

## Leviticus 27 The Value of a Vow

- Vows= Credit transaction made with God
  - I will gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today
  - I owe God an act of worship and can't pay it now
    - Tithes and offerings
  - A promise to God to pay later for a blessing today
    - Gen. 28:20-22; Num. 6; Num. 21:1-3; Judg. 11:29-40; 1 Sam. 1:10-11; Jonah 1:16; Acts 18:18, 21:23
  - Critical= they must be voluntary (free will)
  - Leviticus 27= Vows men don't want to keep
- Vows of People 1-8
  - Market place values based on sex and age
  - Redemption possible without penalty
    - If a person was overtaken by poverty a priest could set a lower redemption v. 8
- Vows of animals 9-13
  - Clean and unclean
  - Clean offering animals can be exchanged or redeemed
    - Try to exchange clean= now both animals are holy for sacrifices
    - Exchange unclean= 20% surcharge
- Vowed homes 14-15
  - Not an inherited house
  - Redemption plus 20%
- Vowed land (inheritance land) 16-21
  - 50 shekels per homer of barley seed required
    - Discounted by the number of years left until Jubilee
- Vowed land (non-family) 22-25
  - Buy someone else's land offer it to God as an offering
  - Full payment in advance v.23
  - Property reverts to owner at Jubilee
- Illicit vows 26-33
  - Short shekels
  - Not giving first born animals as gifts
  - Not giving to God what was already dedicated of God
  - Tithes could not be given as vows
- Warning and insights
  - Vows are voluntary
  - Show great caution about making a vow to God
    - They must be kept
  - It's a costly matter to break a vow
- Ecc. 5:4-7 Enough said