

## Mark Tough - Sun 20 Dec, 2015 - Leviticus 17-22

### 1) What Leviticus says about homosexuality

Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13

### 2) We are no longer under the law of Leviticus because it is part of an obsolete covenant

Hebrews 8:13 & Romans 7:6

### 3) There are similarities and differences between the Old and New Covenants

1 Corinthians 6:9-10

Leviticus 20:11

1 Corinthians 5:4-5

### 4) The differences between the Old and New Covenants reflect a change in context not a change in God

#### *a) The salvation history context*

i) Christ has come and fulfilled the law for us

#### *b) The political context*

i) The Old Covenant provided laws for the nation of Israel (i.e. no separation of church and state)

ii) Under the New Covenant we are to give unto Caesar what is Caesar's

#### *c) The immediate context*

i) The Old Covenant took into account that Israel had God dwelling in their midst

ii) The Old Covenant took into account the presence of Israel's evil neighbours (e.g. laws about beards & tattoos in 19:27-28)

### 5) The laws of Leviticus give us great insights into God's unchanging character

Leviticus 19:1-2

*a) God hates sinful behaviour* - Leviticus 20:22-23

*b) God hates compromise* - Leviticus 17:3-4 & 22:9

*c) God is compassionate* - Leviticus 19:14 & 19:33-34

*d) God is just* - Leviticus 19:15 & 19:35-36

Romans 13:8-10

### 6) The laws of Leviticus give us great insights into what it means to love others