetid and not accepted. Thus sacrifice not accompanied with faith reflects a sour and distant acquaintance with God. The one who eats shall bear his iniquity because he has profaned [Hebrew 11j used of "piercing" hence its application to the cross] This also is **TORAH** concerning the failure to appreciate the peace offering of Christ and failure to accept and enjoy the peace He offers...the holy one [vdq -this exact term is used of the 'holy ones' (it would seem within the omniscience of the trinity) in Daniel 8.13] That soul shall be cut off from his people Although this is a diffuse context it presents **TORAH** with reference to failure to appreciate the "peace offering" of Christ to which we are pointed. Such as do not enjoy "peace with God as in Romans 5.1 will not appear among God's people or be received into Glory. In cutting the harvest of your fields do not complete cutting the edges of your field and do not glean the gleanings of your cutting. This was a provision for the poor from which of course Ruth benefited. Do not repeat gathering in your vineyard and do not gather up fallen grapes of your vineyard. Leave them for the poor and the stranger; **I am Yahweh** Do not steal; do not deceive flatter and be false; do not lie or violate an agreement with your fellow-man. Do not swear falsely by my name and profane... [Hebrew 11j "pierce -for profanation strikes at the name of Christ] Such swearing is a maintenance of supposed connection and covenant without a relationship. It is what moderns do when they glibly own God as professors but not a possessors; it is what they who crucified the LORD did as they sore at the same time allegiance of Yahweh...the name of your God **I am Yahweh** Do not by fraud or violence extort your neighbour or strip him of money [Hebrew 1zj "fleece"] Do not lodge the wages of your workman till the morning. Do not curse [Hebrew 11q used of "belittling"] **the deaf** or place a cause of stumbling [Hebrew 1vk often of "moral stumbling block"] before **the blind**...and be in awe of your God **I am Yahweh***

## **READING No.2 15-22**

### **JUSTICE WITH LOVE: GENETIC ENGINEERING FORBIDDEN**

#### **CORRECTION OF THOSE WHO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE WEAK**

Do not do wickedly [Hebrew 1w[ used of "turning away" or "declining" a cry for help]in judgement; do not lift up the face of the poor or honour the countenance of the great; in righteousness do justice toward your fellow man. Do not carry about slander against your fellow-man. Do not rise or stand against the life of your neighbour **I am Yahweh** do not hate your brother in your heart; rebuke your fellow man and do not raise up sin in his life. (cf Matthew 18.15 "If your brother sins against you go and show him his fault") Do not rise against or avenge [Hebrew 1fn 'used of aiming a shot at'] the sons of your people; Love belongs to your neighbour as to yourself. **I am Yahweh** Prophetic **TORAH** of Christ who also said seven times "I am Yahweh" and of His teaching see that you keep my statutes: Do not put two kinds of animal to mate; do not plant seed of two kinds in your field; do not put clothing of two kinds of thread upon you. If a man lie with a woman and give her seed and she has been scorned as a female slave of a man who has not redeemed her nor given her freedom there has to be punishment but they are not to die for she is not free. The man must bring his guilt offering to the LORD to the door of the tent of meeting -a ram of guilt offering. And the priest shall atone for him with the ram of guilt offering before the LORD and his sin will be forgiven.

## **READING No.3 23-32**

### **FRUIT AND CHRIST'S HOLY LIFE NOT IMBIBED**

When you come to the land and plant a fruit tree the fruit is forbidden; for three years it is to be forbidden to you; it forbids being eaten [Niphal 1ka] In the fourth year its fruit will be holy, a **first offering** [Hebrew 11j literally 'A pierced offering'] to the LORD. *The fruit will fall on the ground and be pierced and bruised. This **TORAH** tells us that even trees point to Christ. The tree points to his earthly ministry of three years and after that to his crucifixion. Everywhere in the books of Moses, which are amongst the world's most ancient preserved literature, Christ and his work are mirrored by the intent of the LORD Himself who rendered the first books of scripture a testimony to Himself. In the fifth year you may eat the fruit; all this to increase your income of harvest, **I am Yahweh**. Do not eat*

blood; do not do enchantment; do not do divining [*Hebrew* מ[*literally cloud divining or reading*]] Do not cut the sides of the hair of your head or mar the edges of your beard. Do not cut your flesh for the dead and do not put cuttings of brand marks in you. **I am Yahweh** Do not profane your daughter to make her a prostitute and the earth(land) will not be abominable or cast off and the land filled with wicked devices or intents.[*In the days of Noah the "intent" of men's hearts was evil daily*] Keep my Sabbaths and be in awe of my holy place **I am Yahweh** Do not turn your face to necromancy[*Hebrew* בַּמָּוֶת '*spirits of the dead*'] lit. "returnees"-the word means "bottle" because the magician or ventriloquist turning his skill to the bad became possessed by a demon] and do not seek those who know[*who divined by the spirit of Python or the serpent*] **I am Yahweh** Rise in the presence of the grey-headed [*Hebrew root akin to "turning" -so one turning older*]and show honour in the presence of the aged and be in awe of your God; **I am Yahweh**

