## Consecrating Ourselves to the Lord and to His Economy According to the Revelation in the Book of Leviticus Message 1

## Tuesday

Exo. 20:6 – Footnote  $6^2$ Jer. 2:2 – Footnote  $2^1$ 

I. After the decree of the law and the building up of the tabernacle at Sinai, God gave His people all the chapters of Leviticus to train them to worship and partake of Him and to live a holy, clean, and rejoicing life.

Leviticus is after the book of Exodus. Exodus shows us the salvation that God is accomplishing. So we can summarize the book of Exodus with redemption, salvation, revelation, and building. The salvation that is shown in the book of Exodus is for us to consecrate. Salvation is a history or story of salvation. Here we see the decree of the law. After the Lord redeemed the children of Israel and brought them through the desert to mount Sinai, He gave them the decree of the law, the ten commandments. The first five commandments gives a picture of God Himself. He brought them through the desert to Mount Sinai to show Himself as the God who loves them. The next five commandments show what God wants in His marriage life. In a sense they are commandments but to translate those commandments you need to see Jeremiah 2:2 which says, "Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saving, Thus savs Jehovah: I remember concerning you the kindness of your youth, The love of your bridal days, When you followed after Me in the wilderness, In a land that was not sown." You also need to see Ezekiel 16:8 which says, "Then I passed by you and saw you; and then was your time a time of love. And I spread My skirt over you and covered your nakedness; indeed I swore unto you and entered into a covenant with you, declares the Lord Jehovah, and you became Mine." The law was a marriage contract. God was giving Himself to the children of Israel for them to get married. He was saying, "Here I am. I fell in love with you. I want to marry you. Are you going to respond to My request?" I think that all of us husbands who are married can remember that moment when we were so nervous, when we asked asked with butterflies in our stomach our wives if they would marry us. God has such a feeling toward you; God is waiting for your answer. Please don't be indifferent. God has such a feeling toward you.