

# Read Through The Bible

Week 9 –March 31-April 6, 2024

Exodus 39-40, Leviticus 1-12, Mark 9:2-12:27, Palms 26-30:7, Proverbs 6:12-19

## Icebreaker

What rules do you have at school or work that must be obeyed or consequences follow?

Who do you know that always wants to be first? How frustrating is this?

How long is the longest marriage you know of?

## Step 1 - GET REAL

What are you thankful for from the past week?

What struggles did you face?

What can you share from your personal Bible reading this week?

Where did you see God in your daily life?

## Step 2: GET FED

### Exodus

*Exodus 39:1, 5, 7, 21, 26, 29, 31, 42-43 (ESV)* <sup>42</sup> *According to all that the LORD had commanded Moses, so the people of Israel had done all the work.* <sup>43</sup> *And Moses saw all the work, and behold, they had done it; as the LORD had commanded, so had they done it. Then Moses blessed them.*

Nine times it is repeated in chapter 29 “as the Lord had commanded”. Surely this should be a lesson for us. Are we doing as the Lord commanded?

*Exodus 40:9 (ESV)* <sup>9</sup> *“Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy.* (see also vs 10, 11, 13)

Why was it important to consecrate the tabernacle, the furnishings, the and the priests? Is it important for us to be holy today? (see *1 Peter 1:14-15*)

### Leviticus

Leviticus is a literary expression of **God's desire that His holiness be reflected in the life of His covenant people Israel.** This is seen in the two spheres of **Israel's periodic worship and daily walk.** Though there is substantial overlapping between these two spheres, they are reflected generally in the two major divisions of the book: (a) "The Way of Approach to God by Sacrifice ([chaps. 1-16](#))" and (b) "The Walk of Holiness before God by Separation ([chaps. 17-27](#))."

The Bible Knowledge Commentary: An Exposition of the Scriptures by Dallas Seminary Faculty.

**Lev 1** Laws for Burnt Offerings; **Lev 2** Laws for Grain Offerings; **Lev 3** Laws for Peace Offerings; **Lev 4-5** Laws for Sin Offerings; **Lev 5-6** Laws for Guilt Offerings; **Lev 6-7** Additional sacrificial regulations for priests;

God has always provided a method allowing us to be with him. Sacrifices were necessary to provide atonement for sin which separates us from God. Allowances are made for all levels of society. Almost all of the offerings requiring an animal require one without blemish. No fat or blood are to be eaten. No sacrifices are to be made using leaven.

What does it mean that God has provided a method for us to be with Him? What if God had not provided a method?

**Lev 8-9** Consecration of Aaron and his sons and the acceptance of Aaron's consecration by God.

Why must Aaron and his sons be consecrated as holy? How important is it for us to be holy today?

**Leviticus 10:1-3 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and **offered unauthorized fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them.** <sup>2</sup> And fire came out from before the LORD and consumed them, and they died before the LORD. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said to Aaron, “This is what the LORD has said: **‘Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.’**” And Aaron held his peace.

How does this action by God emphasize the importance of following God’s commands? How does it emphasize the importance of being holy before God? What do we do before God today that is not commanded?

**Leviticus 11:44-45 (ESV)** <sup>44</sup> For I am the LORD your God. **Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy.** You shall not defile yourselves with any swarming thing that crawls on the ground. <sup>45</sup> For I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. **You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.**”

Because God is holy, we are to be holy? Holy means set apart from the world. How are we to become holy? What does it mean to be holy?

## Mark

**Mark 9:7 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “**This is my beloved Son; listen to him.**” [at the transfiguration]

Do we listen to Jesus?

**Mark 9:21-29 (ESV)** <sup>21</sup> And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. <sup>22</sup> And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. **But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.**” <sup>23</sup> And Jesus said to him, “**‘If you can’! All things are possible for one who believes.**” <sup>24</sup> Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “**I believe; help my unbelief!**” <sup>25</sup> And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” ... <sup>28</sup> And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, “**This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.**”

How many of us question the ability of God? How does God’s ability relate to our belief? Do we need to ask God the same thing this father did? How could prayer have enabled the apostles to cast out this demon? What can prayer help us do today?

**Mark 9:33-35 (ESV)** <sup>33</sup> And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you discussing on the way?” <sup>34</sup> But they kept silent, for on the way **they had argued with one another about who was the greatest.** <sup>35</sup> And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, “**If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all.**”

How natural is this desire for us? How can we be a servant of all? How important is it for us?

**Mark 9:47-48 (ESV)** <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. **It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell,** <sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’

Do we realize this truth? What evidence is there in our life we realize this?

**Mark 10:2-12 (ESV)** <sup>2</sup> And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “**Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?**” <sup>3</sup> He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” <sup>4</sup> They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” <sup>5</sup> And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. <sup>6</sup> **But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’** <sup>7</sup> **‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife,** <sup>8</sup> **and the two shall become one flesh.’** So they are no longer two but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> **What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.**” <sup>10</sup> And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

How important is this teaching today? How does this teaching match with today's concept? What should this teaching mean for those looking for a mate today? What should it mean for those already married?

**Mark 10:20-27 (ESV)** <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "**You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.**" <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. <sup>23</sup> And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "**How difficult it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!**" <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how difficult it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, "**Then who can be saved?**" <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, "**With man it is impossible, but not with God. For all things are possible with God.**"

How important is this teaching today? What can we do to prevent being in the same situation? How can we solicit God's help?

**Mark 10:43-45 (ESV)** <sup>43</sup> But it shall not be so among you. **But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,** <sup>44</sup> and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup> For even **the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**"

Who do you know like James and John? How would you have felt when you found out about James and John's request? How can we imitate Jesus in serving?

**Mark 11:17 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, '**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations**'? But you have made it a den of robbers."

How do we treat God's house?

**Mark 11:24-25 (ESV)** <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, **whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.** <sup>25</sup> And **whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.**"

What are the two conditions for prayer given in this passage? How are you doing with these conditions?

**Mark 12:10-11 (ESV)** <sup>10</sup> Have you not read this Scripture: "**The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;** <sup>11</sup> **this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes**?"

How easy is it to reject Jesus? How common is it today? What can we do to prevent this happening in our life?

## **Psalms**

**Psalms 26:2 (ESV)** <sup>2</sup> **Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind.**

Would you be willing to ask this of God in your life?

**Psalms 27:4 (ESV)** <sup>4</sup> **One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

What are your desires? How do you feel about God?

**Psalms 28:7 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> **The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

Do you trust in God? Do you give thanks to Him?

**Psalms 29:1-2 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.** <sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

Of what is God worthy? Do we recognize His greatness?

**Psalms 29:3-9** Look at the things the voice of the Lord does. What other things does His voice do? How powerful is the voice of the Lord?

**Psalm 30** How many of the things David says God has done for Him has God done for you?

### **Proverbs**

**Proverbs 6:16-19 (ESV)** <sup>16</sup> *There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: <sup>17</sup> haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, <sup>18</sup> a heart that devises wicked plans, feet that make haste to run to evil, <sup>19</sup> a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.*

Which of these 7 things are or have been present in your life? Why do you think God hates these things? How are they all related?

### **Step 3: GET ACTIVE**

- List 5 ways Jesus served others. Choose one of those ways and serve someone in this way this week.
- Psalm 29 urges us to ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name. Write a praise of the glory of God.
- Review the 7 things God hates. Do you have trouble with any of these? If so, choose one and make a plan to eliminate it from your life.