

Leviticus

Purpose of Leviticus

The purpose of Leviticus is to show God's people how to stay in fellowship with Him.

Leviticus reveals God's Divine character.

Lev 19:2 '...You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.' NKJV

1Pet 1:16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." NKJV

Leviticus describes God's provision for our need.

- a Priest for mediation
- a Sacrifice for absolution
- an Altar for reconciliation

A High-Level Outline

1-10	Sacrifice	accept Christ's sacrifice
11-24	Separation	separate from the world
25-27	Success	obey God's will to be successful

Christ in the Sacrifices

chp	offering type	picture of Christ	our perspective
1	burnt offering (sweet, non-compulsory)	He showed perfect dedication to God, offering Himself (John 10:17 , Eph 5:2).	We come into true fellowship with God based on the offering Christ made on our behalf (Rom 5:19 , Rom 12:1-2).
2	grain/meal offering (sweet, non-compulsory)	He had a perfect character , a fragrance to God, a perfect sacrifice (John 12:24 , Gal 5:22-23).	We find rest, joy, and acceptance with God in the perfection of Christ's offering (1John 5:12).
3	peace offering (sweet, non-compulsory)	He made perfect peace between God and man (Col 1:20).	We enter into peace with God based on Christ's peace offering (Eph 2:14 , Rom 5:1).
4	sin offering (compulsory)	He was made sin for us on the Cross (2Cor 5:21).	We recognize our sin nature and that Christ bore all our sin. (1Pet 2:24 , 2Cor 5:15)
5	trespass offering (compulsory)	He assumed the debt for our sins and paid it (1Pet 3:18 , 1John 1:8-10).	When we come to the Cross, our first need is forgiveness for our many sins Rom 5:8-11 , 18-19).

Personal Reflection and Application

Consider the grain offering in [Leviticus 2](#).

To make fine flour, you have to grind it to remove impurities. When we make an offering, we should confess our sin and remove our impurities to make our offering fine flour, acceptable to God.

In our case, pouring oil on the offering is allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us. We should offer something that is in God's will, something He actually desires of us rather than what our flesh feels like giving.

When you make an offering, pray over it asking God to accept the sweet savor of your offering. Confess any sin and ask Him to guide you in giving.

Small Group Conversation Guide

In [Leviticus 8](#), we see four things that a priest needs to be acceptable to God. As His holy priesthood ([1Pet 2:5](#)), we need those things as well. For each need, read the verses, then discuss how the need works in our lives today.

<i>need</i>	<i>how it works in our lives</i>
water 1Cor 6:11 Eph 5:25-27	
oil 1John 2:20	
blood 1Pet 1:18-19	
garments Isa 61:10 Gal 3:27	

Leadership Principles from Leviticus

Consequences of Decisions

We can assess our performance as leaders by the consequences of the decisions we make.

In general, do your decisions:

- Improve or worsen relationships?
- Give you and others focus or result in scattered efforts?
- Help you keep the big picture in mind or cause you to get bogged down in side issues?

In **Leviticus 26**, God describes the consequences of making decisions that align with His Word compared to the consequences of not obeying His Word.

In what ways do the consequences of your decisions let you know how well you are listening to God?

Something to Find in Each Chapter

As you read through the book, it may help to have something to find in each group of chapters.

01-03. How the voluntary offerings “smelled” to God	01-07. How all five offerings pictured Christ [see Christ in the Sacrifices]
08. What three places the blood was applied to priests	09. What happened after Aaron finished all the offerings
10. Why Nadab and Abihu died	11. How God used animals to teach Israel about holiness
12. How God used births to recall that all are born into sin	13. How Israel was to watch out for leprosy, as we are to watch out for sins
14. How the cleansing of leprosy pictured our cleansing from sin	15. How this chapter pictured the sinfulness of the flesh
16. What the high priest had to bring to the mercy seat	17. How important blood was to Israel’s walk with God
18, 20. How important sexual purity was to God	19. What reason God gave Israel to “be holy”
21-22. How the priests were to maintain holy lifestyles	23. How important pausing for celebration was to God
24. How Moses made a decision in a very difficult situation	25. What was freed during the Year of Jubilee
26. How God offered Israel blessing, judgment, and mercy	27. What people could devote to God