

## Leviticus 19:1-37 **General Laws given to the Levites to Teach and Enforce**

### **General Laws of Righteousness**

<sup>1</sup> And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them:

'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

<sup>3</sup> 'Every one of you shall revere his mother and his father, and keep My Sabbaths: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>4</sup> 'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup> 'And if you offer a sacrifice of a peace offering to the LORD, you shall offer it of your own free will. <sup>6</sup> It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day. And if any remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire. <sup>7</sup> And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination. It shall not be accepted. <sup>8</sup> Therefore everyone who eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the hallowed offering of the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from his people.

<sup>9</sup> 'When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. <sup>10</sup> And you shall not glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather every grape of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

<sup>11</sup> 'You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.

<sup>12</sup> And you shall not swear by My name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>13</sup> 'You shall not cheat your neighbor, nor rob him. The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning.

<sup>14</sup> You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block before the blind, but shall fear your God: I am the LORD.

<sup>15</sup> 'You shall do no injustice in judgment. You shall not be partial to the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty. In righteousness you shall judge your neighbor.

<sup>16</sup> You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people; nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor: I am the LORD.

<sup>17</sup> 'You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall surely rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

<sup>18</sup> You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

<sup>19</sup> 'You shall keep My statutes.

You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind.

You shall not sow your field with mixed seed.

Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool come upon you.

### **Sex with another man's betrothed concubine**

<sup>20</sup> Whoever lies carnally with a woman who is betrothed to a man as a concubine, and who has not at all been redeemed nor given her freedom, for this there shall be scourging; but they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. <sup>21</sup> And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, to the door of the tabernacle of meeting, a ram as a trespass offering. <sup>22</sup> The priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he has committed. And the sin which he has committed shall be forgiven him.

### **Fruit trees**

23 'When you come into the land, and have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count their fruit as uncircumcised. Three years it shall be as uncircumcised to you. It shall not be eaten. 24 But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the LORD. 25 And in the fifth year you may eat its fruit, that it may yield to you its increase: I am the LORD your God.

### Eat no blood

26 'You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying. 27 You shall not shave around the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard.

### Make no cuttings for the dead and put no tattoo marks on your body

28 You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the LORD.

### No harlotry

29 'Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.

30 You shall keep My Sabbaths and reverence My sanctuary: I am the LORD.

31 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

32 'You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man, and fear your God: I am the LORD.

33 'And if a stranger dwells with you in your land, you shall not mistreat him. 34 The stranger who dwells among you shall be to you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

35 'You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. 36 You shall have honest scales, honest weights, an honest ephah, and an honest hin: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.

37 'Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them: I am the LORD.' " NKJV

Facts Revealed:

### General Laws of Righteousness

- ✧ God is Holy and He commands His people to be holy. [Leviticus 19:1-2]
- ✧ God's first call for the people to be holy is found in [Exodus 19:1-6] when Israel had first arrived at the foot of Mount Sinai and Moses went up to God.
- ✧ God stated His desire for the Children of Israel when He said, "Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." [Exodus 19:5-6] NKJV
- ✧ God's call to be holy included their diet. [Exodus 22:31, Leviticus 11:41-45]
- ✧ Everyone of you shall revere your mother and father. [Leviticus 19:3]
- ✧ This is a repeat of the fifth of the Ten Commandments to honor your father and mother. [Exodus 20:12, Deuteronomy 5:16, Matthew 15:3-6, 19:17-19, Mark 7:9-13, 10:17-19, Luke 18:18-20, Ephesians 6:1-2]
- ✧ Keep My Sabbaths, I am Yehowah Elohey (the Lord your God). [Leviticus 19:3]
- ✧ This is a repeat of forth of the Ten Commandments. [Exodus 20:8-11]
- ✧ Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods, I am Yehowah Elohey. [Leviticus 19:4]
- ✧ This is a repeat of the first and second of the Ten Commandments. [Exodus 20:1-6]

- ✧ Peace Offerings are freewill offerings and are to be eaten the first and second day, whatever is left over to the third day is to be burned in the fire. Whoever eats of it on the third day has profaned the holy offering of Yehowah and shall be cut off from his people. [Leviticus 19:5-8]
- ✧ This is a reinforcement of the instructions for the Peace Offering. [Leviticus 3:1-17, 7:11-21, 7:28-36]

### Gleanings for the Poor

- ✧ Leave the gleanings of the fields and vineyards for the poor. [Leviticus 19:9-10]
- ✧ This is the first occurrence of the law regarding leaving gleanings for the poor.

