

Chapter 19

- 19:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
saying,
- 19:2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel,
and say unto them,
Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy.
- 19:3 Ye shall *fear every man his mother, and his father,*
and keep my sabbaths:
I am the LORD your God.
thought: *I believe that, this is the fear that expresses itself as, "respect for"; and not as, "horror at the sight of".*
- 19:4 Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God.
- 19:5 And if ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD,
ye shall offer it at your own will.
- 19:6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if ought remain until the third day, it shall be burnt in the fire.
- 19:7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable; it shall not be accepted.
- 19:8 Therefore every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD: ***and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.***
question: *Many times, this concept has been presented by the LORD God. I wonder if there is a way for restoration of the individual, to bring such a one back to fellowship with his people, after the trespass has been committed.*
- 19:9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land,
thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field,
neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.
- 19:10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard,
neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard;
thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger:
I am the LORD your God.
- 19:11 Ye shall not steal,
neither deal falsely,
neither lie one to another.
- 19:12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely,
neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God:
I am the LORD.
- 19:13 Thou shalt not defraud thy neighbour,
neither rob him:
the wages of him that is hired shall not abide with thee all night until the morning.
- 19:14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf,
nor put a stumblingblock before the blind,
but shalt fear thy God:
I am the LORD.
- 19:15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment:

- thou shalt not respect the person of the poor,
nor honour the person of the mighty:
but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour.
- 19:16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people:
neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour:
I am the LORD.
- 19:17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart:
thou shalt in any wise rebuke thy neighbour, and not suffer sin upon him.
- 19:18 Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself:
I am the LORD.
- 19:19 Ye shall keep my statutes.
Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind:
thou shalt not sow thy field with mingled seed:
neither shall a garment mingled of linen and woollen come upon thee.
- 19:20 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, betrothed to an husband,
and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her;
she shall be scourged; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free.
- 19:21 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation,
even a ram for a trespass offering.
- 19:22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath done: and the sin which he hath done shall be forgiven him.
- 19:23 And when ye shall come into the land,
and shall have planted all manner of trees for food,
then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised:
three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you:
it shall not be eaten of.
- 19:24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof
shall be holy
to praise the LORD withal.
- 19:25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof:
I am the LORD your God.
- 19:26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood:
neither shall ye use enchantment, nor **observe times**.
question: *Is this also a reference to the practicing of astrology?*
answer: *Observing times is; to foretell by indications, omens, signs, etc.*
- 19:27 Ye shall not **round the corners of your heads**, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard.
Round the corners of your heads: this may be an allusion to a custom of the Arabs; which is described by Herodotus. They used to show honor to their deity Orotal, by cutting the hair away from the temples, in a circular form.
- 19:28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead,
nor print any marks upon you:
I am the LORD.

- 19:29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.
- 19:30 Ye shall keep my sabbaths,
and reverence my sanctuary:
I am the LORD.
- 19:31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits,
neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them:
I am the LORD your God.
- 19:32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head,
and honour the face of the old man,
and fear thy God:
I am the LORD.
- 19:33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land,
ye shall not vex him.
- 19:34 But the stranger that dwelleth with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself;
for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt:
I am the LORD your God.
- 19:35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure.
- 19:36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have:
I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt.
- 19:37 Therefore shall ye observe all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them:
I am the LORD.