

**Leviticus 26:9–20;
40–45**

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BIBLICAL PASSAGE

MEMORY VERSE

“I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you.” **Leviticus 26:9**

Truth or Consequences was a popular TV game show that aired on and off for almost 40 years. The host would ask trivia questions that most people could not answer. Once the contestant failed to answer the question, they had to face the consequences. It was usually an embarrassing stunt or something that would make the contestant look silly.

Many people look at the Christian walk this way. God is out to get us, take away our fun, and make us look and feel bad. The truth is that God loves us and has a wonderful plan for our lives. But, if we don't obey God, we have to deal with the consequences.

Read Leviticus 26:9–20 and 40–45. The Book of Leviticus helped the people of Israel live holy lives. It taught them of the blessings they would receive if they remained obedient to God. It also taught them how to repent from sin and participate in their own restoration when sin had broken their fellowship with God.

God offers us the same thing today. When we are disobedient, there are consequences. But there is also restoration and hope through Christ our Savior.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

First, the family reflects upon a time they received consequences as a result of disobedience. (Consequences may have come from coaches, parents, teachers, and so on.) Family members share how they felt while being disciplined and how they felt toward the person who disciplined them.

The family discusses: **Why do we need consequences? Why is it hard to see love when being disciplined?**

Explore . . .

First, the family takes turns reading Leviticus 26:9–20. Then, a family member reads: **Just like we have consequences at home, school, and work, the Israelites had consequences for not following God's laws.**

The family discusses: **How does this passage of blessings and consequences challenge your view of God? What do struggles and consequences reveal about our relationship with God?**

Transform . . .

First, a family member reads Leviticus 26:40–45. Then, a family member reads: **God provided a way for the Israelites to restore their relationship with Him. He desires to have a relationship with all people. Disobedience separates us from God. We must call on Him and ask for forgiveness and restoration in order to have a right relationship with him.** Take a few moments to reflect on how God's love is found in both blessings and consequences.

Pray that God would teach your family to understand His love, both in blessings and in consequences.