

Text: **Deuteronomy 17:1-7**

**OFFERING SACRIFICES**

1. This was commanded by the Lord (Deuteronomy 15-16)
2. Vital reminder
  - a) No blemished animals to be offered
  - b) This would be an abomination to the Lord (Deuteronomy 17:1)

**THE PROBLEM OF TRANSGRESSION**

1. Called “wickedness” (Deuteronomy 17:2)
2. In the sight of the Lord (Deuteronomy 17:2)
3. Transgression of the Covenant (Deuteronomy 17:2)
4. Gone to serve and worship other gods (Deuteronomy 17:3)
5. Deities worshipped
  - a) Sun
  - b) Moon
  - c) Host of heaven (Deuteronomy 17:3)

**DEALING WITH THE PROBLEM**

1. To search diligently (Deuteronomy 17:4)
2. To check out information given (Deuteronomy 17:4)
3. Idolatry is described as “abomination” (Deuteronomy 17:4)
4. If proven guilty... Death by stoning (Deuteronomy 17:5)

## **MAKING SURE THERE IS FAIR JUSTICE**

1. Two or three witnesses must be found (Deuteronomy 17:6)
2. Cannot be put to death on the basis of one witness (Deuteronomy 17:6)
3. The hands of the witnessed to be on the guilty transgressors (Deuteronomy 17:7)

This is throwing “the first stone!” Evil must be dealt with strongly.