



LEVITICUS

Sermon Points & Notes

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Title: Holiness: How Life Works Best

Scripture: Leviticus 18-22

Main Point:

God's laws lay out His good design for how life works best - leading us to His love that's at the heart of it all.

Leviticus 18:1-5:

“And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the Lord your God. You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God. You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the Lord.”

Why does He lay out His Law? #1 Answer - to LEAD US TO LIFE

Purpose of the Law from 18:1-5:

1. **His law flows from His LORDSHIP** - rightful relational authority as the One who saved them by grace (salvation)
2. **His law demonstrates a DISTINCTION** - setting apart as holy reflections of their holy God (sanctification)
3. **His law leads to LIFE** - good protection from harm and provision of wholeness and joy (glorification)

8 Overarching purposes of God's Law / Commands:

1. **DIRECT our relationship with God (COMMUNION)** Guiding how we walk with God on the backside of His salvation. He wants our hearts & close fellowship.
2. **DISCLOSE God's good design (CARE)** - Laying out in His wisdom how life works best, what is good, where joy is found - His law leads to life.
3. **DETER us from sin (CONSTRAINT)** - Guarding us from damage & destruction by restraining sin.
4. **DIAGNOSE our hearts (CONVICTION)** - Showing us our problem with clarity - both the symptoms and the root causes.
5. **DRIVE us to grace (CONFESSION)** - Stirring us towards the solution as we see our need for rescue and inability to save ourselves through our own righteousness.

6. **DRAW out faith (CHRIST)** - Transferring our trust off of self and onto Jesus, our remedy. The tunnel of the law finds at its end the light of Christ.
7. **DISTINGUISH God's people from the world (CONSECRATION)** - Setting apart His saved people for a new way of living that is free from the previous power of sin and rightly reflects His holiness as the image-bearers we were created to be.
8. **DISPLAY God's goodness to the world (COMMISSION)** - Spreading the gospel of God's goodness through transformed living as light in the darkness.

Overall - God's law is an invitation to God's presence - his joy in keeping it, and his grace when failing it.

Holiness involves our Family & Sexuality (Leviticus 18:6-30)

Holiness involves Social Relationships (Leviticus 19)

Ch. 19 - Holiness Involves:

1. Boundaries on Work and Worship (19:3) - Sabbath
2. Respecting all people (19:3, 13-14, 20-22, 29, 32-34) - parents, employees, disabled, servants, daughters, elderly, foreigners, poor
3. Gratitude & Generosity (19:5-10)
4. Integrity (19:11-12)
5. Justice (19:13-16, 35-36)
6. Care for Creation (19:19, 23-24)

7. Exclusive Devotion to God (19:4, 26-28, 31) - avoiding idols, witchcraft, sorcery, necromancy, and pagan ritual acts
8. Love (19:17-18)

Holiness is RELATIONAL

Holiness is PRACTICAL

Punishments: Upholding Holy Values (Leviticus 20)

Theocracy - Government by God, as in the case of Old Testament Israel

- 1 - Obedience to God is a life and death matter**
- 2 - Sin has serious effects**
- 3 - Sin is a personal offense against God**
- 4 - We as humans are responsible for our own sin**

Priests Holiness: Higher standards for spiritual leaders (Leviticus 21-22)

God cares about holiness because he cares about LIFE.

The Law must do its hammering work, so the gospel can do its healing work.

APPLICATION:

1. Rectify where we're viewing God and His commands wrongly - For our good!
2. Receive God's direction & authority in our lives - Know his commands!
3. Repent of places we're breaking God's righteous law - Grieve & turn from our failures!
4. Resolve to follow Him - pursue holiness in all spheres of life!

1 - Consecration (20:7) - Requires dedication and committed action.

2 - Separation (20:24-26) - Non-conformists with eyes fixed on Jesus not the world

3 - Sanctification (20:8, 22:32) - Ongoing process with God's powerful help

4 - Purification (20:25) - Clean even in the non-moral issues of wisdom

5 - Imitation (19:2, 20:26, 21:8) - Reflecting the holy character of the God who saved us by grace.