

SERMON OUTLINE

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Text : Leviticus 26: 1 - 39

Title : Covenant Blessings And Curses

Introduction

Is God simply mean-spirited?

Leviticus 26 and: (i) Israel; (ii) the church; (iii) humanity

1. Leviticus 26 and Old Testament Israel:

- The blessings (vv. 3-13): God longs to bless humans
- The blessings and Israel's calling as witnesses
- The curses (vv. 14-39): God is concerned how his people behave
- God's patience: the curses took centuries to fall
- Judgment is not the last word (vv. 40-45)

2. Leviticus 26 and the church

- '...not under law but under grace' (Rom. 6:14)?
- God has blessed us in Christ...
- ...but it matters how we live (Col. 3; 1 Pet. 2)
- God's grace and God's call; salvation and a transformed life

3. Leviticus 26 and humanity:

- Humanity and the earth (Lev. 20:20; 26:34)
- 'Mankind come of age'? Hardly!
- What lies ahead of us this century?

But remember how the Bible ends: a restored humanity in a renewed heaven and earth.