

Leviticus 20 punishments

Pastor Holman's answer:

First let me explain that we do not go by the term church. We are a congregation of Hebraic believers and according to Sha'ul (Paul) Acts 24:14 we worship the Elohim (God) of our Fathers in accordance with the Way (which they call a sect). We believe everything that accords with the Torah (the teachings of Elohim) and everything written in the Prophets.

Formal Communion that is the congregation participating in wine and bread takes place at every Feast. The Feasts are discussed in Leviticus 23. Families of our congregation on the Erev Shabbat also may have evening dinners in their homes and share in the wine and bread. Thus, "as often as you do this you show my death until I come."

Xmas Trees, homosexuality is all abominations and offensive to the Elohim. The leadership of this ministry is a Holy leadership. As far as sin goes the teachings (Torah) of Elohim identify sin and its punishment. When a person walks in those teachings which produce righteousness, then sin is eradicated because of one's walking in the Spirit, HIS word. Leviticus 20 identifies the unrighteous acts that cause death. For the Yisra'elites this was certain punishment by death when supported by witnesses. Today the death, is simply being cut off from Elohim until one repents and turns from these acts of unrighteousness.

Tithing, according to the scriptures, is for those who labor in the temple serving the need of the temple and the people. That would be the Priest and the Levites, as they had no inheritance or means of making a living. Their responsibility was in the service of the "Creator, Blessed be He" and the people. In today's application of the tithe, tithes serve the same purpose but with a fiduciary responsibility.

Moshe in Deuteronomy gives Yisra'el a summary review of their responsibility to the Priest and the Levites, who are the Pastors and Elders today.

Deu. 18:1 The cohanim, who are Lívi'im, and indeed the whole tribe of Levi, is not to have a share or an inheritance with Isra'el. Instead, their support will come from the food offered by fire to Adonai and from whatever else becomes his. 2. They will have no inheritance with their brothers, because Adonai is their inheritance - as he has said to them.

The food offered by fire came from the people, it was what they brought before Adonai and then given to the Levites and the cohanim. It was the food their livelihood.

3. "The cohanim will have the right to receive from the people, from those offering a sacrifice, whether ox or sheep, the shoulder, the jowls and the

stomach. ⁴ You will also give him the firstfruits of your grain, new wine and olive oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep. ⁵ For Adonai your God has chosen him from all your tribes to stand and serve in the name of Adonai, him and his sons forever.

These were considered to be the choices parts. They were given away for the glory of Elohim.

1Tim. 5: ¹⁷ The leaders who lead well should be considered worthy of double honor, especially those working hard at communicating the Word and at teaching. ¹⁸ For the Tanakh says, "You are not to muzzle an ox when it is treading out the grain,"^m in other words, "The worker deserves his wages."

I cited the above references relating to tithes, not that you don't know, but only to repeat how the scriptures define its purpose. Because our congregation is small the tithe is co-mingled to care for the maintenance and operational cost.

As the person who meets the conditions stated by Sha'ul (Paul), I only use what my needs demand and those needs are no different than those of any in the congregation, what it takes to sustain life. I do not and will never live above the people I serve. They and the ministry will always come first.

According to the scriptures Elohim provides my inheritance as he directs the congregation through the method He has established. There can never be any abuse.

I hope these answers are beneficial to you.