

The Book of Leviticus
Be Careful What You Promise God
Leviticus 27:1-34 (page 88)

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To limit the a b u s e of vows:

- God allowed specific f i n a n c i a l equivalents to be made in p l a c e of people who were v o w e d (27:1-8; 1 Sam 1:1-2:11; Num 6:1-21; Exo 21:32)
- God allowed certain p o s s e s s i o n s to be r e d e e m e d at a higher, penalty p r i c e (27:9-25)
 - L i v e s t o c k (vs 9-13; Mal 1:13-14)
 - H o u s e s (vs 14-15)
 - F i e l d s (vs 16-25)
- God did n o t allow redemption on o t h e r possessions vowed or on things that a l r e a d y b e l o n g e d to Him (27:26-33)
 - The f i r s t b o r n (vs 26-27; Exo 13:2)
 - “D e v o t e d” things (vs 28-29; Josh 6:17-19, 7:11-15, 20-21; Num 21:2-3; Deut 13:12-18)
 - T i t h e s (vs 30-33)

Vows in the New Testament are spoken of more in the sense of t r u t h f u l n e s s and k e e p i n g o u r w o r d (Matt 5:33-37; 23:16-22; Eph 4:15, 25)

Life Observations:

- We are to be c a r e f u l not to make p r o m i s e s or commitments we will not k e e p (Jud 11:29-40; Luke 14:25-33; 1 Tim 5:11-15)
- We are not to use our promises or commitments to a v o i d our r e s p o n s i b i l i t i e s t o o t h e r s (Matt 15:5-9; Mark 7:9-13; Luke 9:57-62)
- We are to k e e p our w o r d (Num 30:1-2; Ecc 5:4-5; Matt 5:37; James 5:12)

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