



SMALL GROUP STUDY

Separation from Sin

The repeated theme of the book of Leviticus is Holiness. Sin has to be dealt with and we see that it is only through the blood of an innocent victim that it can be dealt with. The purpose of all of the offerings showed how holy and unapproachable God was without the cleansing of blood.

Personal Proximity (Leviticus 1-7)

How can I ever approach a perfect and holy God? God prescribes a way for sinful man to approach Him. Sin is the great separator and it is only by the shedding of blood that there is remission of sins. The people saw, every time an animal was brought, what their sin caused--a bloody mess.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What is the difference between a sin and a trespass?
- b. Which offering was the only unbloody offering? What did it symbolize?
- c. Examine your heart: Are you an authentic worshipper--in it for God's glory?
- d. How many offerings were there and what were they?

Professional Activity (Leviticus 8-10)

How can I serve God? This is about the priests whose profession it was to offer the sacrifices. This portion of the text deals with why a high priest is needed; to be a mediator between the people and God. The priest stands before the people for God, and he stands before God for the people.

Discussion Questions:

- a. Which tribe was set aside for the priesthood?
- b. Who is our great high priest (Heb 8:20)? Who are the priests (1 Pet 2:9)?
- c. How can you stand before the people for God and before God for the people?

Ritual Purity (Leviticus 11-15)

How can I stay clean before the God? This deals with a variety of laws of about how to ritually be cleaned of defilement--food, birth, skin diseases, leprosy, and bodily discharges.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What were the reasons for dietary restrictions?
- b. Examine your heart: Do you reflect someone who has been in the presence of God? In the parking lot, on the road, in your home, in your workplace, in your private thought life that only the Lord sees?

National Sanctity (Leviticus 16-17)

How should the nation act? Yom Kippur was the day of atonement, it was not a joyous celebration. It was a special day that dealt with sin. There are 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur called Yamim Nora'im that are days of awe, introspection, and affliction of their souls.

Discussion Questions:

- a. What was the ritual of the 2 goats?
- b. How is Leviticus 17:11 a hinge chapter?