

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
September 30, 2026
Leviticus 18:1-5

Introduction:

1. Chapter 17 begins the second half known as the Holiness Code. (cf. Lev. 10.10)
2. God commanded the children of Israel to only offer sacrifices at the door of the tabernacle of meeting to prevent idolatry (Lev. 17.7; 1 Cor. 10.14-22)
3. Twice, God declares that *"life is in the blood"* (Lev. 17.11,14). Therefore, no one was permitted to eat blood.

I. POWER IN THE BLOOD

- A. The blood of sacrifices.
 1. Prohibition: **Leviticus 17.10:** *"And whatever man...who eats any blood"*
 2. Reason: **Leviticus 17.11:** *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood...it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul"*
 3. The atoning blood of Christ. (cf. Heb. 9.13,14; 1 Pet. 1.18,19; Rev. 1.5)
- B. The blood of hunted animals.
 1. Prohibition: **Leviticus 17.13,14:** *"You shall not eat the blood of any flesh"*
 2. Reason: **Leviticus 17.14:** *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood...for the life of all flesh is its blood"* (cf. Gen. 9.4; Deut. 12.23)
 3. The life giving blood of Christ. (Eph. 2.13; John 6.53-57,60-63,68)
- C. The blood of animals that died naturally.
 1. Prohibition: **Leviticus 17.15:** *"every person who eats what died naturally"*
 2. Procedure: **Leviticus 17.15:** *"he shall both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until evening. Then he shall be clean."*
 3. Penalty: **Leviticus 17.16:** *"But if he does not wash them or bathe his body, then he shall bear his guilt."*

II. INTRODUCING LEVITICUS 18

- A. Breaking down the chapter.
 1. Outline of the chapter.
 - a) **Leviticus 18.1-5:** Warning to keep God's covenant.
 - b) **Leviticus 18.6-23:** Laws concerning sexual immorality.
 - c) **Leviticus 18.24-30:** Consequences for breaking these laws.
 2. Authority of the chapter. (Lev. 18.1-6,21,30)
 3. Theme of the chapter. (Lev. 18.3,24,26,27,29,30)
- B. Chapter 18 falls into the category of God's moral laws.
 1. **Leviticus 18.1,2:** *"I am the LORD your God"* (v. 30; Lev. 11.44,45)
 2. **Leviticus 18.3,4:** Warning against the past and the future.
 3. **Leviticus 18.5:** *"which if a man does, he shall live by them"* (Ezek. 20.11,13,21; Neh. 9.29; Rom. 10.5; Gal. 3.12)