



## LEVITICUS

### Sermon Points & Notes

Week 1 - 10.8.23 | Tyler Wilson

**Title: Making Us Holy**

**Scripture: Leviticus 1-3**

Main Point:

Astonishingly, the Holy God desires to dwell with sinful people, drawing near in grace to make a way to make us holy.

On understanding the background & context of Leviticus:

“The background can’t be an afterthought. It must be planned to it’s conclusion from the very conception of the work. Nor is it a nuisance, relegated to strokes that must merely be ‘gotten through’... No. It is fundamentally integrated and supportive - it’s surroundings give the subject its roots; its sense of time and place, history and meaning. It is the subject’s environment; the air it breathes, the terra firma it stands on or water it is suspended in. It radiates light or lurks in shadow. Each background is its own evocative world. We should relish the backgrounds, knowing they are what give our subjects their life.”

-Julie Podstolski

Indicative before Imperative

Identity before Activity

Saved by grace ---> Changed by grace

Question of Leviticus: How is this Holy God going to dwell with unholy sinners? How is this new relationship going to work?

It's not about regulation - it's about **RELATIONSHIP!**

All of us for all of Him.

### **3 Voluntary Offerings Today:**

**1 - Burnt offering** - Consecration to God - "I'm yours & I need you". A fully engaged general recognition of sin and need for God with a wholesale commitment in response to Him.

**2 - Grain Offering** - Thanksgiving for God. - "Thank you." A grateful remembrance of God's faithful provision and in return dedication of daily work.

**3 - Peace Offering** - Fellowship with God - "I love you." A Joyful celebration of relationship with God and the ensuing peace and wholeness of life from it. Shared communally.

## Summary:

Leviticus is not a cold archaic rule book that's out of touch with the modern world. It's an inside invitation to the holy heart of God and his spectacular love that draws near to sinners. Astonishingly, the Holy God makes a way to make us holy.

### #1 - **God is Holy** (DECLARATION - indicative)

Lev. 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:26, 21:8

### #2 - **Be Holy, because I am holy** (COMMAND - imperative)

Lev. 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:7, 26, 21:6-8

### #3 - **I am the Lord, who makes you holy** (PROMISE - indicative)

Lev. 20:8, 21:8, 22:9, 16, 32)

## Prayer throughout Leviticus:

- What am I holding back from you God?
- Where have I not fully surrendered to you?
- What is not yet holy and what is not yet wholly yours?
- **Lord make me holy like you are holy!**