

LEVITICUS

Chapter 21-22

**God wanted a
Kingdom of Priests
Ex. 19:5-6
1 Peter 2:9-10, Rev. 1:5-6**

NOTES: Chapter 21

- We've been looking at the things that make a person unclean
- 1 Thes. 4:13 - Do not grieve like the rest of the world = have hope
 - Cost of following Jesus (Matt. 8:21-22)
 - Aaron not allowed to grieve for his sons - Lev. 10

“God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. 17 In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. 18 There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.”

1 John 4:16c-18 | NIV84

NOTES: Chapter 21

- Purity in marriage was important
 - Wife privy to priest's work
 - The Priest had to be able to provide for her through the offerings
- Note: v.8 “I who make you Holy”
- Rest of his family important

NOTES: Chapter 21

- Anointed with sacred oil = key
- Can't have a defect no matter how big or small
- About respecting & honoring the Lord, his offering, also the priestly duties & office

NOTES: Chapter 22

- About being set apart for a specific purpose = representing God & the things of God to the people
- Jn. 4:34 - Jesus, “my food...”
- Real fear of death! (Lev. 10)
- Note: “authorized” person

NOTES: Chapter 22

- **Priest responsible for the inspection of the animals and God will be inspecting him!**

“26 Such a high priest meets our need—one who is holy, blameless, pure, set apart from sinners, exalted above the heavens. 27 Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself. 28 For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak; but the oath, which came after the law, appointed the Son, who has been made perfect forever.”

Hebrews 7:26-28 | NIV84

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

1. Above Reproach/Blameless

- Pastor's will always be blamed, means “nothing takes hold”
- Nothing to criticize or attack with
- No man is sinless, but he is striving for holiness!
- Jesus never had to defend himself!

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

2. Husband of one wife

- Obviously not polygamy, no girlfriend
- Hasn't been married multiple times
- One thing B.C., but what about a brother who is divorced in A.D. days?
- Marriage should be under scrutiny

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

3. Temperate/Sober

- Serious about his job, but not without humor
- Keeps his cool & is sensible
- Doesn't cheapen the ministry

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

4. Self Controlled/Good Behavior

- Fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5)
- Doesn't do questionable things
- Modest living, preaching & teaching

Elder/Bishop - 1 Timothy 3:1-7

5. Respectable

- Shouldn't be hard to respect & honor his position or decisions
- You see this in his family

Elder/Bishop - 1 Timothy 3:1-7

6. Hospitable

- Most of what we do at church
- Open door policy = transparency
- Lk. 7:36-50 - Loves the unlovely

7. Able to Teach

- Student of the Word & doesn't disgrace the pulpit

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

8. Not Given to Drunkenness

- Everything is permissible for him, but chooses to do or not do what is beneficial (above reproach)

9. Gentle/Not Violent (fruit of the Spirit)

10. Not Quarrelsome

- Not looking for a fight all the time

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

11. Not a Lover of Money/Greedy

- Love of money is a root of all evil” - 1 Tim 6:10
- Not distracted or hindered by side work & deals
- Remember he works with gifts & donations of the church

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

12. Must manage his family well!

- Able to lovingly confront & discipline
- Note: Accountable for the children in his home

13. Not a New Believer

- Can't be quick to lay hands on people
- Enemy puts a target on his back!

“23 The Lord said to Moses, 24 “This applies to the Levites: Men twenty-five years old or more shall come to take part in the work at the Tent of Meeting, 25 but at the age of fifty, they must retire from their regular service and work no longer. 26 They may assist their brothers in performing their duties at the Tent of Meeting, but they themselves must not do the work. This, then, is how you are to assign the responsibilities of the Levites.”

Numbers 8:23-26 | NIV84

Elder/Bishop – 1 Timothy 3:1-7

12. Must have a good reputation with outsiders (non believers)

- This doesn't mean he is popular
- What is he known for = Integrity & Character (blameless)
- Not his charisma

Key to Ministry:

- 21:6, 15, 23
- 22:9, 16, 32
- 1 Peter 2
 - As you come to Him!
 - Being built together into a spiritual house
 - A people belonging to God

“My beloved is mine, and I am his.”

Song of Solomon 2:16b | KJV

“4 Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”

John 15:4 | NIV84