THE GOLDEN BOX

Leviticus places a high value on obeying the Ten Commandments, teaching us why we need them and how to apply them to our lives. It was the written result of God speaking to Moses from the tabernacle of meeting (Lev. 1:1), which contained the ark of the covenant.

God had chosen Israel to represent Him to the world, and He had placed His sanctuary in the midst of their camp. This small but beautiful tent building was divided into two rooms: the Holy Place and Most Holy Place. God’s presence dwelled in the latter and hovered over the ark of the covenant, inside which lay the original Ten Commandments, written in stone by God Himself (Exod. 31:18; 32:16; 40:20). Placing the Ten Commandments at the very center of Israel’s place of worship shows that God’s law is central to understanding the sanctuary and the message of Leviticus.

Leviticus 26 begins with God reminding Israel of the first four commandments, which concern our relationship with Him (vv. 1, 2). We’re often taught that having a relationship with God includes prayer, Bible study, and witnessing, and while it most certainly does, Leviticus adds obedience. Here is a list of the blessings God promises to everyone who is willing to “walk in My statutes and keep My commandments” (v. 3): rain for crops, productive harvests, protection from danger, peace in the land, victory over enemies, fertility, and freedom from oppression (vv. 4–13). The best blessing is arguably the final one, found in verse 12, where God says, “I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.” Those who obediently walk in God’s law of love walk with Him!
Write out Leviticus 26 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Leviticus 26:40–46. You may also rewrite the passage in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
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Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

**Circle** repeated words/phrases/ideas

**Underline** words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse. Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

How has Leviticus pointed out your sins?

How has Leviticus given your practical instruction on how to treat others and God?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What are the implications of the commandments becoming promises under the new covenant? How does that affect our relationship with God?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Exodus 20:1–17
Psalm 1
Romans 8:4
Hebrews 10:16, 17
Galatians 5:22–25

What other narratives come to mind in connection with Leviticus 26?

Review your memorized verse from Leviticus 26.
Meditate on Leviticus 26 again and look for where Jesus is.

How can we avoid taking advantage of God’s forgiveness and grace?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what are some personal applications you are convicted of in your life?

What are practical applications you must make in your school, family, workplace, and church?

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Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

Is there a difference between biblical and secular activism? What are those differences, and what role does the law of God play in your answer?

How can young Adventists live and lead in a way that displays the beauty of God’s character as revealed in the Ten Commandments?

What are the three types of laws found in Leviticus, and how should each impact us today?

How should the law of God be used, and how should it not be used?

How is it not contradictory to teach that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus, not by lawkeeping, while also teaching that we should obey God’s law?

Have you gained victory over a particular sin? How did you do it, and how would you encourage someone who desperately wants to be free to do the same?