WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
November 4, 2026
Leviticus 19:15-18

Introduction:

1. The first 18 verses focus on the heart.
   a) **Leviticus 19.1-4:** Hearts directed upward toward God.
   b) **Leviticus 19.5-8:** Heart directed inward in reflection.
   c) **Leviticus 19.9-18:** Hearts directed outward toward your fellow man.
2. In these verses, most of the ten commandments are applied practically. (Lev. 19.3,4,11,12,17; Ex. 20.12,8,4,15,16,17,13; 1 John 3.15)
3. Our verses of interest continue the thought about hearts directed outward.

I. JUDGE RIGHTEOUSLY

A. Do not judge with partiality.
   1. **Leviticus 19.15:** *"You shall do no injustice in judgment"*
      a) Judges often sat at the city gate to hear cases. (cf. Deut. 16.18; 21.19; 25.7)
      b) The standard of judgment was righteousness. (cf. Lev. 19.15; 2 Chr. 19.5-7)
   2. **Leviticus 19.15:** *"You shall not be partial to the poor"* (cf. Deut. 15.7-11)
   3. **Leviticus 19.15:** *"nor honor the person of the mighty."* (cf. Deut. 1.17)
   4. Application: We are to *"judge with righteous judgment"* (John 7.24)

B. Do not cause death through slander.
   1. **Leviticus 19.16:** *"You shall not go about as a talebearer"* (Prov. 11.13)
   2. **Leviticus 19.16:** *"nor shall you take a stand against the life of your neighbor"* Seeking death through false testamony. (1 Kings 21.11-14)
   3. Application: We are not to speak evil in judgment. (James 4.11,12)

II. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR

A. Love is expressed in rebuke.
   1. **Leviticus 19.17:** *"You shall not hate your brother in your heart."*
      a) Hate is equivalent to murder. (cf. 1 John 3.10-15)
      b) The location of hatred. (cf. Mark 7.21)
   2. **Leviticus 19.17:** *"You shall surely rebuke your neighbor"* Lit., "correct"
   3. **Leviticus 19.17:** *"and not bear sin because of him."* (cf. Ezek. 3.18)
   4. Application: We are to correct brethren in sin.
      a) Purpose. (Matt. 18.15; Luke 17.3,4; James 5.19,20)
      b) Attitude. (Gal. 6.1; 2 Cor. 2.4-7)

B. Love is expressed by treating those who hurt us with kindness.
   1. **Leviticus 19.18:** No vengeance or grudges. (Rom. 12.17-21)
   2. **Leviticus 19.18:** *"but…"* Love is put in contrast. (cf. Rom. 13.8-10)
   3. **Leviticus 19.18:** *"love your neighbor as yourself"* (Luke 10.25-29,37)
   4. Application: We are to love our enemies. (Matt. 5.43-48)