

What Leviticus is Not:

1. Leviticus is not a modern book, it was written to a culture and context that is very foreign to us.
2. Leviticus is not a stand-alone book.
3. Leviticus (the law) is not a weight too bear, it is the new way of life for the recently redeemed people of Israel.
4. Leviticus is not the end, but we cannot fully understand the end without the beginning.

Two things here:

First, Jesus made an atoning sacrifice for sin through his death on the cross.

Second, Jesus isn't going to make anymore sacrifices for the sins of the world.

The context of Leviticus is redemption and deliverance.

"⁴⁴For I am the Lord your God, so you must consecrate yourselves and be holy because I am holy. Do not defile yourselves by any swarming creature that crawls on the ground. ⁴⁵For I am the Lord, who brought you up from the land of Egypt to be your God, so you must be holy because I am holy." - Leviticus 11:44-45 (CSB)

The context of the Christian life is redemption and deliverance:

1. God is holy
2. Sin is serious
3. Jesus saves us from our sin, sets us apart to live for God, and sends us out to share the gospel.

Jesus saves us from our sin

"¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God." - John 3:14-18

Jesus sets us apart to live for God

"¹³Therefore, with your minds ready for action, be sober-minded and set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴As obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires of your former ignorance. ¹⁵But as the one who called you is

holy, you also are to be holy in all your conduct; ¹⁶for it is written, Be holy, because I am holy.” - 1 Peter 1:13–16 (CSB)

Jesus sends us out to share the gospel

¹⁸ Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” - Matthew 28:18–20 (CSB)

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