#### READING No.4 19 33-37

#### GOD'S HOLINESS PROTECTS THE STRANGER

When an alien lives in your land do not oppress him [*Hebrew* חָמַץ used of 'driving out' or 'violent oppression'] A stranger among you will be as one of you who has his roots in the land. Love him as yourselves for you were strangers in the land of Egypt **I am Yahweh:** do not do evil in judgment of measure of length money or liquid measure. Be just "weighers" with just weights-a just ephah and a just hin- **I am Yahweh** who brought you out of the land of Egypt. *In Egypt they were clearly deceived by the Egyptians in purchases and were ultimately required' to make bricks without straw'; they were not foist on others such injustice.* Keep all my statutes (we might say 'standards' and righteous judgements and do them **I am Yahweh.**

#### READING No.5

#### GOD'S HOLINESS PROHIBITS SPIRITISM 1-7

#### (SPEECH No.89)CHAPTER 20

And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, 'Speak to the sons of Israel saying," Any man from Israel or the stranger who settles in Israel who gives his seed to Molech shall die. The people shall stone him to death. I will set my face against that man and cut him off from the midst of my people for he gave his seed to Molech in order that he might defile my holy place and profane my holy name. *The profaning of God's name is on a par with crucifying the LORD before time [The Hebrew term "profane" חָפַץ means 'to pierce' or to 'wound']This is to say that in dealing so with the youth of our race men are dealing in the piercing of the LORD Himself.* If the people of the land cover their eyes from the man and fail to put him to death I will set my face against that man and his family to cut him and all who follow him off from the midst or from coming near their people in doing whoredom to Molech. And the man who looks to necromancers and to diviners to commit harlotry after them I will cut off from his people. Consecrate yourselves and be holy **for I Yahweh Your God am holy**

#### READING No.6

#### YAHWEH IS THE SOURCE OF HIS PEOPLE'S HOLINESS 8-22

Keep my statutes and do them **I am Yahweh Mekadishcem** [*Literally 'the One Who makes you holy. The commands in them selves do not render a nation or church holy-but God's commands are His enablings and do by calling He separates; by blood He cleanses and by the Spirit of Holiness He sanctifies*] For any man who profanes father and mother shall be put to death. He has cursed [*Hebrew* חָפַץ '*shamed' or 'diminished'*] father and mother; his blood is upon him. If a man commits adultery with the wife of another man he shall be put to death and the adulteress also. The man who sleeps with the wife of his father has uncovered the nakedness of his father. Both must die. Their blood is on their own head. Their blood is on their own head. If a man sleeps with his daughter in law they must both die; it is profane, their blood is on their heads. If man sleeps with man as with woman he has done an abominable or detestable practice. [*The Hebrew* ב[*t is used of the divine abhorrence Amos 6.8 of one*

*abhorred by the nation Isaiah 49.7; of that which is in itself abhorrent Job 15.16]* and both must die; their blood is on their own heads. If a man takes to wife both a woman and her mother they shall be burned in fire (when they die) that no wickedness [*hmz used of sins of 'uncleanness'*] shall be among you. A man who yields to lie with an animal shall die and the animal shall be slaughtered. When a woman who comes near to any animal to copulate with it both woman and beast shall be slaughtered; they must die, their blood shall be on their heads. The man who takes his sister, daughter of his father or mother and has seen her nakedness and she has seen his; it is a disgrace. He shall be cut off from the eyes of the children of his people. He has revealed the nakedness of his sister. He shall bear his sin. A man who lies with a woman during her period has uncovered the place of her outflow of blood as she has and they shall both be cut off from the midst of their people. Do not have sex with the sister of your father or mother for that reveals a relative's nakedness. They will bear their iniquity. The man who sleeps with his aunt has dishonoured his uncle; they bear their sin, they will die childless. The man who takes in marriage the wife of his brother has dishonoured him. They shall die childless. Keep all my decrees and all my judgements to do them and the land where I bring you to rest [*Literal Hebrew tbv 'to Sabbath' emphasising 'holy living' or 'living and worshipping'*] will not vomit you out.

### **READING No.7 23-24**

#### **GOD'S HOLINESS DEMANDS SEPARATION**

You must not walk in the statutes of the nations which I expelled before your face because they did all these things and I became weary of them [*Hebrew xmq "loathed" or "vomited" or "was aroused to anger"-the basic root being 'to vomit out' 'and the usage is exactly as in Revelation 3 .16]* I said to you,' You will possess the fertile land; I will give it to you for an heritage; a land flowing [*Hebrew bnz -this statement speaks of a life-giving flow of a different sort-although it is used of water and semen so yielding a fitting contrast to the immorality of the people-the land was virile ]*with milk and honey; **I Yahweh Your God** who separated you from the stony peoples.

### **SUMMARY 25-27**

#### **GOD'S HOLINESS FORBIDS SPIRITISM**

You must separate the clean animals from the unclean and the unclean birds and the clean. Do not defile your soul with an animal bird or creeping thing of the earth which I have set apart as unclean to you. You are to be holy ones for **I Yahweh am holy** and I have separated you from the peoples which that you should be mine. A man or woman among you who is a necromancer or diviner shall die. You shall stone them to death with a stone and their blood shall be on their own head. *The stoning is to be done with a single stone-so it would be dropped upon such a person as a **TORAH** of the judgement that is ultimately to fall on mankind [cf Dan2.34 & Revelation 6.16]*

The End of Part 7 "Holiness"