

Session #18: “MORAL AND CEREMONIAL LAWS” — Leviticus 19:1-37

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, also to comments/notes from Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- **Questions:** What four groups of people were anointed with oil upon the head? Kings, prophets, priests and??
- **In verses 8-9, procedure of cleansing in water, what two procedures can be drawn for us as believers ?** Applying personally what the birds represented. Acknowledging our new life.
- **Do you see the similarity between the living bird that flies away and Jesus’ resurrection and ascension?**
- **In verses 10 & 23, what is the significance of the eighth day?**
- **In verses 33-57 re the “house”, what do think that compares to in your life?**

The theme of the book is a “**CALL TO HOLINESS**” and the book divided into two parts: chapters 1-16 show us that the **WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE**, and chapters 17-27 reveal that our **WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION** or “holiness.” In chapter 17 we dealt with the issue of the “**CLEANSING OF BLOOD**” in chapter 18 we dealt with the “**COVERING OF OUR SEXUALITY**”. The key verses of the book deal with the command to be “*holy*” mentioned in *Leviticus 11:44-45; 20:7, 26; 21:8* as well as in chapter 19, *verse 2* - “*Ye shall be holy; for I the LORD your God am holy.*” The primary reason for the command to be “holy” is rooted in the character of God Himself - He says, “*for I the LORD your God am holy.*”

Isaiah 6:3-4 makes the holiness of God the primary praise of the angels of heaven.

God told the children of Israel at Mt. Sinai (*Exodus 19:6*) that He wanted them to be a “*holy nation.*” Peter refers to this fact in *I Peter 2:9*, as well as restating the command from *Leviticus 19:2* in *I Peter 1:15-16*. Paul mentions in *I Thessalonians 4:7* that God has called us, not to “*uncleanness*” but to “*holiness.*”

The phrase “*I am the LORD your God*” or “*I am the LORD*” appears in *verses 3, 4, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 25, 28, 30, 31, 32, 34, 36, 37* - 16 times in this one chapter! It is repeated over 40 times in the book of Leviticus, chapters *18-27*!

USAGE OF WORDS

English

“holy” - 544 times in Bible; OT - 375 times; NT - 169 times 158 times in Pentateuch;

45 in Exodus; 77 in Leviticus

“holiness” - 43 times in Bible; 30 in OT; 13 in NT

“sanctify” - 65 times; 59 in OT; 6 in NT

“sanctification” - 5 in NT alone

“sanctifieth” - 4 in NT alone

Hebrew words related to *qodesh* - used 231 times in OT - 53 in Leviticus

Greek words related to *hagios* (12 different words beginning with *hag*) are used 300 times in NT - the adjective “holy” from the Greek word *hagios* is used 223 of those times, of which 93 usages are referring to the “Holy Spirit.”

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY “HOLY” OR “HOLINESS”?

1. Grammatical meaning - *to set apart/separate*

2. General meaning - *to set apart for any special purpose*

(cf. *Hosea 4:14* - “*separated with whores*”)

3. Religious meaning - *to set apart for God and His use* (cf. *Genesis 2:3; Exodus 19:14*)

4. Moral meaning - *to set apart from sin* - (cf. *I Thessalonians 4:3-4*)

HOW ARE WE MADE “HOLY” BEFORE GOD?

1. By the **BLOOD** of Jesus Christ - *I Cor. 6:9-11; Heb. 10:10-12,14; 13:12-13*

2. By the **WORD** of God - *John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26*

3. By the **COMING** of Jesus Christ - *I Thess. 5:23*

- ❖ 1A. THE REASON FOR HOLINESS - 1-2
“Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy”
 cf. *Psalm 99:3, 5, 9; 111:9; Isaiah 43:3, 14-15; 47:4; 54:5*
- ❖ 2A. THE REVERENCE THAT IS NEEDED - 3
“Ye shall fear every man his mother and his father, and keep my sabbaths”
 for parents and the day of worship - cf. *Deut. 21:18-21; Ephesians 6:1-3*
- ❖ 3A. YOUR RESISTANCE TO IDOLATRY - 4
 cf. *Deut. 27:15; 1 Cor. 10:14; 1 John 5:21*
- ❖ 4A. THE REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING FOOD - 5-10
 - 1B. As to your attitude - 5
“offer it at your own will”
 - 2B. As to your obedience - 5-8
 - 3B. As to your concern for those in need - 9-10
 cf. *Deut. 15:7-11; 24:19-22*
- ❖ 5A. YOUR REGARD FOR OTHERS - 11-12
 - 1B. Don't steal
 - 2B. Don't cheat - *“neither deal falsely”*
 - 3B. Don't lie
- ❖ 6A. YOUR REFUSAL TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF OTHERS - 13-14
 - 1B. By cheating your friend out of what belongs to him!
 - 2B. By cursing, a person who cannot know what you are saying about him!
 - 3B. By causing a person to stumble who cannot know what obstacles he is facing!
- ❖ 7A. YOUR RELATING TO PEOPLE - 15-16
 - 1B. As to how you judge them - 15 - cf. *Deut. 16:19*
 - 2B. As to how you speak of them - 16a - cf. *Prov. 11:13; 20:19*
 - 3B. As to how you protect them - 16b - cf. *Deut. 23:1, 7*
- ❖ 8A. YOUR RESPONSE TO OTHERS - 17-18
“love thy neighbor as thy self”
 - 1B. Don't hate them!
 - 2B. Don't try to expose them!
 - 3B. Don't seek revenge!
 - 4B. Don't hold a grudge!
- ❖ 9A. THE REMEMBRANCE OF GOD'S STATUTES - 19-25
“Ye shall keep my statutes”
 - 1B. Don't mix together that which is diverse - 19
 - 2B. Don't have sex outside of marriage - 20-22
 - 3B. Don't eat the fruit of your labors without regard for God's timing - 23-25
- ❖ 10A. YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH PAGAN PRACTICES - 26-28
 - 1B. Don't eat blood!
 - 2B. Don't use occult practices!
 - 3B. Don't alter your appearance with unusual designs!
 - 4B. Don't make cuttings in your flesh!
 - 5B. Don't get tattoos!
- ❖ 11A. YOUR RECOGNITION OF TRUE WORSHIP - 29-30
 cf. *Deut. 23:17*
- ❖ 12A. YOUR RELIANCE UPON SPIRITS AND WIZARDS - 31
 cf. *Lev. 20:6-7, 27; Isaiah 8:19-20*
- ❖ 13A. YOUR RESPECT FOR THE ELDERLY - 32
- ❖ 14A. YOUR REACTION TO STRANGERS - 33-34
- ❖ 15A. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF YOUR BUSINESS DEALINGS - 35-36
 cf. *Prov. 11:1; 16:11; 20:10*
- ❖ 16A. THE REVELATION OF GOD IS TO BE OBEYED - 37
 cf. *Deut. 4:1-2, 5-9*