# "Offering in a Vow" Leviticus 27:1-34 2/04/24

Today, we'd like to see the title of "Offering in a Vow" in Leviticus 27:1-34.

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- Q1. In verse 5 "and if from five years old up to twenty years old, then your valuation for a male shall be twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels," explain it with an example in the context. And what can we learn from here?
- Q2. In verse 10, "He shall not substitute it or exchange it, good for bad or bad for good; and if he at all exchanges animal for animal, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy," what does it mean in the context? And how can we apply it to our lives?
- Q3. In verse 31, "If a man wants at all to redeem *any* of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it," what does it mean? And what can we learn from here?

(Background for context of this text on Daily Bible Reading and Studying Weekly Book Basis)

In the last time, in Leviticus 26:46, "These *are* the statutes and judgments and laws which the LORD made between Himself and the children of Israel on Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses," in the Old Testament (OT) time, God told Israelites the statutes, judgment, and laws through Moses on Mount Sinai "if you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments, and perform them" (26:3), you shall be blessed. Otherwise (26:15), you shall be cursed.

Biblical Unit, US Unit, and Metric Unit (See \* marks for this chapter)

	Biblical	Unit	US Unit	Metric Unit
Length	Cubit		18 inches	45.72 cm
	Span		9 inches	22.86 cm
	Handbreadth		3 inches	7.62 cm
Weight	talent (=60 minas)		75 pounds	34.02 kg
	mina (=50 shekels)		1 ¼ pounds	566.99 g
	* shekel (= 2 bekas)		2/5 ounce	11.34 g
	pim (= 2/3 shekel)		1/3 ounce	9.45 g
	*beka (= 10 gerahs)		1/5 ounce	5.67 g
	*Gerah		1/50 ounce	0.57 g
Volume	Liquid	bath (= 1 epha)	6 gallons	22.74 liters
		hin (=1/6 bath)	1 gallon	3.79 liters
		log (1/72 bath)	1/3 quart	0.32 liter
	Dry	*cor (=homer;10 ephahs)	6 bushels	211.20 liters
		lethech (=5 ephahs)	3 bushels	105.60 liters
		ephah (10 omers)	3/5 bushel	21.12 liters
		seah (1/3 ephah)	7 quarts	7.7 liters
		omer (1/10 ephah)	2 quarts	2.2 liters
		cab (1/18 ephah)	½ pint	275 cc

Wayne Kim, "Solus Spiritus Sanctus for the perfect reformation," 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed, (California: CCAH PRESS, 2024).

#### The General Rule in OT:

(Deuteronomy 23:21-23) "When you make a vow to the LORD your God, you shall not delay to pay it; for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin to

you. <sup>22</sup> But if you abstain from vowing, it shall not be sin to you. <sup>23</sup> That which has gone from your lips you shall keep and perform, for you voluntarily vowed to the LORD your God what you have promised with your mouth."

In NT, a vow is not generally recommended in Mathew 5:34-37, "But I say to you, do not swear at all: neither by heaven, for it is God's throne; <sup>35</sup> nor by the earth, for it is His footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. <sup>36</sup> Nor shall you swear by your head, because you cannot make one hair white or black. <sup>37</sup> But let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your 'No,' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one."

In this chapter 27 of Leviticus, here are exception rules about how to turn back or to redeem the offered a person, real property, or personal property to the Lord.

#### **TEXT: NKJV [KJV]**

Inductive **Explanation** in context & syntax

<sup>1</sup>Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When a man consecrates by a vow [make a singular vow] persons to the LORD, according your valuation [estimation], <sup>3</sup> if your valuation is of a male from twenty years old up to sixty years old, then your valuation shall be fifty shekels of silver, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 If it is a female, then your valuation shall be thirty shekels; 5 and if from five years old up to twenty years old, then your valuation for a male shall be twenty shekels, and for a female ten shekels; 6 and if from a month old up to five years old, then your valuation for a male shall be five shekels of silver, and for a female your valuation shall be three shekels of silver; 7 and if from sixty years old and above, if it is a male, then your valuation shall be fifteen shekels, and for a female ten shekels.

