

“Value of a Vow”

Leviticus Chapter 27

Lev 27:1 1) Value of Man Vowed to the Lord vs 1-8

Again, the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Lev 27:2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When a man makes a difficult vow, he shall be valued according to your valuation of persons belonging to the LORD.

- Man can make a VOW to the Lord. A promise to serve the Lord.
- “Difficult” actually means singular or particular or specific. Generally for himself or a close family relation like a child.
- In these VOWs to the Lord, they are based upon the value or usefulness in an agricultural setting. You will see that a man is valued higher than a woman. A man 20 - 50 is valued higher than a child or an old man. It is based upon work able to perform not value in intelligence, wealth, or influence.
- 1 Samuel 1:1-28 Hannah consecrated Samuel to the Lord, gave him to the priest and brought offerings as well. (3 bulls, flour and wine).
- A man’s value to God is in his availability, not ability.

Lev 27:3 **If** your valuation is of the male from twenty years even to sixty years old, **then** your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary.

- Man 20-60 = 50 Shekel
- “after the shekel of the sanctuary” = shekel is a months wage. 50 months is approx. 4 years

Lev 27:4 'Or **if** it is a female, **then** your valuation shall be thirty shekels.

- Female = 30 shekels = 2.5 years wage

Lev 27:5 **If** it be from five years even to twenty years old **then** your valuation for the male shall be twenty shekels and for the female ten shekels.

- Male Children = 20 shekels = a little over 1.5 years wage
- Female Children = 10 Shekels - a little under a years wage

Lev 27:6 'But **if** they are from a month even up to five years old, **then** your valuation shall be five shekels of silver for the male, and for the female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver.

- Male Young Child = 5 shekels = 5 months wage
- Female Young Child = 3 shekels = 3 months wage

Lev 27:7 **If** they are from sixty years old and upward, if it is a male, **then** your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels.

- Senior Male Adults = 15 shekels = 1 year 3 months wage
- Senior Female Adult - 10 shekels = less than a years wage

Lev 27:8 'But **if** he is poorer than your valuation, **then** he shall be placed before the priest and the priest shall value him; according to the means of the one who vowed, the priest shall value him.

- If poor the priest will make the valuation based upon the circumstance of the individual.
- The poor is not left out from being able to vowing themselves to the Lord.

Lev 27:9 2) Value of Property Vowed to the Lord vs 9-25

Animals

Now **if** it is an animal of the kind which men can present as an offering to the LORD, any such that one gives to the LORD shall be holy.

Lev 27:10 'He shall not replace it or exchange it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good; or if he does exchange animal for animal, **then** both it and its substitute shall become holy.

Lev 27:11 **If**, however, it is any unclean animal of the kind which men do not present as an

offering to the LORD, **then** he shall place the animal before the priest.

Lev 27:12 'The priest shall value it as either good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so it shall be.

Lev 27:13 'But **if** he should ever *wish to* redeem it, **then** he shall add one-fifth of it to your valuation.

- A clean animal can be exchanged. But they must be of equal value. You cannot bring a bad animal to exchange for a good one.
- An unclean animal (donkey) can be in service but the worshipper must as 20% .

Lev 27:14 'Now **if** a man consecrates his house as holy to the LORD, **then** the priest shall value it as either good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand.

Lev 27:15 'Yet **if** the one who consecrates it should *wish to* redeem his house, **then** he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may be his.

- Remember when you got your first house. You said "Lord this is your house!" You are so excited and grateful to God. Then you want to sell it. Its mine as so is all the gains.
- If he still wanted to live there he would as 20%.

Lev 27:16 'Again, **if** a man consecrates to the LORD part of the fields of his own property, **then** your valuation shall be proportionate to the seed needed for it: a homer of barley seed at fifty shekels of silver.

Lev 27:17 **If** he consecrates his field as of the year of jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand.

Lev 27:18 'If he consecrates his field after the jubilee, however, **then** the priest shall calculate the price for him proportionate to the years that are left until the year of jubilee; and it shall be deducted from your valuation.

Lev 27:19 **If** the one who consecrates it should ever wish to redeem the field, **then** he shall add one-fifth of your valuation price to it, so that it may pass to him.

Lev 27:20 'Yet if he will not redeem the field, but has sold the field to another man, it may no longer be redeemed;

Lev 27:21 and when it reverts in the jubilee, the field shall be holy to the LORD, like a field set apart; it shall be for the priest as his property.

Lev 27:22 'Or **if** he consecrates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not a part of the field of his own property,

Lev 27:23 **then** the priest shall calculate for him the amount of your valuation up to the year of jubilee; and he shall on that day give your valuation as holy to the LORD.

Lev 27:24 'In the year of jubilee the field shall return to the one from whom he bought it, to whom the possession of the land belongs.

Lev 27:25 'Every valuation of yours, moreover, shall be after the shekel of the sanctuary. The shekel shall be twenty gerahs.

- First the value is calculated according to the potential for seed, planting and harvest.
- Secondly the value considers the year left until Jubilee. It returns to the original owner anyway.

Lev 27:26 **3) 3 UnRedeemable Things Devoted to the Lord** vs 26-34

The First Born 'However, a firstborn among animals, which as a firstborn belongs to the LORD, no man may consecrate it; whether ox or sheep, it is the LORD'S.

Lev 27:27 'But **if** *it is* among the unclean animals, **then** he shall redeem it according to your valuation and add to it one-fifth of it; and **if** it is not redeemed, **then** it shall be sold

according to your valuation.

- The FIRST BORN BELONGS TO THE LORD. You cannot dedicate to him what is already His. You cannot redeem it back.

Lev 27:28 **Things Devoted or Banned** Nevertheless, anything which a man sets apart to the LORD out of all that he has, of man or animal or of the fields of his own property, shall not be sold or redeemed. Anything devoted to destruction is most holy to the LORD.

Lev 27:29 'No one who may have been set apart among men shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

- Things "DEVOTED" mean things that are set apart for destruction. They cannot be redeemed.

Lev 27:30 **Tithes** 'Thus all the tithe of the land, of the seed of the land or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD'S; it is holy to the LORD.

Lev 27:31 'If, therefore, a man wishes to redeem part of his tithe, he shall add to it one-fifth of it.

Lev 27:32 'For every tenth part of herd or flock, whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD.

Lev 27:33 'He is not to be concerned whether *it is* good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; or if he does exchange it, **then** both it and its substitute shall become holy. It shall not be redeemed."

- The TITHE was the Lord's. It is unredeemable.
- If a portion of the crop was bad, a man could exchange it but he had to add 20% to it. He could not redeem it. (kind of like a bounced check)
- But animals tithed cannot be exchanged.

Lev 27:34 These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the sons of Israel at Mount Sinai.

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