### Righteousness in business [Leviticus 6:1-5, 19:11-13, 19:35-36, Deuteronomy 25:13-16]

- ✧ You shall not steal. [Leviticus 19:11]
- ✧ A repeat of the eighth of the Ten Commandments. [Exodus 20:15]
- ✧ Do not deal falsely. [Leviticus 19:11]
- ✧ Cheating another in any way is akin to stealing. And is forbidden. [Exodus 20:16, 23:1-8, Leviticus 6:1-5, 19:11, 19:35-36, Deuteronomy 25:13-16]

### Deceit

- ✧ Do not lie to one another. [Leviticus 19:11]
- ✧ Lying is a sin that has eternal impact since no liar will enter the Heavenly abode. [Leviticus 6:1-5, Revelation 21:27, 22:15]
- ✧ Do not swear by the Name of God falsely, nor shall you profane the Name of Elohey (your God), I am Yehowah. [Leviticus 19:12] God wants us to know that this commandment comes directly from Him.
- ✧ This is a rewording of the third of the Ten Commandments which says; “You shall not take the Name of Yehowah Elohey in vain, for Yehowah will not hold him guiltless who takes His Name in vain.” [Exodus 20:7]
- ✧ Using a reference to God as assurance that what you say is true, when it is not true, results in profaning His Holy Name, because you tie it to a lie. God will hold you accountable for such disrespect.

### Righteousness in business [Leviticus 6:1-5, 19:11-13, 19:35-36, Deuteronomy 25:13-16]

- ✧ Do not defraud your neighbor, do not rob him. [Leviticus 19:13]
- ✧ Cheating another in any manner is the same as stealing and robbery. It is forbidden. This applies to wages of a hired person.
- ✧ The wages of him who is hired shall not remain with you all night until morning. [Leviticus 19:13]
- ✧ The employer is required by God to pay wages when due and he is held accountable to God if he delays in doing so. God pronounces a woe for such a practice. [Jeremiah 22:13]
- ✧ Jesus and Paul spoke of the worker who is worthy of his wages. [Luke 10:7, 1 Timothy 5:18]

### Righteousness

- ✧ You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling block in the way of the blind, but you shall fear Elohey (your God) I am Yehowah. [Leviticus 19:14]
- ✧ Making fun of another’s handicap is not acceptable before God.
- ✧ This also applies in spiritual things. [Mark 9:42, Romans 14:13, 19-21, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13]
- ✧ You shall do no injustice in judgment. [Leviticus 19:15]
- ✧ You shall not be partial (show favoritism) to the poor.
- ✧ You shall not honor (show favoritism) to the rich and mighty.
- ✧ You shall judge your neighbor in righteousness. [Deuteronomy 16:18-20, John 7:24, 1 Corinthians 5:12-13, 6:1-7, 14:26-33, James 2:1-13]
- ✧ You shall not go about as a talebearer among your people. [Leviticus 19:16]
- ✧ This is a prohibition against gossip, God hates the vicious tongue.
- ✧ You shall not take a stand against the life of your neighbor. I am Yehowah. [Leviticus 19:16]

