

**“Therefore say to them, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Since you eat meat with the blood still in it and look to your idols and shed blood, should you then possess the land?’”**

*(Ezekiel 33:25)*



The people of God they were located in Canaan. They were supposed to conquer the land and to enjoy all God's blessings that He put in the region that He had placed them in.

But that did not happen. They did not possess the land and enjoy all God's blessings there because they did not obey the Lord. That may happen to you if you fail to obey the Lord and walk in His ways. Then you may not be able to enjoy God's blessings.

They did the following wrong things:-

**1- Eating meat with the blood still in it:** Blood is not a food, and to do that is a detestable thing that God hates as He said: **“I will set my face against any Israelite or any foreigner residing among them who eats blood, and I will cut them off from the people. For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.”** (Leviticus 17:10-11)

**2- Looking to your idols:** Idols are the things that the people honour, trust and cherish instead of God. They can be men, women, animals and other created things. They can be saints or religious people. They can be in any form either on heaven above or on earth below, in a form of picture, icon or idol. Idols they can be also things in the heart that people keep and love like lust, greed, pride, etc. These things defile men and separate them from God and make God's blessing far away from them.

**3- Shedding blood:** Is to murder other people lives and taking away from them their belonging and what is due for them.

The question here, should God's blessings proceed to evil doers who do such things even they are His people? By no way, God is just and He rewards each man according to his conduct.



### **My Prayer**

**Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I repent from my sins \_\_\_\_\_. Help me Lord to realize that blessings will come into my life when I live in obedience to your commands. This is my prayer in Jesus name Amen.**



**“If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit.”**

*(Leviticus 26:3-4)*

# **The Lord Is My Shepherd**

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*(Leviticus 27:11-12)*

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