

For Us

Intro:

John 14:15, 21

Christ came and freed us from the curse of the Law but He didn't free us from His Lordship

Though we are not under the Old Testament Law we are still under a Lord who gives commands we are meant to keep...

Problem:

deut 27:11-28:68

These are not the blessings and cursing of an angry teetotaling God but the instructions and boundaries of a loving parent

The question posed at the beginning of Leviticus 26 is whether we want Him or not...

Main Idea:

Who do you worship?

You will know by your fruit

You will know by your discipline

You will know by your repentance

Implication:

We are promised real blessings fruit of obedience but that is not the only fruit...

Our discipline and repentance are also evidence of His love...

Application:

Even when we remain faithless He remains faithful still

God is for you Christian

Fruit is a product not always immediately visible

Discipline is a process not always understood

Repentance is a posture always available

Articles for further study:

<https://www.gotquestions.org/God-punish-sin.html>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Lord-God-discipline.html>

<https://bible.org/seriespage/7-glorious-restoration-israel>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-gods-of-the-prosperity-gospel>

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Text:

Who do you worship?

Leviticus 26:1 ¶ **You shall not make idols for yourselves** or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, **for I am the LORD your God.**

Leviticus 26:2 You shall **keep my Sabbaths and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD.**

1 cor 10:1-7 (who do you worship?)

matt 7:15-23 (what does it look like to be known by Him?)

You will know by your fruit

Leviticus 26:3 ¶ **If you walk in my statutes and observe my commandments and do them,**

Leviticus 26:4 then I will give you your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Leviticus 26:5 Your threshing shall last to the time of the grape harvest, and the grape harvest shall last to the time for sowing. And you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely.

Leviticus 26:6 I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid. And I will remove harmful beasts from the land, and the sword shall not go through your land.

Leviticus 26:7 You shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

Leviticus 26:8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall chase ten thousand, and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.

Leviticus 26:9 I will turn to you and make you fruitful and multiply you and will confirm my covenant with you.

Leviticus 26:10 You shall eat old store long kept, and you shall clear out the old to make way for the new.

Leviticus 26:11 **I will make my dwelling among you,** and my soul shall not abhor you.

Leviticus 26:12 **And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.**

Leviticus 26:13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, **that you should not be their slaves.** And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.

1 Jn 2:3-8; 3:1-10, 22-24; 4:21; 5:1-4, 21 (our obedience is a fruit of being born again...but is there any blessing beyond the blessing of obedience?)

Eph 1:3-14 (Already rewarded, blessed...does this mean there are no present tense blessings of obedience?)

Gal 5:16-26 (present tense fruit of obedience...love, joy peace...)

You will know by your discipline

Leviticus 26:14 ¶ **“But if you will not listen to me and will not do all these commandments,**

Leviticus 26:15 **if you spurn my statutes, and if your soul abhors my rules, so that you will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant,**

Leviticus 26:16 then I will do this to you: I will visit you with panic, with wasting disease and fever that consume the eyes and make the heart ache. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

Leviticus 26:17 I will set my face against you, and you shall be struck down before your enemies. Those who hate you shall rule over you, and you shall flee when none pursues you.

Leviticus 26:18 And if in spite of this you will not listen to me, then I will discipline you again sevenfold for your sins,

Leviticus 26:19 and I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heavens like iron and your earth like bronze.

Leviticus 26:20 And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall not yield its increase, and the trees of the land shall not yield their fruit.

Leviticus 26:21 ¶ **“Then if you walk contrary to me and will not listen to me,** I will continue striking you, sevenfold for your sins.

Leviticus 26:22 And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted.

Leviticus 26:23 ¶ **“And if by this discipline you are not turned to me but walk contrary to me,**

Leviticus 26:24 then I also will walk contrary to you, and I myself will strike you sevenfold for your sins.

Leviticus 26:25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute vengeance for the covenant. And if you gather within your cities, I will send pestilence among you, and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.

