WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
November 11, 2026
Leviticus 19:19

Introduction:

1. The first half of the chapter closes with the command to love your neighbor.
   a) **Leviticus 19.17:** *"You shall surely rebuke your neighbor…"* Failing to rebuke your neighbor results in sin. (cf. Ezek. 3.18; James 5.19,20; Gal. 6.1,2)
   b) **Leviticus 19.18:** Love rather than vengeance. (cf. Rom. 13.8-10; Matt. 5.43-48)
2. The title of the second half of the chapter: *"You shall keep My statutes"* (Lev. 19.19)
   a) Statutes (huqqa): The engravings. Suggests laws that are enduring.
   b) **Leviticus 19.25:** *"I am the LORD"* (w/v. 18). Marks each section.
3. The second half of the chapter contains laws that distinguish Israel from the nations.

I. THREE RESTRICTIONS

A. Restriction concerning breeding animals.
   1. **Leviticus 19.19:** *"You shall not let your livestock breed with another kind."*
   2. Kind (kil'ayim): Not a plural form, but a heterogeneous noun. (cf. Deut. 22.10)
   3. What about the mule? (1 Kings 1.33; 10.24,25)

B. Restriction concerning growing crops.
   1. **Leviticus 19.19:** *"You shall not sow your field with mixed seed."*
   2. The second law adds an additional restriction. (Deut. 22.9)

C. Restriction concerning wearing garments.
   1. **Leviticus 19.19:** *"Nor shall a garment of mixed linen and wool…"*
   2. Literally, "mixed kind." The second law adds the material (Deut. 22.11,12)

II. TWO REASONS

A. Respect God's divine order.
   1. Kind (kala): Literally, restriction, separation. Suggests things that have been separated into their own category.
   2. God created everything of its own kind. (Gen. 1.11,12,21,24,25)

B. Be different from the nations.
   1. The Bible connects mixing kinds with being like the nations. (Deut. 22.9-12).
   2. Agricultural laws often have a moral or spiritual lesson. (1 Cor. 9.8-10)
      a) Just as the natural world is to be separated, so God's people are to be separate from the world. (Ezra 9.1,2; 1 Kings 11.1-4; Neh. 13.23-26)
      b) **Leviticus 19.2:** *"You shall be holy…"* (cf. Lev.20.26)

III. ONE REFLECTION

A. Can a Christian have a relationship (friendship/marriage) with an unbeliever?
   1. Old Law vs. New Law. (Ezra 10.3; 1 Cor. 7.12,13)
   2. The influence of a spouse. (1 Cor. 7.16; 1 Pet. 3.1,2)

B. We are commanded to live visibly differently. (1 Pet. 1.15,16; 2 Cor. 6.14-18)