

Session 3: Holiness as a Way of Life — Blessings and Covenants (Leviticus 26–27)

Getting Started:

Allow each person to introduce themselves (if needed) and share “high, low, buffalo.” (**High**= something good from the week, **Low**=something not good from the week, **Buffalo**=something surprising from the week, or something random). *Note: Anyone can choose to pass and not participate.*

Expect to experience God in prayer:

Pray for openness to hear God’s promises and warnings, and to respond in obedience.

Expect to experience God in fellowship:

Icebreaker: Blessing or Consequence?

Need: a shuffled deck of cards.

Hand the deck to one person.

Explain that you are going to read them a scenario, and they will draw a card. Red means they will have to share a reaction/response to the scenario that God will bless, and a black card means they share a reaction/response that God will not bless, resulting in a consequence.

Choose from the following scenarios:

- “You’ve made a mistake on a big report that may cause you to lose a client.”
- “Your friends invite you to do something you know is wrong, but they’ll think less of you if you don’t join.”
- “A family member criticizes you unfairly in front of others.”
- “You just got paid, but an unexpected need at church or in a friend’s life comes up.”
- “Someone cuts you off in traffic or says something rude online.”
- “You broke something valuable at work/school, and no one knows yet.”
- “A close friend betrayed your trust. They apologize and ask for another chance.”
- “You’re tired at the end of the day, and you have the choice between scrolling online or spending a few minutes in prayer.”
- “You see someone struggling with a task that will take time away from your own plans.”
- “You don’t get the recognition you hoped for after working hard on a project.”

After the person has given their red/black response, have them give the deck to another person. Continue until either the list is complete, or 10 minutes passes.

Ask:

- Was it harder to come up with a red response or a black response? Why?
- Is it harder in real life to come up with a red response or a black response? Why?

Say: In our time now, we will explore Leviticus 26 & 27 to see God's plan for blessings and his warnings of consequences for disobedience...and discuss how we navigate choosing wisely in our circumstances and situations.

Conversation Starter (2 Options): What's something you've chosen to do consistently that has brought blessing or growth in your life?

Or

When you were growing up, what was one consequence that quickly taught you not to repeat a mistake?

Expect to experience God by reading and discussing God's Word together:

Background:

Leviticus 26 describes blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. God called Israel into covenant relationship, showing that holiness is not just about rituals but about everyday life. Leviticus 27 then outlines vows and offerings, showing that life belongs fully to God. In Christ, we see the promise of a new covenant, where blessings flow through faith and obedience to him.

Read Leviticus 26:3–13; 26:14–17; 27:30–34 Together

Discussion Questions:

1. What blessings are promised to Israel for obedience? What curses for disobedience?
2. Why do you think God ties blessing so closely to obedience?
3. How does Jesus fulfill the old covenant and bring us into a new covenant of grace (see Hebrews 8:6–13)?
4. What does it look like for holiness to shape your "way of life" today?
5. When is it hard to be holy? What makes it difficult than in other times?
6. What is one area where God is calling you to renewed obedience this week?

Experiencing God by applying His Word to your life:

This week, choose one specific act of obedience—large or small—that you know God is calling you to:

- Guard your thoughts.
- Speak the truth with grace and love.
- Set boundaries to maintain goodness and holiness.
- Serve quietly and humbly.
- Confess quickly and sincerely.

Commit to do it daily, not out of duty, but as a joyful response to being in covenant relationship with Him.

Expect to experience God by closing in prayer together:

Pray for strength to walk in obedience, for faith to trust God's promises, and for boldness to live as covenant people in Christ.