

Promises, Promises

Intro:

Rom 1:32

How could a culture approve even celebrate such horrible things as evil murder covetousness etc?

Isaiah 5:20

By changing our words and their meaning...

Problem:

Matt 5:33-37

God cares about the promises we make - He cares about how we use our words...

Matt 6:5-13

And ultimately points us to His...but ask yourself:

Why do the gentiles offer up empty phrases?

Maybe you can relate?

In an age

Where politicians routinely ignore their own words to appease us

Where and propagandists redefine and censor our words to control us

Where advertisers exaggerate their words to entice us

Where social media magnifies our words to dilute us into an angry mob

Leviticus 27 reminds us that our words specifically our promises matter

which begs the question: if our words matter how much do His

Main Idea:

Keep you promises

Confess your promises

Implication:

Your words matter to God

Application:

Do His matter to you?

Articles for further study:

<https://cfc.sebts.edu/faith-and-culture/dan-darling-words-matter-to-god-and-we-will-give-an-account-for-all-of-them/>

<https://www.baptiststandard.com/opinion/voices/words-matter-so-be-mindful-of-them/>

<https://www.gty.org/library/sermons-library/1615/the-securities-of-gods-promise>

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Text:

Keep your promises - your words matter to God

Leviticus 27:1 ¶ The LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Leviticus 27:2 ¶ "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, If anyone makes a special vow to the LORD involving the valuation of persons,

Leviticus 27:3 then the valuation of a male from twenty years old up to sixty years old shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary.

Leviticus 27:4 If the person is a female, the valuation shall be thirty shekels.

Leviticus 27:5 If the person is from five years old up to twenty years old, the valuation shall be for a male twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels.

Leviticus 27:6 If the person is from a month old up to five years old, the valuation shall be for a male five shekels of silver, and for a female the valuation shall be three shekels of silver.

Leviticus 27:7 And if the person is sixty years old or over, then the valuation for a male shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels.

Leviticus 27:8 And if someone is too poor to pay the valuation, then he shall be made to stand before the priest, and the priest shall value him; the priest shall value him according to what the vower can afford.

Leviticus 27:9 ¶ "If the vow is an animal that may be offered as an offering to the LORD, all of it that he gives to the LORD is holy.

Leviticus 27:10 He shall not exchange it or make a substitute for it, good for bad, or bad for good; and if he does in fact substitute one animal for another, then both it and the substitute shall be holy.

Leviticus 27:11 And if it is any unclean animal that may not be offered as an offering to the LORD, then he shall stand the animal before the priest,

Leviticus 27:12 and the priest shall value it as either good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall be.

Leviticus 27:13 But if he wishes to redeem it, he shall add a fifth to the valuation.

Leviticus 27:14 ¶ "When a man dedicates his house as a holy gift to the LORD, the priest shall value it as either good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand.

Leviticus 27:15 And if the donor wishes to redeem his house, he shall add a fifth to the valuation price, and it shall be his.

Leviticus 27:16 ¶ "If a man dedicates to the LORD part of the land that is his possession, then the valuation shall be in proportion to its seed. A homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

Leviticus 27:17 If he dedicates his field from the year of jubilee, the valuation shall stand,

Leviticus 27:18 but if he dedicates his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall calculate the price according to the years that remain until the year of jubilee, and a deduction shall be made from the valuation.

Leviticus 27:19 And if he who dedicates the field wishes to redeem it, then he shall add a fifth to its valuation price, and it shall remain his.

Leviticus 27:20 But if he does not wish to redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed anymore.

Leviticus 27:21 But the field, when it is released in the jubilee, shall be a holy gift to the LORD, like a field that has been devoted. The priest shall be in possession of it.

Leviticus 27:22 If he dedicates to the LORD a field that he has bought, which is not a part of his possession,

Leviticus 27:23 then the priest shall calculate the amount of the valuation for it up to the year of jubilee, and the man shall give the valuation on that day as a holy gift to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:24 In the year of jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to whom the land belongs as a possession.

Leviticus 27:25 Every valuation shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall make a shekel.

1 sam 1:11 (a vow of service not commanded but offered...and often not followed through with...but God doesn't let them off the hook...)

2 sam 23:13-17 (how scary to have three superheroes take us at our word - how much bigger to have God take us seriously)

prov 6:1-2; 11:15; 17:18; 20:16, 25 (in the most basic sense our promises are supposed to matter even when we don't mean them - think of the

kind of words we speak on social media - God takes them seriously - this works both directions - God cares about the words and

promises you made last year after the sermon you forgot about...)

acts 5:1-11 (keep your promises - God takes them very seriously...your words matter to God)

Confess your promises - your words matter to God

Leviticus 27:26 ¶ "But a firstborn of animals, which as a firstborn belongs to the LORD, no man may dedicate; whether ox or sheep, it is the LORD'S.

Leviticus 27:27 And if it is an unclean animal, then he shall buy it back at the valuation, and add a fifth to it; or, if it is not redeemed, it shall be sold at the valuation.

Leviticus 27:28 ¶ "But no devoted thing that a man devotes to the LORD, of anything that he has, whether man or beast, or of his inherited field, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted thing is most holy to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:29 No one devoted, who is to be devoted for destruction from mankind, shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

Leviticus 27:30 ¶ "Every tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the trees, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:31 If a man wishes to redeem some of his tithe, he shall add a fifth to it.

Leviticus 27:32 And every tithe of herds and flocks, every tenth animal of all that pass under the herdsman's staff, shall be holy to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:33 One shall not differentiate between good or bad, neither shall he make a substitute for it; and if he does substitute for it, then both it and the substitute shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed."

Leviticus 27:34 ¶ These are the commandments that the LORD commanded Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.

judges 11:29-40; 17:6; 21:25 (sometimes an oath is rash - sometimes it is wrong...)

1 sam 14:24-46 (this was a rash oath and Saul should have confessed it)

1 sam 15:1-23 (instead he kept trying to wiggle out of it with lies - offering what was already offered)

2 Cor 1:15-23 (if there is one thing that sets us apart from the world it is our view of words - we believe that words, all words are God's words and that they actually matter - the problem of this world began with a devaluing of God's Word in the garden - which leads to the point...if our words matter so much, even from us sinful fickle people, how much more do His words?)

Do His matter to you?

ezeq 17:24; 22:14; 24:14; 36:36 (Phil 1:6 (why was Paul so confident? because God does what He says...do you believe it?))

1 pet 1:22-25 (we are not saved by believing in God but by believing God - believing His Word, His work, His promise)

2 Pet 3:1-13 (Heaven and earth will pass away but His Word will not - God created by His Word, Satan destroyed by getting us to doubt it, we are saved by believing it...by believing Him -He is the Word and He literally became flesh and dwelt among us - how can we not believe His promises