

WHY WE NEED LEVITICUS

The Story of Scripture, part 9

Leviticus, ESV

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LEVITICUS 1:1

“The Lord called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying . . .”

LEVITICUS 27:34

“These are the commandments that the Lord commanded Moses for the people of Israel on Mount Sinai.”

#1 - APPROACH GOD MORE REVERENTLY.

LEVITICUS 11:44A

“For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.”

LEVITICUS 11:45

“For I am the Lord who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.”

LEVITICUS 10:10

“You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean . . .”

LEVITICUS 10:1 - 4

“Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them. And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the Lord has said: “Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.” And Aaron held his peace. And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said to them, ‘Come near; carry your brothers away from the front of the sanctuary and out of the camp.’”

LEVITICUS 10:5 - 6

“So they came near and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. And Moses said to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar his sons, ‘Do not let the hair of your heads hang loose, and do not tear your clothes, lest you die, and wrath come upon all the congregation; but let your brothers, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning that the Lord has kindled.’”

#2 - TAKE SIN MORE SERIOUSLY.



LEVITICUS 4:2 - 3

“Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If anyone sins unintentionally in any of the Lord’s commandments about things not to be done, and does any one of them, if it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, then he shall offer for the sin that he has committed a bull from the herd without blemish to the Lord for a sin offering.”

LEVITICUS 21:8B - 9

“He [the priest] shall be holy to you, for I, the Lord, who sanctify you, am holy. And the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by whoring, profanes her father; she shall be burned with fire.”

LEVITICUS 24:10 - 14

“Now an Israelite woman’s son, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the people of Israel. And the Israelite woman’s son and a man of Israel fought in the camp, and the Israelite woman’s son blasphemed the Name, and cursed. Then they brought him to Moses. His mother’s name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. And they put him in custody, till the will of the Lord should be clear to them. Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Bring out of the camp the one who cursed, and let all who heard him lay their hands on his head, and let all the congregation stone him.’”

ROMANS 6:23

“For the wages of sin is death . . .”

GENESIS 2:16 - 17

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’”

LEVITICUS 20:14

“If a man takes a woman and her mother also, it is depravity; he and they shall be burned with fire, so that there may be no depravity among you.”

ISAIAH 64:6

“We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.”



#3 - LOVE JESUS MORE PASSIONATELY.

God wants to dwell with His people.

God wants a relationship with His people.

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LEVITICUS 16:11, 14

“Aaron shall present the bull as a sin offering for himself, and shall make atonement for himself and for his house. He shall kill the bull as a sin offering for himself . . . And he shall take some of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger on the front of the mercy seat on the east side, and in front of the mercy seat he shall sprinkle some of the blood with his finger seven times.”

LEVITICUS 16:15

“Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.”

LEVITICUS 16:27

“And the bull for the sin offering and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall be carried outside the camp. Their skin and their flesh and their dung shall be burned up with fire.”

LEVITICUS 16:20 – 22

“And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat. And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness.”



LEVITICUS 16:30

“For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins.”

HEBREWS 9:22

“Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

HEBREWS 9:11 – 12

“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.”

HEBREWS 10:1

“For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near.”

HEBREWS 10:4

“For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.”

HEBREWS 10:3

“But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year.”

HEBREWS 10:12 – 14

“But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”

#4 – SPREAD THE GOSPEL MORE COURAGEOUSLY.



HEBREWS 13:12 - 14

“So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.”

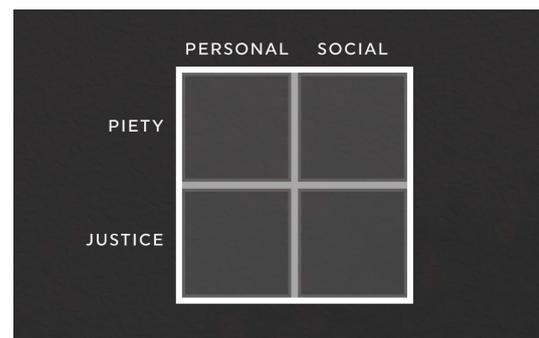
#5 - PURSUE HOLINESS MORE COMPREHENSIVELY.

LEVITICUS 19:1 - 2

“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, “You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.”’”

LEVITICUS 20:26

“You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.”



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LEVITICUS 19:9 - 10

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the Lord your God.”

LEVITICUS 19:14

“You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.”

LEVITICUS 19:15

“You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor.”

LEVITICUS 19:35 - 36

“You shall do no wrong in judgment, in measures of length or weight or quantity. You shall have just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.”

