WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
October 28, 2026
Leviticus 19:4-10

Introduction:

1. The last half of Leviticus calls on the nation of Israel to be holy. Scholars refer to this section as "The Holiness Code." (Lev. 19.1,2)
2. To live a holy life, children are to respect their parents.
   a) To respect your parents is to value them. (Exodus 20.12)
   b) To respect your parents is to provide for them. (Matt. 15.4-6)
   c) To respect your parents is to obey them. (Eph. 6.1-3)
   d) To respect your parents is to fear them. (Lev. 19.3)
3. Continuing in the chapter, Israel was to live in reference to their relationship with God and their fellow man.

I. HEART DIRECTED UPWARD

A. **Leviticus 19.4:** *"Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods"*
   1. This is a summation of the first two commandments. (Ex. 20.3-6)
   2. "Do not turn" suggests turning with your heart with affection and trust.
   3. Idols (elil): Worthless, insignificant, good for nothing" (Ps. 96.5; 1 Cor. 8.4)

B. Where do you turn to first when you are afraid? (Phil. 4.6)
   1. We are to turn from idols to God. (Col. 3.5; 1 Cor. 10.14)
   2. You cannot serve two masters. (Matt. 6.24)

II. HEARTS DIRECTED INWARD

A. **Leviticus 19.5,6:** Law concerning the peace offering. (cf. Lev. 3; 7.12-16)
   1. **Leviticus 19.5:** *"you shall offer it of your own free will."*
      a) Free will (rason): Literally, what is acceptable.
      b) Same word in verse 7: *"it shall not be accepted"*
   2. **Leviticus 19.6,7:** To be acceptable, it had to be eaten within two days.
   3. **Leviticus 19.8:** Failing to worship properly carried a death sentence.

B. Proper worship requires an inward reflection of our attitude.
   1. Are our sacrifices acceptable to God? (Heb. 13.15; 1 Pet. 2.5)
   2. Reflecting on our attitude during the Lord's Supper. (1 Cor. 11.27-32)
   2. Our lives are "living sacrifices" that start with our attitude. (Rom. 12.1,2)

III. HEARTS DIRECTED OUTWARD

A. **Leviticus 19.9:** *"When you reap the harvest of your land…"*
   1. This is God's land given to Israel. (Lev. 25.23,24)
   2. **Leviticus 19.9,10:** Leave grain behind for the poor. (1 Thess. 3.10)
   3. How much were they to leave? (cf. 2 Cor. 9.7)

B. Helping your fellow man is a heart issue. (1 John 3.17; Eph. 4.28)