

"A Charge to Keep I Have" Sunday Morning, June 25th, 2023

Big Idea: Because of God's great work of redemption, we should make vows to him with gratitude, yet not in haste.

- Poor: Read verse 8. Here, we see a provision made for the poor to make vows. What does this reveal about God's character?
 Rash Vows: Read Deut 23:21-23. Have you ever been in a situation where you were pressured to make a rash vow?
 Words: "This chapter is about how unbelievably important our words are." In what ways does our culture encourage the opposite? How can we live wisely in a world of cheap words?
- 4. **Sacrifice**: "At the very heart of worship is sacrifice: first of all, *God* providing a sacrifice for us. Now we see in response, that *we* also live a life of sacrifice to him." Read Rom 12:1. What happens when we lose site of the fact that the Christian life is a "living sacrifice to God?"
- 5. **Leviticus**: "You know that you've understood Leviticus when you're moved to worship." Thinking back over the series, what themes stick out to you most?

¹ SDGs from the Sunday morning sermon are available on the small groups page of the church website.

Outline

- I. Intro
 - a. Why end with chapter 27?
- II. Body
 - a. Persons (v. 1-8)
 - i. **Q1**: See verse 8: provision for the poor.
 - b. Animal (v. 9-13)
 - c. Houses (v. 14-15)
 - d. Land (v. 16-25)
 - e. Firstborn (26-27)
 - f. Devoted Things (v. 28-29)
 - g. Tithes² (v. 30-33)
 - i. Tithe: minimum 10%.
 - ii. Offering: beyond the tithes.
- III. Conclusion: 3 Ways of Relevance
 - a. Thoughtful: This chapter helps God's people to be thoughtful.
 - i. **Q2**: Deut 23:21-23 "be careful"
 - b. Truthful: "This chapter is about how unbelievably important our words are."
 - i. Q3: Ch. 26: God's vow to us. Ch. 27: our vows to God.
 - ii. Psa 15:4 "swear to your own hurt."
 - c. Grateful: "This chapter assumes God's people will be grateful."
 - i. **Q4**: "At the very heart of worship is sacrifice."
 - ii. "Leviticus is about this thing: How can a sinless God dwell in the midst of a sinful people? And now we see a further question: How then should a redeemed people respond to their gracious God. The answer is with a life of grateful devotion. A life of holiness set free set apart to follow God with joy and wonder."
- IV. Conclusion to Series
 - a. **Q5**: "You know that you've understood Leviticus when you're moved to worship."

² "Tenth"