

LEVITICUS

HOW GOD'S PEOPLE OUGHT TO LIVE

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BACKGROUND

Preceded by important events:

- Abrahamic Covenant
- Redemption of Israel by blood--through faith
- Acceptance of the law Ex. 19:8

At Sinai God revealed to His redeemed people two essential parts of His program for Israel:

- THE LAW -Standards of conduct for His people Ex. 19-24
- THE TABERNACLE -The way they could approach God Ex. 25-40

The law is revealed in summary in Exodus

While the people remain at Sinai, God reveals in greater detail His regulations for their conduct and worship.

Leviticus contains that record.

PURPOSE AND THEME

As Exodus closes, the people of God are preparing to enter the land God promised them.

The tabernacle has been established as their worship center,

God has just filled it with His glory

The presence of God presents some awesome problems

How does God want them to live?

Under what conditions may they approach Him?

Leviticus was written to answer these questions.

It reveals the principles by which God wants His people to live.

The law revealed the absolute holiness of God.

Similar to 1 John, Leviticus demonstrates that to enjoy fellowship with a holy God requires holiness (Lev. 19:2; 20:7, 26; Cf. 1 Jn. 1:5-7)

God explains how a holy people ought to live in the midst of a heathen world--their lifestyle should be distinct.

They are to remain separate from the contamination of the heathen nations around them.

Leviticus reveals instructions for the priests in the exercise of their ministry.

It contains principles for daily living for a redeemed people.

The revelation of God's holiness made evident the unholiness of man--even redeemed man.

The law could not permanently resolve the sin problem.

Their sacrifices did not perfect those who brought them.

They were an acknowledgement of sin. (Heb. 10:1-4)

**LEVITICUS DEMONSTRATES HOW SINFUL PEOPLE, REDEEMED BY BLOOD,
MAINTAIN FELLOWSHIP WITH A HOLY GOD.**

What do we learn from their experience?

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HOW GOD'S PEOPLE OUGHT TO LIVE: "Be ye holy for I am holy."

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