

McDonald Bible Methodist

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Whole Bible Series

Sermon 3: Leviticus

**SERMON NOTES**

**God Establishes a Holy People**

*Question: Why is Moses outside the tent? (Exo. 40:35, Lev. 1:1)*

**Leviticus 1-7: Thanksgiving and Sin Sacrifices**

To enter God’s presence, they must have their sins cleansed.

* Forgiveness of sins requires the shedding of blood
* The animal sacrifices did truly not pay for their sins

**Leviticus 8-10: Aaron’s Sons Disobey and Are Punished**

* God requires not just sacrifice, but obedience

**Leviticus 11-20: Instruction on Holiness**

“Be holy, for I am Holy.”

- Lev. 11:44

1. Holiness involves obeying God’s commands
2. Holiness involves reflecting God’s character

*Answer: Israel must be holy to be in God’s presence.*

**Leviticus 21-25: Priests and Feasts**

**Leviticus 26-27: Moses Calls Israel to Keep the Covenant**

**How the New Testament Uses Leviticus**

1. It references Laws as still authoritative (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26)
2. It broadens the application of a principle (Lev. 19:13; James 5:4)
3. It requires an internalization of its rules (Lev. 20:10; Mat. 5:27)

**Notes on Additional Practices from Leviticus**

Sabbath Observance:

Tithing:

**Answers:** immediate, **teach**, imperfect**, resist**, win**, remembering,** reject, **love**

**Questions for Small Groups or Individual Study**

Bible Study

Read Leviticus 4-6, noting the different kinds of guilt offerings that required a sacrifice. Discuss your findings with your group.

Reflect: As you consider the kinds of offenses that required sacrifice, how is your attitude toward sin affected?

1. Read 1 Peter 1:14-16. How do we know from these verses that holiness is not just a condition, but a lifestyle?
2. Review the ways the New Testament uses Leviticus (reverse). Based on this example, discuss the tendency to treat the Old Testament Law as irrelevant.
3. What motivation do we have to pursue holiness?
4. Holiness involves keeping God’s Law, but it is about more than just rule-keeping. Discuss.
5. The sermon related growth in holiness to the essence of discipleship. Based on your memory of these discussions, articulate how these are the same.