Leviticus 26:26 When I break your supply of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in a single oven and shall dole out your bread again by weight, and you shall eat and not be satisfied.

Leviticus 26:27 ¶ **“But if in spite of this you will not listen to me, but walk contrary to me,**

Leviticus 26:28 then I will walk contrary to you in fury, and I myself will discipline you sevenfold for your sins.

Leviticus 26:29 You shall eat the flesh of your sons, and you shall eat the flesh of your daughters.

Leviticus 26:30 And I will destroy your high places and cut down your incense altars and cast your dead bodies upon the dead bodies of your idols, and my soul will abhor you.

Leviticus 26:31 And I will lay your cities waste and will make your sanctuaries desolate, and I will not smell your pleasing aromas.

Leviticus 26:32 And I myself will devastate the land, so that your enemies who settle in it shall be appalled at it.

Leviticus 26:33 And I will scatter you among the nations, and I will unsheathe the sword after you, and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

Leviticus 26:34 ¶ **“Then the land shall enjoy its Sabbaths as long as it lies desolate, while you are in your enemies' land; then the land shall rest, and enjoy its Sabbaths.**

Leviticus 26:35 As long as it lies desolate it shall have rest, the rest that it did not have on your Sabbaths when you were dwelling in it.

Leviticus 26:36 And as for those of you who are left, I will send faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. The sound of a driven leaf shall put them to flight, and they shall flee as one flees from the sword, and they shall fall when none pursues.

Leviticus 26:37 They shall stumble over one another, as if to escape a sword, though none pursues. And you shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

Leviticus 26:38 And you shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up.

Leviticus 26:39 And those of you who are left shall rot away in your enemies' lands because of their iniquity, and also because of the iniquities of their fathers they shall rot away like them.

Jer 2:11-16 (their self reliance will lead to separation - unlike Egypt with irrigation Israel relied upon rain...dependence)

Ezekiel 6:3-6 (literal fulfillment about idols...instead of bringing life their idols would be bring them death)

2 Chron 36:17-21 (literal fulfillment about Sabbaths they will be captive till done)

(Jer 25:11; 29:10 (captivity was not abandonment from God - He would bring them back)

lam 4:10 (lev 26:29 fulfilled during siege of Samaria (2 kings 6:24-29) and siege of Jerusalem...scattered after ad 70)

Amos 4:6-12 (escalating punishment to cause return to Him - 2 cor 7:4-11 Paul says as much godly grief produces repentance)

Heb 12:3-11 (not curses of angry deity but corrections of loving father)

You will know by your repentance

Leviticus 26:40 ¶ **“But if they confess** their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers in their treachery that they committed against me, and also in walking contrary to me,

Leviticus 26:41 so that I walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised heart is humbled and they make amends for their iniquity,

Leviticus 26:42 then **I will remember** my covenant with Jacob, and **I will remember** my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and **I will remember** the land.

Leviticus 26:43 But the land shall be abandoned by them and enjoy its Sabbaths while it lies desolate without them, and they shall make amends for their iniquity, because they spurned my rules and their soul abhorred my statutes.

Leviticus 26:44 Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not spurn them, neither will I abhor them so as to destroy them utterly and break my covenant with them, for I am the LORD their God.

Leviticus 26:45 **But I will for their sake remember** the covenant with their forefathers, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 26:46 ¶ These are the statutes and rules and laws that the LORD made between himself and the people of Israel through Moses on Mount Sinai.

Jn 1:14 (they got the ifs wrong yet He came and dwelt among us? Lev 26:11-12 -rom 10:19-11:36 (their discipline is also a sign of His love for the nation)

rom 2:1-5 (repentance)...when we remain faithless He remains faithful 2 Tim 2:13)

gal 3:10-14 (took the curse of the ifs. Where is the safest place in a forest fire?)

1 Jn 1:1-2:1 (He remains faithful still. Repentance is safety)