- ✧ This is a rewording of the ninth of the Ten Commandments. [Exodus 20:16]
- ✧ God is witness and knows the motives of the heart when we give witness against another that will result in his death.
- ✧ You shall not hate your brother in your heart. [Leviticus 19:17]
  - ✧ You shall surely rebuke your neighbor and not bear sin because of him. [Leviticus 19:17]
  - ✧ Jesus said it this way:
    - 15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother. 16 But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.' 17 And if he refuses to hear them, tell it to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector." [Matthew 18:15-17 NKJV]
  - ✧ God wants us to love in our heart and do our best to be reconciled with others if possible, however He acknowledges that it is not always possible and He provides for that also.
  - ✧ To continue to carry hate in our heart for another is a sin.
- ✧ You shall not take vengeance, nor bear a grudge against the children of your people, but **you shall love your neighbor as your self**. I am Yehowah. [Leviticus 19:18]
  - ✧ God is witness to our actions.
  - ✧ Paul taught us not to take vengeance on another, but to leave it to God. [Romans 12:17-21]
  - ✧ Jesus, Paul, and James taught that the **Royal Law** of God calls us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. [Matthew 19:19, 22:34-40, Mark 12:28-34, Luke 10:25-28, Romans 13:8-10, Galatians 5:14, James 2:1-10]
- ✧ You shall keep My statutes. [Leviticus 19:19]
  - ✧ This is a commandment that carries the promise of life. [Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 4:1, 5:33, 8:1-3, 16:20, 30:15-20, Nehemiah 9:29, Proverbs 7:2, Ezekiel 18:9, 19, 21-23, 27-32, 20:11-13, 21, 33:11-19, Amos 5:14, Luke 10:25-28, Romans 10:5, Galatians 3:12]
- ✧ You shall not let your cattle breed with another kind. [Leviticus 19:19]
- ✧ You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. [Leviticus 19:19]
- ✧ You shall not allow a garment of mixed linen and wool to come upon you. [Leviticus 19:19]
  - ✧ It seems that God disapproves of mixture, He seems to want everything to be pure.
- ✧ Whoever lies carnally with a woman who is betrothed as a concubine to another man, and who has not been given her freedom. There shall be punishment but they shall not be put to death, because the woman was not free, still it is sin. [Leviticus 19:20-22]
  - ✧ The man shall bring his Trespass Offering to Yehowah at the door of the Tabernacle of Meeting, a ram as a Trespass Offering.
  - ✧ The Priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the Trespass Offering before Yehowah, for the sin which he has done. Atonement is required for the sin.
  - ✧ And the sin will be forgiven him.
- ✧ Fruit Trees, When you come into the land of Promise and have planted trees: [Leviticus 19:23-25]
  - ✧ The fruit is counted as unclean for the first three years.
  - ✧ The fruit is holy the fourth year.
  - ✧ The fruit may be freely eaten the fifth year and afterward.
  - ✧ Keeping this commandment will assure a blessing of abundance from God.
  - ✧ God is watching as a witness to your obedience or disobedience.
- ✧ You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying. [Leviticus 19:26] also [Genesis 9:3-4, Leviticus 3:17, 7:26-27, 17:10-14, 19:26, Deuteronomy 12:16, 23-25, 26-27, 15:23, Acts 15:20, 29, 21:25, Hebrews 9:22]
  - ✧ This combination of commandments demonstrate that the eating of blood is a vile practice tied with witchcraft, divination and soothsaying (fortune telling).

- ✧ Blood has always been forbidden as food:
- ✧ BLOOD was forbidden for food” at the time flesh was allowed to be eaten when Noah came out of the Ark, with the explanation of the fact that “in the blood is the life. [Genesis 9:3-4]
- ✧ This is consistent with the forbidding of blood in the law and passed on to the Gentile Church. **“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.”** [Leviticus 17:11]
- ✧ God will hold anyone who eats blood accountable for it, and will set His face against that person.
- ✧ The reason for the blood restriction is the fact that the Life of all flesh is in its blood that sustains life.
- ✧ Even the blood of animals killed by hunters must be poured out and covered with dust, with the warning that Whoever eats it shall be cut off.
- ✧ Whoever eats an animal that died naturally or was killed by a beast, shall wash his cloths, bathe himself, and be unclean until evening. If he does not wash his cloths and bathe in water he shall bear his guilt.
- ✧ Blood restriction still applies to the Church of the Gentiles. [see Acts 15:20, 29, 21:25]
- ✧ Blood is sanctified by God Himself from the beginning to the end, to emphasize the value of the sacrifice God had prepared for the cleansing of sin in the blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Therefore, God put a high value and worth on the blood of both animal and man at the time He allowed blood to be shed, namely when they came out of the Ark.

- ✧ You shall not shave the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard. [Leviticus 19:27]
  - ✧ The goatee is the satanic symbol of the goats head and pentagram, used as a mystic or magical symbol, which is associated with witchcraft and condemned by God.
- ✧ You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you. I am Yehowah. [Leviticus 19:28]
  - ✧ Cuttings in your flesh for the dead and tattoo marks are both associated with witchcraft and forbidden by God.
  - ✧ The prophets of Baal in the time of Elijah made cuttings in their flesh as they prayed for Baal to send down fire from Heaven to devour their sacrifice when Elijah challenged them on Mount Carmel to prove which god is really God, Baal or Yehowah. [1 Kings 18:17-40]
  - ✧ The **Mark of the Beast** will be the final mark placed by men on the bodies of those who will go to the Lake of Fire because it is Satan’s mark. [Revelation 13:11-18, 14:9-11]
  - ✧ Direct command from God and God is watching as a witness.
- ✧ Do not prostitute your daughter to cause your daughter to become a harlot. [Leviticus 19:29]
  - ✧ Lest the land fall into harlotry, and the land become full of wickedness.
  - ✧ It is quite evident that as the sexual sins increase in the land, violence of all kinds also increases along with wickedness of every form.
  - ✧ This we can see in America and around the world even now, as the land of the nations of the world fall into sin and defilement which will continue until the Lord brings on the Great Tribulation and His wrath in the last days.
  - ✧ Remember [Leviticus 18:1-30] **These sexual sins defile the land and will lead to the Judgment and Wrath of God**
  - ✧ Do not defile yourselves with any of these things.

