

Leviticus - What can we walk away with tonight?

A Bigger View of God

Leviticus enlarges our understanding of God. He is:

- Holy
- Glorious
- Not to be approached casually
- Yet deeply committed to dwelling with His people

We tend to shrink God into something manageable.

Leviticus restores weight.

And weight leads to worship.

A Clearer Understanding of Sin & Grace

Leviticus teaches that sin:

- Spreads
- Corrupts
- Separates
- Requires atonement

Modern culture minimizes sin into “mistakes” or “missteps.”

Leviticus shows us that sin disrupts the entire created order.

And that makes grace astonishing.

A Deeper Appreciation for Jesus

Without Leviticus, the cross becomes sentimental.

With Leviticus, we see:

- Substitution
- Blood making atonement
- A mediator
- The scapegoat carrying sin away
- A high priest entering on behalf of the people

When we read Leviticus, we see the shadows that point to **Jesus Christ** and are explained in **Hebrews**.

Leviticus trains our eyes to recognize what Jesus fulfilled.

A Vision of Whole-Life Holiness

Leviticus refuses to separate worship from life.

It speaks about:

- Food
- Sex
- Money
- Justice
- Care for the poor
- Business ethics
- Neighbor love

Holiness is not private spirituality.

It is embodied faithfulness.

For modern believers, that's deeply relevant.

Formation Through Repetition

Leviticus is repetitive on purpose.

The rhythm of:

- Offering
- Cleansing
- Priestly mediation
- Sacred time

Forms a people who understand that life revolves around God's presence.

It is not just information.

It is formation.

Setting the Scene

Read Exodus 40:34-35, Leviticus 1:1, Numbers 1:1

Notice that Moses goes from outside the tent to inside the tent. Leviticus makes it possible for a holy God to dwell with sinful people. Jesus fulfills the requirements of Leviticus and opens the "tent" for us.