<sup>8</sup> 'But if he is too poor to pay your valuation, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall set a value for him; according to the ability of him who vowed, the priest shall value him.

1-8 = (offering a person in a vow)

3-5=Q1 (When you offer a person in a vow to the Lord, you may redeem the adult man from 20 age to 60 age by offering 50 shekels of silver to the Lord through the priest at the sanctuary; redeem an adult woman by offering 30 shekels; a boy from 5 age to 20 age by offering 20 shekels; a girl by offering 10 shekels. So, Jeptha, one of the judges, could have redeemed his daughter by offering 10 shekels timely. Of course, in the first place, he should not have made the voluntary vow. It is observed our God is reasonable, not unreasonable. See the biblical unit chart. 1 shekel is 2/5 ounce or 11.34 gram of silver. It was the currency of the temple. Judges 11:31, 34, 39; Isaiah  $1:18^{1}$ )

8= (To the poor donor, the priest the representative of the Lord shall consider the donor's economic condition and estimate how much to offer to the Lord. It's observed our merciful God's heart is on the poor. 1 Chron 16:34<sup>2</sup>)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Judges 11:31, 34, 39 <sup>31</sup> then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD's, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering." <sup>34</sup> When Jephthah came to his house at Mizpah, there was his daughter, coming out to meet him with timbrels and dancing; and she was his only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter. <sup>39</sup> And it was so at the end of two months that she returned to her father, and he carried out his vow with her which he had vowed. She knew no man; Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 1 Chron 16:34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

<sup>9</sup> 'If it is an animal that men may bring as an offering to the LORD, all that anyone gives to the LORD shall be holy. <sup>10</sup> He shall not substitute it or exchange it, good for bad or bad for good; and if he at all exchanges animal for animal, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy.

<sup>11</sup> If it is an unclean animal which they do not offer as a sacrifice to the LORD, then he shall present the animal before the priest; 12 and the priest shall set a value for it, whether it is good or bad; as you, the priest, value it, so it shall be. 13 But if he wants at all to redeem it, then he must add one-fifth to your valuation.

<sup>14</sup> 'And when a man dedicates his house to be holy to the LORD, then the priest shall set a value for it, whether it is good or bad; as the priest values it, so it shall stand. 15 If he who dedicated it wants to redeem his house, then he must add one-fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall be his.

16 'If a man dedicates to the LORD part of a field of his possession, then your valuation [estimation] shall be according to the seed for it. A homer of barley seed shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver.

9-13= (Offering an animal in a vow)

10= Q2 (an offering an animal to the Lord, which is set apart to Him from the world or is considered holy, can't be exchanged for either good or bad thing. But if a donor does anyhow exchange the offered animal for its substitute, both animals will belong to God, which are considered holy.)

11-13= (A person, who makes an offering an animal in a vow, brings the animal to the priest. The priest shall value or estimate it. The good animal is accepted to be offered to the Lord. But the bad animal by an innocent donor is not qualified to be offered to the Lord, such as a spotted or speckled animal, i.e., unclean animal. God sees the heart of the donor. The priest shall value or estimate the unclean animal for certain shekels. It shall stand or It shall be final, because the unclean or bad animal would be sold by the priest for God, see verse 27. If the donor anyhow wants to turn back the offered animal, the donor had to redeem it by offering the estimated shekels plus the 20% of the estimate, like a penalty, to the Lord. The offering to God is serious. Isaiah  $1:11-12^3$ )

14-15= (Offering a house in a vow; It's the real property of house, not the land, in a vow to the Lord. The priest shall value it either good or bad. It shall stand, being final. If the donor changes mind, the donor must redeem it by offering its value plus 20% of the value to the Lord)

16-25 = (offering a field in a vow; The priest had the duty to estimate, valuate, value, or account the offered field to the Lord. The priest shall estimate the seed on the field. Crops on the field, not the land per se, because the land is God's. The land was apportioned out to the 12 tribes by God. Each family in each tribe was given his family possession. That was your family's land. You couldn't sell it, but lease it A homer, or a cor, 10 ephas, or 10 bathes, 60 gallons, or 227.4 liters – see the biblical unit chart above – of barley seed shall be valued at 50 shekels of silver Lev 25:234)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Isaiah 1:11-12 To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?" Says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats. 12 "When you come to appear before Me, Who has required this from your hand, To trample My courts?

