

Sermon Series on Leviticus: Don't Forget About God's Holiness

Live a “sweet aroma” life to God Leviticus 1-3

INTRODUCTION

³⁴ Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. ³⁵ Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Exodus 40:34-35 (NASB)

¹ Then the Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, Numbers 1:1 (NASB)

⁴⁴ ~'For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not make yourselves unclean with any of the swarming things that swarm on the earth. Leviticus 11:44

² "Speak to all the congregation of the sons of Israel and say to them, 'You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. Leviticus 19:2 (NASB)

²⁶ ~'Thus you are to be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy; and I have set you apart from the peoples to be Mine. Leviticus 20:26 (NASB)

Overview of the chiasmic structure of Leviticus: (borrowed from the Bible Project)

Lev. 1-7 Ritual (sacrifices)

Lev. 8-10 Priests (ordained)

Lev. 11-15 Purity Laws (ritual)

Lev. 16-17 The Day of Atonement

Lev. 18-20 Purity (moral)

Lev. 21-22 Priests (standards)

Lev. 23-27 Ritual (feasts)

Not all OT laws directly apply to NT saints, only those laws repeated in the NT or which necessarily reflect God's unchanging character or will. However all the OT is profitable for either teaching, for reproof or showing us where we are wrong, for correcting or showing us how to do right, or training in righteousness (how to live righteously)—2 Timothy 3:16-17



¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; ¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The three sacrifices in Leviticus 1-3:

Sacrifice Name	What Offered	God's Response	Key Idea	NT. Equivalent
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Burnt Offering	a whole male, w/out defect bull, sheep, goat, turtle dove, or pigeon.	soothing aroma	Undivided loyalty pleases a holy God	Matt. 22:37 Rom. 12:1 James 1:5-8
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³⁷ And He said to him, " YOU SHALL LOVE THE Lord YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." Matthew 22:37 (NASB)

¹ Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship. Romans 12:1 (NASB)

⁵ But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. ⁶ But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷ For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, ⁸ *being* a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-8 (NASB)

Grain Offering	fine flour, oil, frankincense, made into salted, unleavened cakes.	soothing aroma	Relationship with a holy God requires mutual giving.	Heb. 13:15-16
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¹⁵ Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name. ¹⁶ And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. Hebrews 13:15-16 (NASB)

Peace Offering	male or female bull, lamb, or goat fat on entrails, kidney & liver. Worshipper ate the meat.	soothing aroma	We celebrate with a holy God our reconciliation	1 Cor. 11:23-34
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³³ So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴ If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you will not come together for judgment. The remaining matters I will arrange when I come. 1 Corinthians 11:33-34 (NASB)

