

Question 5: WHAT IS THE INVITATION OF LEVITICUS?

Answer: **God's people are called to holiness**

Leviticus 11:44 & 45 — "...be holy, for I am holy."

Grace produces holiness.

"Holiness, properly conceived, pertains to fullness of life...the abundant life of joy with God in the house of God." (Michael Morales, p. 30-31)

Question 6: HOW SHOULD WE APPROACH LEVITICUS?

Answer: **Using Christ-centered lenses**

Luke 24:27 — "*And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.*"

Be asking:

How does this reveal God's character?

How does this expose the problem of sin?

How does this point toward Christ?

How does this help us understand what Christ accomplished?

Question 7: HOW MIGHT I ENGAGE WITH LEVITICUS?

Answer: **Read it.**

Receive Leviticus as God's revelation of himself (since it is).
Pursue the relational presence of God.

"God at the Center" — Intro to Leviticus

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Sermon Text: Leviticus 26:11-13 — "*I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that you should not be their slaves. And I have broken the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect.*"

Main Truth: A holy God makes a way to dwell among his sinful people.

3 Themes that run through Leviticus:

1. God's **presence**.
 2. God's **holiness**.
 3. God's provision of **atonement**.
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Seven Questions For Leviticus

Question 1: WHY DOES LEVITICUS SEEM SO STRANGE?

Answer: **We are strangers to their context.**

Exodus 32:4 — "*These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!*"

God determines how he is to be worshiped.

Divine accommodation — God speaks to people in ways they can understand.

Question 2: WHAT IS THE GOAL OF LEVITICUS?

Answer: **God makes a way to dwell among his sinful people**
(Lev. 26:11-12)

The goal is found in the structure —————>>>>>

Tracking the truth: God wants to **dwell** with his people

John 1:14 — "*The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.*"

1 Corinthians 3:16 — "*You are God's temple and God's Spirit dwells in you.*"

Revelation 21:3 — "*Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.*"

Question 3: WHAT IS THE PROBLEM BEHIND LEVITICUS?

Answer: **God's holiness makes his presence serious**

Ex: When Isaiah is confronted with God's holiness (Isaiah 6):

Cherubim say, "*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of Hosts.*"

Isaiah responds: "*Woe is me, for I am lost!*"

Question 4: WHAT IS THE SOLUTION WITHIN LEVITICUS?

Answer: **God provides atonement so sinners can draw near.**

Exodus 40:35	Leviticus 1:1	Numbers 1:1
Moses is not <u>able</u> to enter the tent	The LORD speaks to Moses <u>from</u> the tent	The LORD speaks to Moses <u>in</u> the tent

Hebrews 10:19 — "*Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,*"

Geographical Scheme (Erich Zenger)

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
Creation, fall, and the promise of a land	From Egypt, through the wilderness, to Sinai	At Sinai	From Sinai, through the wilderness, towards Moab	Instructions for life in the Promised Land

Theological Scheme (Geoffrey Harper)

Genesis	Exodus	Leviticus	Numbers	Deuteronomy
Creation, fall, and loss of access to God's presence	God's presence fills the tabernacle	Living in proximity to God's presence	God's presence goes with Israel	Instructions for ongoing life in God's presence

Structure of Leviticus (Davidson & Morales)