<sup>4</sup> Lev 25:23 'The land shall not be sold permanently, for the land *is* Mine; for you *are* strangers and sojourners with Me.

<sup>17</sup> If he dedicates his field from the Year of Jubilee, according to your valuation it shall stand. <sup>18</sup> But if he dedicates his field after the Jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money due according to the years that remain till the Year of Jubilee, and it shall be deducted from your valuation. <sup>19</sup> And if he who dedicates the field ever wishes to redeem it, then he must add one-fifth of the money of your valuation to it, and it shall belong to him.

<sup>20</sup> But if he does not want to redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed anymore; <sup>21</sup> but the field, when it is released in the Jubilee, shall be holy to the LORD, as a devoted field; it shall be the possession of the priest.

<sup>22</sup> 'And if a man dedicates to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not the field of his possession, <sup>23</sup> then the priest shall reckon to him the worth of your valuation, up to the Year of Jubilee, and he shall give your valuation on that day as a holy offering to the LORD. <sup>24</sup> In the Year of Jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to the one who owned the land as a possession. <sup>25</sup> And all your valuations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs to the shekel.

<sup>26</sup> 'But the firstborn of the animals, which should be the LORD's firstborn, no man shall dedicate; whether *it is* an ox or sheep, it *is* the LORD's. <sup>27</sup> And if *it is* an unclean animal, then he shall redeem *it* according to your valuation, and shall add one-fifth to it; or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your valuation.

17-19= (The field on the jubilee shall be valuated in full until the coming 50<sup>th</sup> year. The field after the Jubilee shall be accounted or valuated until the coming 50<sup>th</sup> year from the offering date, i.e., 50 years full value deducted up to the offering date. When a donor wishes to turn it back, he must redeem it by offering its value plus 20% of the value to the Lord *Lev* 25:9-10<sup>5</sup>)

20= (When the donor and owner leases the field to other. In the 50<sup>th</sup> year, the field shall be subject to the priest's possession for the Lord until the next 50<sup>th</sup> year.)

22-25= (A donor leased a field from its owner. The field shall be valuated up to the 50<sup>th</sup> year by the weight of the sanctuary shekel, equals 20 gerahs. See above biblical unit chart, 1 shekel is 2 bekas. 1 beka is 10 gerahs, so that 1 shekel is 20 gerahs. In the 50<sup>th</sup> year, the field shall be returned to its owner.)

26-33 = (No offering a certain person, animal, or field in a vow)

26-27= (All the earth is God's, but God commanded to the Israelites, the special treasure to Him, above all people. The firstborn animal belongs to the Lord in the 1<sup>st</sup> place, not subject to voluntary vow but to mandatory offering. If it is an unclean animal and the donor wants to redeem it, the donor shall redeem it by offering its value and 20% of the value to the Lord through the priest. Otherwise, the priest will sell it as its value on the market for God. It's shown the market systemin the world was used for God, so, today the capitalism system may be used for God. *Ex 19:5; Ex 13:2*6)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Lev 25:9-10 Then you shall cause the trumpet of the Jubilee to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month; on the Day of Atonement you shall make the trumpet to sound throughout all your land. <sup>10</sup> And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout *all* the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a Jubilee for you; and each of you shall return to his possession, and each of you shall return to his family.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ex 19:5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine; Ex 13:2 "Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine."

