

HOLINESS

(The Book of Leviticus: Lev 11:44-45 and 1 Peter 1:15-16)

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1. "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord" (Hebrew 12:15)
2. In Genesis, Israel was born. Genesis covers 2000 yrs from Eden to Ur to Egypt.
In Exodus, Israel was redeemed and made a kingdom of priest. Exodus covers 431 yrs from Egypt to Sinai.
In Leviticus, Israel is taught how to be holy and worship God and fulfill her priestly role.
Leviticus covers 1 month at Sinai.

In Exodus the tabernacle is built and Leviticus shows how to use it.

1. The Worship of a Holy God (Leviticus 1-17) *(Worship is giving to God as commanded in Psalm 29)*

A. By Consecration of the worshippers (Leviticus 1-7)

B. By Mediation of the priest (Leviticus 8-10)

C. By Separation from the unclean (Leviticus 11-17)

1. Separation in food (ch 11)
2. Separation in body (chs 12-14)
3. Separation in house (ch 15)
4. Separation in nation (chs 16-17) The Day of Atonement
 - a. The Day of Atonement pictures death of Christ (16:15, 16) in the slain goat.
(Christ died as our substitute by shedding His blood because of our sins)
 - b. The Day of Atonement pictures the results of the death of Christ (16:21-22) in the scapegoat.
(The scapegoat pictures the words of John the Baptist (John 1:29) and Psalm 103:12 and Micah 7:19.
 - c. The Day of Atonement was received through repentance (16:29).
 - d. The Day of Atonement was not received through works (16:29). We are not saved by works. We are not kept saved by good works. We don't lose our salvation because of bad works. We were talking about Estis Perkels three films we saw here at Gospel as young people. One on Hell, Heaven, and Communism. Carlton Chriscoe said he got saved at each one.

2. The Walk Before a Holy God (Leviticus 18-27)

Worship precedes walk. Sunday precedes Monday through Saturday.

Service flows out of worship. Works are the result not cause of Salvation.

A. Practical holiness of the people (chs 18-20) *“Walk” bookends this section (18:1-5; 20:22-26)*

1. Prohibition against incest (18)
2. Promotion of holiness (19)
 - a. The first table of the law (19:1-10)
 - b. The second table of the law (19:11-37)
3. Punishment by death for violations (20)
 - a. Capital punishment for religious sins (20:1-8)
 - b. Capital punishment for family sins (20:9-26)
 - c. Capital punishment for religious sins (20:27)

B. Practical holiness of the priest (chs 21-22)

C. Practical holiness of the feasts (chs 23-25)

D. Practical holiness of the law (ch 26)

E. Practical holiness of giving (ch 27)