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DECEMBER 7-13

EMWI EWE NI RRE UWU EMWE OGHE OSA-NOBUA | LEVITIKOS 10-11

"Gi Ahoemwomwa Ne U Mwe Ne Jehova Wegbe Se Ne U Mwe Ne Egbee Rue"

(Levitikos 10:1, 2, NW) Ivbi Eron ighe Nadab kevbe Abihu keghi vio okpan erhen iran, iran gua ugionmwe erhen yo, iran keghi ze eturari yo, iran na mu gie Jehova, sokpan oma waa iran re. ² Rhunmwuda oni, e Jehova keghi gie erhen gie iran, o keghi gien iran vbe odaro e Jehova.

it-1 1174 Illegitimate

Illegitimate Fire and Incense. At Leviticus 10:1 the Hebrew word zar (feminine, za·rah'; literally, strange) is used with regard to "illegitimate fire, which [God] had not prescribed for them" but which Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu presented before Jehovah and for which he executed them by fire. (Le 10:2; Nu 3:4; 26:61) Subsequently, Jehovah said to Aaron: "Do not drink wine or intoxicating liquor, you and your sons with you, when you come into the tent of meeting, that you may not die. It is a statute to time indefinite for your generations, both in order to make a distinction between the holy thing and the profane and between the unclean thing and the clean, and in order to teach the sons of Israel all the regulations that Jehovah has spoken to them by means of Moses." (Le 10: 8-11) This seems to indicate that Nadab and Abihu were in a state of intoxication, which condition emboldened them to offer fire not prescribed. Such fire was likely illegal as to its time, place, or manner of offering, or it could have been incense other than of the composition described at Exodus 30:34, 35. Their inebriated condition did not excuse their sin.

(Levitikos 10:4, 5) E Mosis keghi tie Mishel kevbe Elsafan ne ivbi Uziel ne ovbi erha Eron, o keghi tama iran wee, "Wa larre ne uwa do muno ikun ivbi oten uwa hin odaro Owa Ukpon ne o huansee rre ne uwa ya vio iran ye vbe a ra lahin ago rre ne." ⁵ Iran na rhunmwuda onii gha de do silo ikun iran ladian ago rre ze vbene Mosis khare.

(Levitikos 10:6, 7) Ore Mosis na tama Eron kevbe avbe ivbi ere ighe Eliaza kevbe Itama wee, "Wa ghe se eto uwa rae vbe ne a ma na salo ee ra ne uwa yanghan ewu uwa ya rhie maan ighe te uwa rre akhie. Wa gha ru vberrio, wa gha wulo, e Noyaenmwa gha vbe mu ohu emwa na hia sokpan, avbe etuen, kevbe avbe emwa Izrel hia, a fan obo ere ne iran ne iran khie uwu na ne o la ekpa erhen ne o ke obo Noyaenmwa rre. 7 Wa ghe kpa vbe onurho Owa Ukpon Ile rre ne uwa ghe wulo, rhunmwuda a ya ori ne a sa ye uwa uhunmwu ya uwa fi ohan ne Noyaenmwa ne." Iran keghi ru vbene Mosis khare.

w11 7/15 31 ¶16 God's Rest—Have You Entered Into It?

¹⁶ Moses' brother, Aaron, faced a difficult situation with regard to two of his sons. Think of how he must have felt when his sons Nadab and Abihu offered illegitimate fire to Jehovah and He struck them dead. Of course, that ended any association those men could have had with their parents. But there is more. Jehovah instructed Aaron and his faithful sons: "Do not let your heads go ungroomed, and you must not tear your garments [in mourning], that you may not die and that [Jehovah] may not become indignant

against all the assembly." (Lev. 10:1-6) The message is clear. Our love for Jehovah must be stronger than our love for unfaithful family members.