<sup>28</sup> 'Nevertheless no devoted *offering* that a man may devote to the LORD of all that he has, *both* man and beast, or the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed; every devoted *offering is* most holy to the LORD. <sup>29</sup> No person under the ban, who may become doomed to destruction among men, shall be redeemed, *but* shall surely be put to death. [None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed: but shall surely be put to death]

<sup>30</sup> And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land *or* of the fruit of the tree, *is* the LORD's. It *is* holy to the LORD. <sup>31</sup> If a man wants at all to redeem *any* of his tithes, he shall add one-fifth to it.

<sup>32</sup> And concerning the tithe of the herd or the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth one shall be holy to the LORD. <sup>33</sup> He shall not inquire whether it is good or bad, nor shall he exchange it; and if he exchanges it at all, then both it and the one exchanged for it shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.'

<sup>34</sup> These *are* the commandments which the Lord commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai.

28= (Nevertheless, the firstborn animal, person, or field belongs to the Lord in the 1<sup>st</sup> place, not subject to voluntary vow but to mandatory offering. So, it shall neither be sold nor be redeemed.)

29= (Person under the ban or none devoted, such as a person who commits a deadly sin, e.g., idolatry, subject to death penalty, not to be redeemed.)

30-31=Q3 (All the tithe of land such as seed or fruit, belongs to the Lord in the 1<sup>st</sup> place, not subject to voluntary vow but to mandatory offering. In OT, a donor who failed a tithe was considered as a robber. But in NT, in the dispensation of the fullness of the times God might together in one all things in Christ, a tithe is subject to recommendable "ought to" offering doing controlled by its willing mind, e.g., the matters of heart for God --- "justice, love of God, mercy, and faith." Nevertheless, if the donor wants to redeem the tithe, he shall redeem it by offering its value and 20% of the value to the Lord. *Mal* 3:8; *Eph* 1:9-10; *Luke* 11:42; *Mat* 23:23<sup>7</sup>)

32-33= (The priest holds out the rod, letting the herd or the flock pass under the rod. He counts them and every 10<sup>th</sup> animal belongs to the Lord which is considered holy. If the 10<sup>th</sup> is an unclean animal, it shall be final. The 10<sup>th</sup> animal can't be exchanged for either good or bad thing. The priest would sell it for God. But if a donor does anyhow exchange the offered animal for its substitute, both will belong to God, which are considered holy. See verses 10 to 13)

34= (in conclusion, God's commandments are to the Israelites through Moses on Mount Sinai about the offering in a vow in OT)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> *Mal 3:8* "Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings; *Eph 1:9-10* having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself, <sup>10</sup> that in the dispensation of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth—in Him; *Luke 11:42* But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and all manner of herbs, and pass by justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone; *Mat 23:23* "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier *matters* of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone; *2 Cor 8:12* For if there is first a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what one has, *and* not according to what he does not have.

Note: Most Christians say the Bible is important, but rarely study every word in the Bible and commit it to the Lord. So, it's better to study it and live accordingly after the Spirit for the Lord (2 Tim 2:15). This online word for global crusade in effect develops from the expositional sermon (KJV), into spiritual transformation in daily love fellowship with the Lord throughout the Bible Study (NKJV) -- All Scripture Expositional Study from verse by verse Inductive Studies -- of which application is the Discipleship and Spiritual Formation, closer to the image of Christ. We think that "Any human opinion is not really important rather than what God says. So, the best commentary on the Bible is the Bible per se. But the opinion to make us understand God's Word is acceptable (2 Corinthians 10:5)." Further, for the application, a life or spiritual experience might be helpful to understand how to apply an understood word in the text column, but it is temperately used like Paul, because nobody should think above that literal experience (2 Cor 12:6, Jer 23:28; Ne 8:8).

