



Life Group Study Leviticus Chapter 1-15

Happiness, not holiness, is the pursuit of most people in our culture, including those of us who profess to be Christians. We want Jesus to solve all our problems and carry all our burdens, but we don't want Him to control our lives or change our character. It doesn't bother us that God said: "Be holy, because I am holy" in the bible.

"He that sees the beauty of holiness, or true moral good, sees the greatest and most important thing in the world" wrote Jonathan Edwards. "If I had my choice of all the blessings I can conceive of, I would choose perfect conformity to the Lord Jesus, or, in one word, holiness," said Charles Spurgeon. Would you make the same choice? God dedicated a whole book of the bible to holiness, let us not ignore it!

The lessons of Leviticus are not limited to the Jewish people Moses wrote to, they also apply to us today. Peter applied the key verse in Leviticus, "Be holy because I am holy" (Lev. 11:45) to the New Testament Church today (1 Peter 1:15-16).

The book of Leviticus provides us with 5 basic themes that relate to holiness: a holy God; a holy priesthood; a holy people; a holy land; and a holy savior.

Read Leviticus Chapters 1-15.

How many offerings were required of the nation of Israel in order to have a right relationship with God? What other ceremonial requirements (other than the offerings, did the Israelites receive from God? Are you overwhelmed by the amount of work needed to perform each offering?

What are the purposes of the six offerings? What is the result of each offering, particularly the sin offering? Can you find any New Testament cross references that relate to these offerings? What do the additional ceremonial requirements mean for you as a Christian today? Why is it significant for you as a Christian that the New Testament cross-references Leviticus?

Read Leviticus 11:44-45 and 1 Peter 1:13-16. As Christian, how do the Levitical laws apply to your life? (Hint: the nation of Israel had to offer six different sacrifices to be right with God. According to Hebrews 10:1-15 how many sacrifices are required for us to be made right with God?) Where do you fall short in living a holy life? What can you do, beginning today, to live a more Holy life?