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INTRODUCTION

- **Author:** Moses is attributed as the author
- **Theme:** Where Exodus gave directions for building the tabernacle, Leviticus gives the laws and regulations for worshipping there, including instructions on ceremonial cleanliness, moral laws, holy days, the Sabbath year, and the year of Jubilee. Leviticus’ key theme is on God’s holiness, and how man needs to present a perfect sacrifice for atonement so he can have a relationship with his Holy, Just, Perfect, and Righteous God.
- **Throughout Scripture, and heavily emphasized in Leviticus, is the concept we are to be holy as God is holy.** 11: Lev 11:44; 15:1; 1 Peter 1:16
- **When Jesus was asked what was the most important commandments He quoted Leviticus 19:18 (Love thy neighbor as thyself) as being 2nd only to loving God.** Deut 6:5; Matt 22:35-40
- **The Levitical sacrifices may once again be performed in the future (i.e., in the Millennial Kingdom in Ezekiel’s Temple, Jer 33:15-18; Ez 45:17) as symbolic, not efficacious offerings, since Christ has already provided a permanent atoning sacrifice for sin.** Hebrews 7:27, 9:12, 26-27

**Outline:**

- **Lesson 1 – Chapters 1-7.** The five main offerings
- **Lesson 2 – Chapters 8-15**
  - Chapters 8-10: The ordination, installation, and work of the Priests
  - Chapters 11-15: Laws of Cleanliness – Food, childbirth, leprosy, etc.
- **Lesson 3 – Chapters 16-22**
  - Chapters 16-17: The Day of Atonement and Tabernacle Worship
  - Chapters 18-20: Morals covering incest, honesty, idolatry, etc.
  - Chapters 21-22: Regulations for the priests, offerings, and feasts
- **Lesson 4 – Chapters 23-27**
  - Chapters 23-24: More regulations for priests, offerings, and feasts
  - Chapter 25: The Sabbath Year, Jubilee, land tenure, and slavery
  - Chapter 26: Blessings and curses for covenantal compliance
  - Chapter 27: Regulations for offerings vowed to the Lord

- **In Lesson #1,** Leviticus depicts the types and purposes of various offerings and ceremonial laws, and we derive some possible applications

**DEFINITIONS**

Unintentional Sin (miss the mark). These acts occurred simply for being a fallen HUMAN and were not acts of defiance. These required an offering & maybe separation or restitution, and seemingly fell within 3 categories:

1. **Bodily Contaminations.** Offerings and separation were required. E.g., giving birth, touching a corpse, nocturnal emissions, menstrual cycle.

2. **Unspecified Sins of Ignorance.** Ignorance of the Law is no excuse. These violations required offerings only. Lev 4 & 5

3. **Violation of Commandments 8-10 (Theft, Lying, Coveting).** A Guilt offering and 20% restitution were required. Lev 6:1-7

Intentional Sin (acts of defiance). Intentional sins were equated to blasphemy (Numbers 15:30-35), had no offering requirements, and, with few exceptions, were unforgivable and warranted the death penalty. These sins included murder, adultery, breaking the Sabbath, or defiling violation of any of the other 187 commandments.

**Notable Exception:** David’s murder of Uriah & adultery with Uriah’s wife.

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**CONCLUSION / APPLICATIONS / CONSIDERATIONS**

- **Thanks to The Cross,** we are not under obligation to keep any of the Levitical regulations other than acknowledging the health benefits to hygienic cleanliness – BUT we do need to become SALTY once again.

- **We should also take God’s holiness seriously, and approach Him with due reverence and gratitude,** though we are now considered children and even friends of God, and “joint heirs with Christ.”

- **Remember,** God finds no delight in any sacrifice if it does not first come with a broken / humbled spirit & a contrite / repentant heart. 

**NEXT WEEK: Leviticus 8-15.** Various regulations on what is clean and unclean from what foods to eat, to childbirth, and to leprosy.