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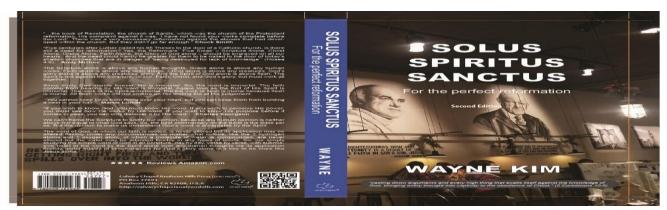
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Keep on Prayer & Love for the unborn babies, widows, and Ukraine in perilous times.

## 900 BABIES RESCUED



Calvary Chapel Old Bridge purchased a van equipped with a sonogram machine to show women contemplating abortion their unborn child.

It is estimated that 90 percent of women who see their unborn child do not go through with an abortion. The purchase of the van resulted in the rescue of over 930 children not being aborted and 120 men and women giving their lives to Christ. The church is seeking to purchase another van, which is projected to save another 400 lives a year. To make this a reality, they need to raise about \$200,000. Far Reaching Ministries wants to help in this noble cause.

If you would like to partner with us in this noble cause, please mark "Sonogram Machine Van" on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation. All donations we receive will be sent to Calvary Chapel Old Bridge with no administrative costs withheld.

### **HELP FOR SPENSER**



In addition to our
Potatoes for Grandmothers
program in Eastern
Europe, Far Reaching
Ministries (FRM) will be
starting a program here in
the US to care for widows.

We are told in James 1:27 to care for widows and orphans in their

time of distress and we will start by providing for Spenser who will most likely lose her husband due to cancer before Christmas. She will be left alone with her three children, all under the age of five.

As the Body of Christ, we want to show Spenser God's love not only with the message of eternal hope through the Scriptures, but tangibly also. FRM has committed to helping Spenser with her rent for the next six months.

If you would consider it a privilege to help this family to survive, please mark "Help for Spenser" on the enclosed gift card, along with your donation.

## **FUEL FOR UKRAINE**

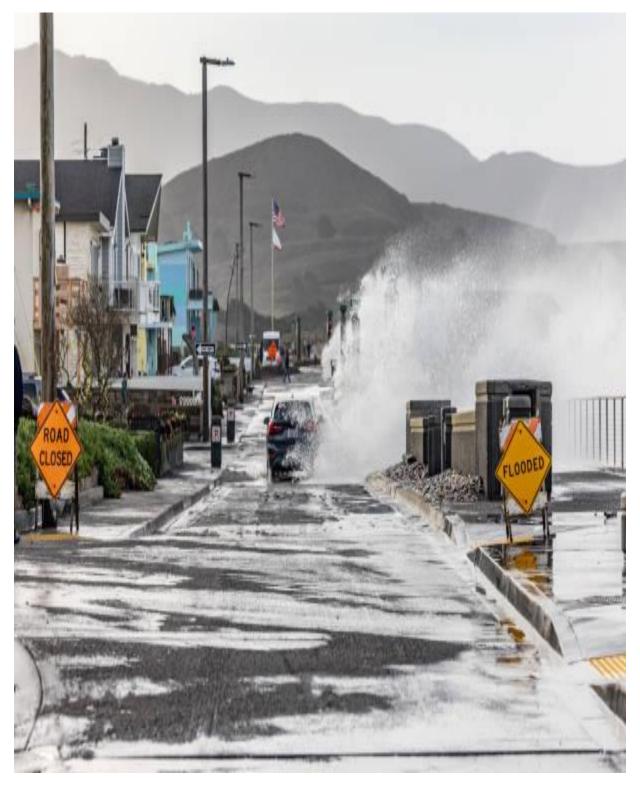


Our chaplains in Ukraine are with the soldiers at the front and leading many to Christ. Winter conditions make fighting very difficult, and they need your prayers. With the war in Ukraine having gone on for almost two years, supplies are extremely limited.

One of the great needs is fuel for vehicles to carry out rescue operations. Currently, \$20,000 is needed to purchase about 4,000 gallons of fuel to help get them through winter.

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Please pray for safety from record rainfall in Southern California, "Serious flooding and landslides."



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