

NUMBERS 18-19

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND
TO THE GIFT AND GIVER
OF LIFE?



5 And you shall keep guard over the sanctuary and over the altar, that there may never again be wrath on the people of Israel. 6 And behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the people of Israel. They are a gift to you, given to the Lord, to do the service of the tent of meeting.

7 And you and your sons with you shall guard your priesthood for all that concerns the altar and that is within the veil; and you shall serve. I give your priesthood as a gift, and any outsider who comes near shall be put to death.”

**8 Then the Lord spoke to Aaron,
"Behold, I have given you charge
of the contributions made to me,
all the consecrated things of the
people of Israel. I have given them
to you as a portion and to your
sons as a perpetual due.**

19 All the holy contributions that the people of Israel present to the Lord I give to you, and to your sons and daughters with you, as a perpetual due. It is a covenant of salt forever before the Lord for you and for your offspring with you."

**20 And the Lord said to Aaron,
“You shall have no inheritance in
their land, neither shall you have
any portion among them. I am your
portion and your inheritance
among the people of Israel.**

23 But the Levites shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations, and among the people of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

24 For the tithe of the people of Israel, which they present as a contribution to the Lord, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance. Therefore I have said of them that they shall have no inheritance among the people of Israel.”

**25 And the Lord spoke to Moses,
saying, 26 "Moreover, you shall
speak and say to the Levites, 'When
you take from the people of Israel
the tithe that I have given you from
them for your inheritance, then you
shall present a contribution from it
to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe.**

27 And your contribution shall be counted to you as though it were the grain of the threshing floor, and as the fullness of the winepress. 28 So you shall also present a contribution to the Lord from all your tithes, which you receive from the people of Israel. And from it you shall give the Lord's contribution to Aaron the priest.

29 Out of all the gifts to you, you shall present every contribution due to the Lord; from each its best part is to be dedicated.'

19:1 Now the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 "This is the statute of the law that the Lord has commanded: Tell the people of Israel to bring you a red heifer without defect, in which there is no blemish, and on which a yoke has never come.

3 And you shall give it to Eleazar the priest, and it shall be taken outside the camp and slaughtered before him. 4 And Eleazar the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, and sprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times.

5 And the heifer shall be burned in his sight. Its skin, its flesh, and its blood, with its dung, shall be burned. 6 And the priest shall take cedarwood and hyssop and scarlet yarn, and throw them into the fire burning the heifer.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes and bathe his body in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. But the priest shall be unclean until evening. 8 The one who burns the heifer shall wash his clothes in water and bathe his body in water and shall be unclean until evening.

9 And a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place. And they shall be kept for the water for impurity for the congregation of the people of Israel; it is a sin offering.

10 And the one who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and be unclean until evening. And this shall be a perpetual statute for the people of Israel, and for the stranger who sojourns among them.

11 "Whoever touches the dead body of any person shall be unclean seven days. 12 He shall cleanse himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day, and so be clean. But if he does not cleanse himself on the third day and on the seventh day, he will not become clean.

13 Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, defiles the tabernacle of the Lord, and that person shall be cut off from Israel; because the water for impurity was not thrown on him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still on him.

**Jesus is the gift of God to bring us
safely before God.**

**Faith in Christ leads us to give in
imitation of God's giving.**

We give in response to the gospel.

2 CORINTHIANS 8:9

9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

We give for the glory of God.

**We give for the good of God's
people.**

We give to shepherd our hearts.

**Only Jesus can save us from the
deadly effects of sin as we embrace
Him by faith.**

**Let's go to him outside our comfort
zone.**