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Parshah: Emor/Behar

(Leviticus 21-26:2)



1 Corinthians 5:11

But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of [A] **sexual immorality** or [B] **greed**, or [C] is an **idolater**, [D] **reviler**, [E] **drunkard**, or [F] **swindler** – not even to eat with such a one.

2 John 1:9-11

Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Messiah, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, **for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.**

2 Samuel 8:18

And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites, **and David's sons were *kohanim*.**

The word "Kohen" refers to "one who serves." In its most common usage, it refers to a Kohen who performs the Temple service, but it is also used properly, as in this case, for one who serves the government.

✎ The Rubin Edition: The Prophets

The 12 Prohibitive Blemishes:

עור – **Blind**

פסח – **Lame**

חרם – **Disfigurement** (especially of the nose)

שרוע – **Enlargement** (disproportionate limbs)

{ שבר רגל – **Broken foot**
שבר יד – **Broken hand**

גבן – **Hunchback**

דק – **Dwarf / Frail**

תבלל בעינו – **Crossed eyes / cataract**

{ גרב – **Eczema**
ילפת – **Scabs**

מרוח אשך – **Crushed testicles**

Summary

A priest...

- Must not live according to his feelings
 - Must be able to stand and walk without stumbling
 - Must be able to discern between spiritual and physical...
 - ... and must maintain balance between the two
 - Must be reliable in his walk and in his work
 - Must resist the downward pull of the culture
 - Must be mature and of full stature
 - Must have unimpaired vision to see things in the light of truth
 - Must be spiritually whole in his heart and in his deeds
 - Must be fruitful
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Leviticus 23:22

“And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, nor shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am Adonai your God.”

Three Groups...

- The **workers**
- The **poor**
- The **sojourners**

Leviticus 25

The *Shmitta* and *Yovel Yovel* Years

Leviticus 26:43

For the land will be abandoned by them **and will make up for its sabbaths while it is made desolate without them.** They, meanwhile, will be making amends for their iniquity, because they rejected My ordinances and their soul abhorred My statutes.

Jeremiah 25:8-11

Jeremiah 29:10-14

2 Chronicles 36:20-21

And those who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and to his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, to fulfill the word of Adonai by the mouth of **Jeremiah**, **until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. All the days of its desolation it kept sabbath until seventy years were complete.**

Daniel 9:2, 9

“In the first year of [Darius’] reign, I, Daniel, observed in the books the number of the years which was *revealed* as the word of Adonai to **Jeremiah** the prophet for the completion of the desolations of Jerusalem, *namely*, **seventy years**... Indeed all Israel has transgressed Your Torah and turned aside, not obeying Your voice; **so the curse has been poured out on us, along with the oath which is written in the Torah of Moses the servant of God**, for we have sinned against Him.”

Discussion Questions:

- Discuss the dangers of a close association with a reprobate. How have you been influenced by such associations?
- Review the physical disqualifications for a priest. Which of these represent areas of your own life in which you need to do repair? Share, if appropriate.
- Review the three groups in 23:22. To which group do you belong? Do you need to change groups?
- Considering the discussion of *shmitta* years, is God’s blessing always a sign of God’s favor?

NOTES:

2 Corinthians 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Kings 6:15-17 When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Adonai, please open his eyes that he may see." So Adonai opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Exodus 12:11,13 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the Adonai's **Passover** [פסח, *Pesach*] ... The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will **pass over** [פסח, *Pesach*] you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exodus 22:20 "Whoever sacrifices to any god, other than Adonai alone, shall be **segregated** [חרם, *cherem*] to destruction.

Joshua 6:18 But you, keep yourselves from the things **segregated** [חרם, *cherem*] to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it.

Leviticus 27:21 But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be a holy gift to Adonai, like a field that has been **segregated** [חרם, *cherem*]. The priest shall be in possession of it.

Leviticus 22:23 You may present a bull or a lamb that has a part **too long** [שרוע, *saruah*] or too short for a freewill offering, but for a vow offering it cannot be accepted.

Isaiah 28:20 For the bed is too short to **stretch oneself** [שרע, *sara*] on, and the covering too narrow to wrap oneself in.

Proverbs 24:16 For the righteous falls seven times and rises again...

Psalms 68:15 O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O mountain of many **peaks** [גבנן, *gibnon*] , mountain of Bashan!

1 Kings 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire, but Adonai was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a **thin** [דק, *dak*] whisper.

Exodus 16:14 And when the dew had gone up, there was on the face of the wilderness a fine, **thin/fine** [דק, *dak*] thing, fine as frost on the ground.