

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

September 23, 2026

Leviticus 17:1-9

Introduction:

1. Chapter 17 transitions into the second half of the book. It is often referred to as the “Holiness Code” because it centers on living a holy lifestyle.
2. The chapter addresses the subject of blood. It can be divided into two sections.
 - a) **Leviticus 17.1-9:** Where are sacrifices to be offered?
 - b) **Leviticus 17.10-16:** Prohibition against eating blood.
3. This section is about worshipping God in holiness.

I. THE COMMANDMENT FOR ISRAEL

- A. God gives Moses a command.
 1. **Leviticus 17.1:** *“And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying”* (Ex. 19.9; 29.42)
 2. **Leviticus 17.2:** There were three audiences Moses was to address.
 3. **Leviticus 17.2:** *“This is the thing which the LORD has commanded”*
- B. Worshipping God in holiness is to worship Him according to His instructions.
 1. **Leviticus 17.3,4:** Sacrifices were to be offered at the tabernacle of meeting.
 - a) Animals specified: *“an ox or lamb or goat”* All sacrificial animals (Lev. 1-7)
 - b) Locations prohibited: *“in the camp,” “outside the camp”* (cf. Deut. 12.13-15)
 - c) Location required: *“door of the tabernacle”* (Lev. 1.3; 3.1,2; 4.4; 7.1,2)
 - d) Penalty applied: *“that man shall be cut off from among his people”*
 2. **Leviticus 17.5,6:** *“to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field...”*
 - a) Approaching God was to be on His terms. (Heb. 12.14; John 4.23,24)
 - b) Nadab and Abihu learned this lesson. (Lev. 10.3)
- C. Worshipping God in holiness is to worship Him exclusively.
 1. **Leviticus 17.7:** *“They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons”*
 2. Israel left Egypt, but Egypt did not leave Israel. (Josh. 24.14; Ezek. 20.10,11,24)

II. THE COMMANDMENT FOR THE STRANGER

- A. The scope of the command.
 1. **Leviticus 17.8:** *“Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers”*
 2. Stranger (ger): The one dwelling among them. Not just passing through.
 3. **Leviticus 17.8:** *“a burnt offering or sacrifice”* Offers any sacrifice.
- B. What did God command the stranger?
 1. **Leviticus 17.9:** They were required to bring to the door of the tabernacle.
 2. **Leviticus 17.9:** *“that man shall be cut off from among his people.”*