Gualo Emwi Ewe Oghe Orhion

(Levitikos 10:8-11) E Noyaenmwa keghi tama Eron wee, 9 "Wa gha da ayon ra ebie ne, we kevbe avbe ivbue, wa ghe ghi la uwu Owa Ukpon Ile, wa gha danmwe onren, wa gha wulo. Uhi ne avbe ivbi unien ruen hia gha rhie mwe ore ona khin. 10 Wa ghi gha ren emwi ne o re oghe Noyaenmwa hin ne o re ne agbon hia lo rre, kevbe emwi ne awua gue kevbe nei gue. 11 Wa ghi gha maa ivbi Izrel hia uhi ne I rhie la obo Mosis gie uwa."

w14 11/15 17 $\P18$ We Must Be Holy in All Our Conduct

¹⁸ To be holy, we must weigh the Scriptures carefully and do what God asks of us. Consider Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu. who were executed for offering "unauthorized fire," perhaps while inebriated. (Lev. 10: 1, 2) Note what God then told Aaron. (Read Leviticus 10:8-11.) Does that passage mean that we must not drink anything alcoholic before going to a Christian meeting? Think about these points: We are not under the Law. (Rom. 10:4) In some lands, our fellow believers use alcoholic beverages in moderation at meals before attending meetings. Four cups of wine were used at the Passover. When instituting the Memorial, Jesus had his apostles drink wine that represented his blood. (Matt. 26:27) The Bible condemns heavy drinking and drunkenness. (1 Cor. 6: 10; 1 Tim. 3:8) And many Christians would feel impelled by their conscience to abstain completely from alcoholic beverages before engaging in any form of sacred service. However, circumstances vary from one country to another, and the important thing is for

Christians to "distinguish between the holy thing and the profane" so as to conduct themselves with holiness that pleases God.

(**Levitikos 11:8**) Wa ghe kue ya obo kan ikun iran, emwi awua iran khin.

it-1 111 ¶5 Animals

These dietary limitations applied only to those who were under the Mosaic Law, for the statement of Leviticus 11:8 is: "They are unclean for you," that is, for the Israelites. With the abrogation of the Law on the basis of the sacrificial death of Christ Jesus, the prohibitions were canceled, and once more all humans could consider themselves under the same broad provision announced to Noah following the Deluge.—Col 2:13-17; Ge 9:3, 4.

DECEMBER 14-20

EMWI EWE NI RRE UWU EMWE OGHE OSA-NOBUA | LEVITIKOS 12-13

"Emwi Ne Ima Gha Mien Rue Vbe Uhi Ni Dekaen Emianmwe Oti"

(Levitikos 13:4, 5) Sokpan a deghe ikpakpa egbe ne o hinmwiaen nii fuofua ighe o yevbe ne o ma dinmwi ghe oto gberra ikpakpa egbe ni lega ere, ighe eto ni rroo ma he vbe khian nofua, ohen ghi we ne iren okpa ya gha rre ihe okpa la ikpede ihinron. 5 Ohen ghi vbe dolegbe ghe ere egbe ghe vbe ikpede ne ogihinron. A deghe, ze vbene iren mien oen ighe ete nii ma he fiwerrie, o ma he vbe ve yo, o ghi vbe dolegbe we ne iren okpa gha rre ihokpa la ikpede ihinron ovbehe.

wp18.1 7 Outdated or Ahead of Its Time?

• Isolating sick people.

The Mosaic Law prescribed keeping people

with leprosy separate from others. Not until the plagues of the Middle Ages did medical doctors learn to apply this principle, which is still deemed effective.—Leviticus, chapters 13 and 14.

(Levitikos 13:45, 46) Omwa ne o khuonmwi emianmwe ikpakpa egbe ne o mu ohan ghi gha yo osonmwe ukpon, o ghi se eto ne a ma salo rae ye uhunmwu, o ghi ya emwi gue ototo ugbaro ere, o ghi gha tu khian wee, "Awua awua." ⁴⁶ Eghe ne o ya gha khuonmwi emianmwe, awua gu ere, iren okpa vbe ehi ere ghi ya gha rre ago ne o ma sike ehe ne emwa nekpa ye.

wp16.4 9 ¶1 Did You Know?

The ancient Jews had a fear of the form of leprosy common in Bible times. That dreaded disease could attack the sufferer's nerve endings and lead to permanent damage and disfigurement. There was no known cure for leprosy. Rather, those afflicted by it were quarantined and were obliged to warn others of their condition.—Leviticus 13:45, 46.

(**Levitikos 13:52**) Ohen ghi gien onren uan, rhunmwuda, irhunrhun ne o ve no, erhen ore o kere ne a ya fuen onren uan.

