

## Study Guide

### Leviticus | Presence

Leviticus is the concealed story of Jesus. It will add depth and understanding to the grand love story between you and God. Exodus ends with the glorious Shekinah presence of God descending on the Tabernacle. Next God speaks to Moses to reveal God's plan to make us whole- to make us belong.

1. Read Exodus 33:16. What did it mean for the Shekinah presence of God to be active among the Israelites? What does it mean for the presence of God to be active among Christians?
2. Read John 15:5. What are the implications of this passage from Jesus?
3. Read Leviticus 20:26.
  - a. What do you think God meant when He said, "You shall be holy to me..."
  - b. How does it make you feel that God said, "...that you should be mine."
4. Read Ephesians 2:1-5. What was it like to be "dead" in our sinful patterns? What influenced us? List some worldly values that can destroy people.
5. What does it mean to be "alive together with Christ" (Eph. 4:4-5)? How can we restructure our lives to allow the active Presence of God in?
6. Share a story of how God has been working in your life to bring healing and wholeness through His presence.

## Message Slides

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#### **What led up to Leviticus?**

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**Leviticus- the concealed story of Jesus.**

#### **Leviticus Outline**

**Part 1- God's Provision**

**Part 2- Our Response**

#### **What does Leviticus have to do with us?**

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1. Greatness of the Story of God.
2. Greater appreciation of Jesus.
3. Greater understanding of the Purposes of God.

Lev. 11:44- "For I am the Lord your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy."

1 Pet. 1:15-16 "...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct," since it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

#### **Jesus in the Tabernacle**

*Picture of Tabernacle*

#### **The Presence of God**

*Image of the Shkinah*

Exodus 40:34-35- "Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. "And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle."

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Exodus 33:16- "For your presence among us sets your people and me apart from all other people on the earth."

*Image of flying too close to the sun*

*Image - Pipeline to heaven!*

Heb. 4:16- "Let us therefore **come boldly** to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

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John 15:5b "...For apart from me you can do nothing."

### **For Personal Reflection**

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- 1. How do I walk with Jesus?**
- 2. What difference does it make when I practice God's presence?**
- 3. How can I restructure some things to better engage the presence of God?**

### **Theme: You shall be mine**

"You shall **be holy** to me; for **I the LORD am holy** and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine." (Leviticus 20:26 RSV)

#### **1. To be Holy**

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Ephesians 2:1-5

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins <sup>in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—</sup> among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. <sup>But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—</sup> **by grace** you have been saved—

#### **2. To be Holy is to Belong**

"You shall be holy **to me**; for I the LORD am holy and have **separated** you from the peoples, that you should **be mine**." (Leviticus 20:26 RSV)

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1 Pet. 2:9 – "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

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- 1. How does it make you feel that God wants you to belong to Him?**
- 2. How can I prevent myself from following a destructive value system?**
- 3. How might God be working to bring healing and wholeness into my life?**