- ✧ By all of these things, the nations are defiled, which I am casting out before you.
- ✧ The land is defiled, therefore I visit the punishment of its iniquity upon it, and cast out its inhabitants.
- ✧ You and everyone among you shall therefore keep My Statutes and My judgments, and you shall not commit any of these abominations.
- ✧ All of these abominations have been done by the men of the land who were before you, and thus the land is defiled.
- ✧ Obey My Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments, lest the land cast you out also when you defile it, just as I am casting out the nations that were before you.
- ✧ Whoever commits any of these abominations, the persons who commit them shall be cut off from among their people.
- ✧ Keep My Ordinance, so that you do not commit any of these abominable customs, which were committed before you, and so that you do not defile yourselves by them.
- ✧ You shall keep My Sabbaths, and reverence My Sanctuary, I am Yehowah. [\[Leviticus 19:30\]](#)
- ✧ This is a repeat of the fourth of the Ten Commandments. [\[Exodus 20:8-11\]](#)
- ✧ Repeating, “Keep My Sabbaths, I am Yehowah Elohey (the Lord your God).” [\[Leviticus 19:3\]](#)
- ✧ Here God added the requirement to reverence His Sanctuary.
- ✧ Whatever bears the name of Yehowah and represents His presence, is holy and requires respect and reverence.
- ✧ God wants His people to be serious in our relationship with Him, and not treat holy things carelessly.
- ✧ Remember how the priests who were invited to go up the mountain where they saw the God of Israel and ate and drank before Him, when they were careless about the fire they used to burn incense to Yehowah, suddenly died by the fire of God for their disrespectful act. [\[Exodus 24:1 and 24:9-11, Leviticus 10:1-3\]](#)
- ✧ Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits. Do not seek after them, to be defiled by them. I am Yehowah Elohey (the Lord your God). [\[Leviticus 19:31\]](#)
- ✧ Things that portend to reveal what is coming in the future has such an appeal to the natural mind that people run to everyone who pretends the ability to see into the future. They turn to things that rely on the aid of demons or spirits, like fortune tellers, wizards, psychics, sorcerers, magicians, the ouiji boards, the horoscope, and every form of witchcraft which they hope will give them an advantage in things of the world. By doing so they turn aside from seeking God and His revelations.
- ✧ God forbids and condemns this practice which so many find so appealing.
- ✧ God says that seeking after such will defile you.
- ✧ God is watching and is a witness to what you do.
- ✧ You shall rise before the gray headed and honor the presence of an old man. [\[Leviticus 19:32\]](#)
- ✧ Showing respect for the elderly is well pleasing in the sight of God.
- ✧ You shall fear your God. I am Yehowah Elohey (the Lord your God) [\[Leviticus 19:32\]](#)
- ✧ Fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. [\[Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 1:7, 9:10\]](#)
- ✧ This command is from God Most High and He is watching.
- ✧ Do not mistreat a foreigner living among you, love him as yourself, as one born among you. [\[Leviticus 19:33-34\]](#)
- ✧ God uses the fact that Israel had been strangers in the land of Egypt as an example to demonstrate why it is important to show love toward strangers in their midst.
- ✧ God reminds them that “I am Yehowah Elohey.”

- ✧ You shall do no injustice in judgment, in measurement of length, weight, or volume. [[Leviticus 6:1-5, 19:11-13, 19:35-36, Deuteronomy 25:13-16](#)]
  - ✧ You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin.
  - ✧ I am Yehowah Elohey Who brought you out of the land of Egypt.
  - ✧ God demands absolute honesty in business.
- ✧ You shall obey all My statutes and all My judgments, and perform them. [[Leviticus 19:37](#)]
- ✧ I am Yehowah. [[Leviticus 19:37](#)]
  - ✧ All these commands are directly from God and by His authority.