(**Levitikos 13:57**) A deghe nene irhunrhun ghi vbe dolegbe ladian, te o ve khian nii, we ne noyan ren gien emwi nii uan.

it-2 238 ¶3 Leprosy

In garments and houses. Leprosy could also affect woolen or linen garments, or an article of skin. The plague might disappear with washing, and there were arrangements for quarantining the article. But where this yellowish-green or reddish plague persisted, malignant leprosy was present and the article

was to be burned. (Le 13:47-59) If yellowishgreen or reddish depressions appeared in the wall of a house, the priest imposed a quarantine. It might be necessary to tear out affected stones and have the house scraped off inside, the stones and scraped-off mortar being disposed of in an unclean place outside the city. If the plaque returned, the house was declared unclean and was pulled down, and the materials were disposed of in an unclean place. But for the house pronounced clean there was an arrangement for purification. (Le 14:33-57) It has been suggested that the leprosy affecting garments or houses was a type of mildew or mold; however, about this there is uncertainty.

Gualo Emwi Ewe Oghe Orhion

(**Levitikos 12:2**) ne ivbi Izrel. Okhuo gha bie okpia, o ghi gha re ne o mwe awua la ikpede ihinron, ze vbene o ye vbe eghe ne o na mu obo mwe.

(**Levitikos 12:5**) Sokpan a deghe okhuo ore o biee, o ghi gha mwe awua la ikpede iwene ze vbene o ghaa ye vbe eghe ne o na mu obo mwe, o ghi ye gbe ikpede ehanyan iyeha o te do khian ne o huanren vbe oghe esagien ne o tue ere.

w04 5/15 23 ¶2 Highlights From the Book of Leviticus

12:2, 5—Why did childbirth make a woman "unclean"? The reproductive organs were made to pass on perfect human life. However, because of the inherited effects of sin, imperfect and sinful life was passed on to the offspring. The temporary periods of 'uncleanness' associated with childbirth, as well as other matters, such as menstruation and seminal emissions, called this hereditary sinfulness to mind. (Leviticus 15:16-24; Psalm 51:5; Romans 5:12) The required purification

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regulations would help the Israelites to appreciate the need for a ransom sacrifice to cover mankind's sinfulness and restore human perfection. Thus the Law became their "tutor leading to Christ."—Galatians 3:24.

(**Levitikos 12:3**) Vbe ikpędę ne ogieręn ren, a ghi rhue omo nii.

wp18.1 7 Outdated or Ahead of Its Time?

• Timing of circumcision.

God's Law stipulated that a male child should be circumcised on the eighth day of life. (Leviticus 12:3) In newborn babies, the blood's ability to clot is understood to reach normal levels after the first week. In Bible times, before advanced medical treatments were available, waiting for over a week before circumcision was a wise protection.

DECEMBER 21-27

EMWI EWE NI RRE UWU EMWE OGHE OSANOBUA | LEVITIKOS 14-15

"O Kheke Ne Emwa Ni Rre Ugamwe Emwata Gha Re Emwa Ni Huanren"

(Levitikos 15:13-15) A ghẹ ghi sinmwi omwa nii ne vbe egbe ne o gin nii, o ghi mudia ne la ikpede ihinron, iyeke onii, o ghi ye ame ne a da sa vbe eze ho ukpon, o ghi vbe ya khue, ren ghi do gha re ne i mwe awua. Ybe ikpede nogierenren, o ghi vio idu eva ra elikhukhu eva gha rrie onurho Owa Ukpon lle, o ghi vio iran ne ohen. To Ohen ghi gbe okpa vbo ze vbe ese orukho kevbe nokpa ze vbe ese na gien uan. Errio o gha ru iruemwi akpehuan, ne omwa nii.

it-1 263 Bathing

Ceremonial bathing on the part of the Israelites in general was required for various

reasons. Anyone who recovered from leprosy, anyone who contacted things touched by those with "a running discharge," a man who had an emission of semen, a woman after menstruation or hemorrhaging, or anyone having sexual intercourse was "unclean" and had to bathe. (Le 14:8, 9; 15:4-27) One in a tent with, or touching, a human corpse was "unclean" and had to be purified with cleansing water. If anyone refused to comply with this regulation, he "must be cut off from the midst of the congregation, because it is Jehovah's sanctuary that he has defiled." (Nu 19:20) Appropriately, then, washing is used figuratively to denote a clean standing before Jehovah. (Ps 26:6; 73:13; Isa 1:16; Eze 16:9) Bathing with Jehovah's word of truth, symbolized by water, has power to cleanse.-Eph 5:26.

(Levitikos 15:28-30) Utuemwe gha ghi dobo yi ne, o ghi ye mudia la ikpede ihinron, iyeke onii, o ghi do khian ne awua i ghi gue. ²⁹ Vbe ikpede nogierenren, o ghi vio idu eva ra elikhukhu eva bu ohen gha rrie onurho Owa Ukpon Ile. ³⁰ Ohen ghi gbe okpa vbo ze vbe izoese orukho, ke nokpa ze vbe izoese na gien uan. Ode vbenian ore o gha na ru iruemwi akpehuan neen.

it-2 372 ¶2 Menstruation

The woman was also viewed as unclean for the duration of an irregular running discharge of blood or "a flow longer than her menstrual impurity," at which time she made the articles on which she lay or sat as well as persons touching these items unclean. After the abnormal discharge ceased, she was to count seven days, and she then became clean. On the eighth day the woman brought two turtledoves or two young pigeons to the priest, who made atonement for her, presenting one of these creatures to Jehovah as a sin offering

and the other as a burnt offering.—Le 15:19-30; see CLEAN, CLEANNESS.

(Levitikos 15:31) Noyaenmwa keghi tama e Mosis we ne o yan ma ivbi Izrel vbe ekpa oghe emwi awua iran, ne iran ghe ya mu awua la Owa Ukpon Ile, ne o rre adeseneva ago. Iran gha ru ee, a gha gbele iran an.

it-1 1133 Holy Place

2. The tent of meeting and, later, the temple. The entire arrangement, including the courtyard of the tabernacle and the temple courts, was a holy place. (Ex 38:24; 2Ch 29:5; Ac 21:28) The primary items located in the courtyard were the altar of sacrifice and the copper basin. These were holy objects. Only those persons ceremonially clean could enter into the tabernacle courtyard at any time; likewise, no one could go into the temple courts in an unclean state. For example, a woman in the unclean state could not touch any holy thing or come into the holy place. (Le 12:2-4) Evidently even a state of continued uncleanness on the part of the Israelites was considered to be a defiling of the tabernacle. (Le 15:31) Those presenting offerings for cleansing from leprosy brought their sacrifice only as far as the gate of the courtyard. (Le 14:11) No unclean person could partake of a communion sacrifice at the tabernacle or the temple, on pain of death.—Le 7: 20, 21.

Gualo Emwi Ewe Oghe Orhion

(Levitikos 14:14) Ohen ghi rhie vbe esagien ovbi ohuan amwe nii, o ghi rhie ere ye etogho eho obo erha omwa, ikpinhianbo nogie oghe obo erha omwa, kevbe ikpinhianwe ne ogie oghe owe erha omwa omwa ne a ra ya khian ne e i ghi mwe awua nii.

(Levitikos 14:17) O ghi rhie vbe ofigbon nii ne o rre ore atataobo kevbe esagien ovbi ohuan amwe nii, o ghi rhie ere ye eto oghe eho obo erha omwa kevbe ikpinhianwe ne ogie oghe owe obo erha omwa oghe omwa ne a ra kha ighe e i ghi mwe awua nii.

(**Levitikos 14:25**) Ren ghi gbe ovbi ohuan nii, o ghi rhie vbe esagien onren ye etogho eho obo erha omwa, ikpinhianbo ne ogie obo erha omwa, kevbe ikpinhianwe ne ogie owe erha omwa omwa nii.

(Levitikos 14:28) O ghi sa vbe ofigbon nii lele domwade ehe ne o vbe rhie esagien onren lele, etogho eho obo erha omwa, ikpinhianbo ne ogie obo erha omwa, kevbe ikpinhianwe ne ogie obo erha omwa oghe omwa nii.

it-1 665 ¶5 Ear

At the installation of the priesthood in Israel, Moses was commanded to take some of the blood of the ram of the installation and put it on the lobe of the right ear of Aaron and of each of his sons, as well as on the right hand and right foot, indicating that what they listened to, the work they did, and the way they walked should be directly affected by what was there taking place. (Le 8:22-24) Similarly, in the case of the cleansed leper, the Law said that the priest was to put some of the blood of the ram offered as a guilt offering, as well as some of the oil offered, on the lobe of the leper's right ear. (Le 14:14, 17, 25, 28) An arrangement of comparable nature was found in the provision made for the man who wished to continue in slavery to his master to time indefinite. In such case the slave was to be brought to the doorpost, and his master was to pierce his ear through with an awl. This prominent mark, being made on the organ for hearing, evidently represented the slave's desire to continue in obedient attention to his master.—Ex 21:5, 6.

(Levitikos 14:43-45) A deghe irhunrhun vbe dolegbe la owa nii, iyeke vbe a muno okuta nii hin rre ne, a kevbe vbe khiakhia egbeken, ne a na vbe dolegbe sien, ⁴⁴ ohen ghi gha khian ya ghe ere, a deghe o vee, owa nii mwe awua. ⁴⁵ A ghi dunmwu en ruan, avbe okuta nii rroo kevbe erhan, kevbe emwi ne a ya sien, a ghi vio ere hin ore evbo rre gha rrie ehe ne awua ye.

g 1/06 14, ekpeti Mold—Friend and Foe!

MOLD IN BIBLE TIMES?

The Bible mentions "the plague of leprosy in a house," meaning in the building itself. (Leviticus 14:34-48) It has been suggested that this phenomenon, also called "malignant leprosy," was a form of mildew or mold, but about this there is uncertainty. Whatever the case, God's Law instructed homeowners to remove infected stones, scrape out the entire inside of the house, and discard all the suspect matter outside the city in "an unclean place." If the plague returned, the whole house was to be declared unclean, pulled down, and disposed of. Jehovah's detailed instructions reflected his deep love for his people and for their physical welfare.

DECEMBER 28-JANUARY 3

EMWI EWE NI RRE UWU EMWE OGHE OSA-NOBUA | LEVITIKOS 16-17

"Emwi Ne Ima Mien Rue Vbe Ede A Mien Ayabo"

(**Levitikos 16:12**) o ghi ya okpan erhen wan erhen eyin ne o yan ke aka rre, o ghi vbe vio

uguobo eva oghe eturari ne o maan, o ghi vio ehia gha die uwu Ehe Nohuansee Ehia nii.

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Emwi Ne Ima Gha Mien Rue Vbe Ebe Levitikos

⁴ Tie Levitikos 16:12, 13. Gia kha wee, u rre evba vbe Ede A Mien Ayabo. U ghi ghee, ogie ohen la uwu ibokpo oghe ugamwe. Igbaha ere ogie ohen la Ehe No Huan Se Ehia vbe Ede A Mien Ayabo. Sokpan okaro no ya lao na khin. O keghi ya obo okpa da okpan oghe eturari yi, vbene o na ya obo nokpa da egbenghengbenghen na ya wan erhen yi. O ghi se onurho oghe Ehe No Huan Se Ehia, o na ka mudia. O na ghi feko ya ogho la uwu ere, o na ya mudia ye odaro ekpeti ile. O na yevbe na mien wee odaro Osanobua ne Jehova tobore ere o wa mudia yi! Ere ogie ohen na ghi tue eturari nii ye ugionmwe erhen no rre egbenghengbenghen no dayi mwe obo, ughugha nii na ghi do gha winhin vee vee. Eghe nogieva no khian ya la uwu Ehe No Huan Se Ehia nii, ere o khian ya mu esagien oghe aranmwe na khian ya ru izoese lele egbe. Ona rhiema wee, te o ka gien eturari ne, o ke ya esagien nii zohe gie Jehova.

(**Levitikos 16:13**) Evba nii, o ghi vio eturari nii ye erhen vbe odaro Noyaenmwa, ighogho eturari nii gha degue ugue Ekpeti Ile nii ne o ghe mien ehe na deghe ere, ne o ghe ya wu.

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Emwi Ne Ima Gha Mien Rue Vbe Ebe Levitikos

⁵ De emwi ne eturari na giẹn vbe Ede A Miện Ayabo maa ima re? E Baibol gi ima ren wee, te erhunmwu ne eguomwadia e Jehova na yevbe eturari. (Psm 141:2; Arhie 5:8) Yerre wee, te ogie ohen ya ogho ne Jehova, vbe o gha khian giện eturari vbe Ehe No Huan Se Ehia. Errio ere o vbe kheke ne ima gha ya ogho

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ne Jehova, vbe ima ghaa na erhunmwu gie ere. Ukpamuyomo nokhua wa no, ne Ayi no yi agbon kevbe erinmwi na kue ne ima gha na erhunmwu gie iren, kevbe no na si ima ke egbe zevbe ivbi ere. (Jems 4:8) O na vbe mien ima yi zevbe osiore! (Psm 25:14) Ma wa gboyemwe ye ukpamuyomo ne o mu ima yi na, rhunmwuda oni, ma ma hoo ne ima ya ekhue muen.

(Levitikos 16:14, 15) O ghi rhie vbe esagien ekhuia emila nii, o ghi ya ikpinhianbo ere sanmwe oen ye odaro ugue ekpeti nii, o ghi sanmwe eso ye odaro Ekpeti Ile nii igba ihinron. ¹⁵ Vbe iyeke onii, o ghi gbe ewe izoese orukho oghe emwa nii, o ghi mu esagien onren gha die Ehe Nohuansee Ehia, o ghi sanmwe oen yan ugue ekpeti nii kevbe odaro Ekpeti Ile nii, ze vbene o vbe ru esagien ekhuia emila nii.

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Emwi Ne Ima Gha Mien Rue Vbe Ebe Levitikos

⁶ Yerre wee, te ogie ohen ka gien eturari ne, o ke zo ese gie Jehova. Te iren ka gien eturari nii, ne Osanobua mieke na mien izoese ne iren khian ru yi. De emwi ne ona maa ima re? A te mien wee Jesu ya arroo oghee ru izoese ne emwa nagbon, o mwe emwi no ka ru, no ru ekpataki se izoese no do ru. De emwi ne oni khin? Iren keghi hon emwe ne Jehova, o na vbe da imudiase oghee yi ya se ufomwe, ne Jehova mieke na mien izoese oghe iren yi. Ode vbenian ere Jesu ya rhiere ma wee, na gha ru emwi no ya eko rhienrhien e Jehova ere o maan se. Jesu vbe rhiere ma wee, ode ne Erhae ya khaevbise ere o maan se.

Gualo Emwi Ewe Oghe Orhion

(**Levitikos 16:10**) Ne a ze ore oghe Azazel nii, a ghi muen gie Noyaenmwa vbe ne a ma na gbe ee rua, a ghi zorobo ne o la ato bu Azazel ne o mien ehe na vio orukho emwa nii gha rrie.

it-1 226 ¶3 Azazel

As the apostle Paul explained, by Jesus' offering of his own perfect human life as a sacrifice for the sins of mankind, he accomplished far more than had been achieved by "the blood of bulls and of goats." (Heb 10:4, 11, 12) He thus served as "the scapegoat," being the 'carrier of our sicknesses,' the one "pierced for our transgression." (Isa 53:4, 5; Mt 8:17; 1Pe 2:24) He 'carried away' the sins of all who exercise faith in the value of his sacrifice. He demonstrated the provision of God to take sinfulness into complete oblivion. In these ways the goat "for Azazel" pictures the sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

(Levitikos 17:10, 11) Ovbi Izrel ra orhunmwuyen ni rre uwu ebu iran gha rri emiowo kee kevbe esagien, e Noyaenmwa gha mu aro da ere, e i ghi ra vbe ka ee ba emwa iren. ¹¹ Arroo oghe emwikemwi ne o ghi rre agbon ne, esagien ore o ye, onii o zee ne Noyaenmwa na ta ee we ne a gha da esagien hia ye uhunmwu aka ne o kpe orukho emwa nii kua. Te esagien kpe orukho kua.

w14 11/15 10 ¶10 Why We Must Be Holy

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¹⁰ **Read Leviticus 17:10.** Jehovah commanded the Israelites not to eat "any sort of blood." Abstaining from blood—animal or human—is a Christian requirement as well. (Acts 15: 28, 29) We shudder at the very thought of having God 'set his face against us' and cut us off from his congregation. We love him and want to obey him. Even when confronted with a life-threatening situation, we are determined not to cave in to the pleas and demands of those who do not know Jehovah

and who do not care to obey him. Yes, we expect to be ridiculed for abstaining from blood, but we choose to be obedient to God. (Jude 17, 18) What view on this subject will strengthen us to "be firmly resolved" not to eat blood or accept a blood transfusion? —Deut. 12:23.