

Study Guide

Leviticus | Pride is Destructive

1. Read Leviticus 10:1-3. Nadab and Abihu made a proud mistake. What is your first reaction? Why do you think God dealt them this way? (see also Exodus 30:7-9; 34-38). Why do you think instructions on accessing the Presence of God are so serious? Do you think it is narrow today for God to limit access to heaven to one way (John 14:6)? Discuss.

2. Read Leviticus 10:12-20. Eleazar and Ithamar made another mistake. Why do you think they weren't struck down? (see Psalm 51:17). What does that tell you about what God is looking for in us?

3. In Leviticus 11-15, God gives Israel specific Levitical laws on how to eat, dress, and keep clean. How do these laws help them to love each other? Although these laws have changed for us today (Acts 10; Acts 15; 1 Cor. 10:23-25; 2 Cor. 3:7-11), what behaviors can we implement in order to love others well? How does our pride get in the way at times?

4. Read Lev. 16:1-3. Notice how God provided the annual Day of Atonement to prevent Aaron and his remaining sons from fear. This day (Yom Kippur) is a reflection of Christ on the cross (Heb. 9:24-26). It included:

- Purification of Priests and blood on the mercy seat
- Casting of Lots
- Purification of the People and blood on the mercy seat
- The Scape Goat

What might God be telling us as far as an invitation to come into His Presence?

5. Read Lev. 16:29-30

Discuss the phrase "*afflict yourselves and do no work...*". How is this an offense to our hidden pride? What might be some current safeguards like the Day of Atonement, for us to practice that can keep us humble before God? (see also Rev. 3:17-18).

Message Slides

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Theme- You Shall Be Mine

Big Idea- Pride is destructive

A. Proud Mistakes

Unholy Fire- (*"unauthorized"*) - Lev. 10:1-4

"Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it and laid incense on it and offered unauthorized fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them. ²And fire came out from before the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. ³Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord has said: 'Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.'" And Aaron held his peace."

The Story

See image of Mt. Sinai

See Image of Incense

Ex. 30:9, 34-38

"You shall not offer unauthorized incense on it, ... Take sweet spices...stacte, onycha, galbanum...pure frankincense...(of each shall there be an equal part) and make an incense blend...It shall be for you holy to the Lord. Whoever makes any like it to use as perfume shall be cut off from his people."

B. Humble Mistakes (Lev. 10:12-20)

"Moses spoke to Aaron and to Eleazar and Ithamar, his surviving sons: "Take the grain offering that is left of the Lord's food offerings, and eat it unleavened beside the altar, for it is most holy. ...

¹⁶Now Moses diligently inquired about the goat of the sin offering, and behold, it was burned up! And he was angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, ..., saying, ¹⁷"Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the place of the sanctuary, since it is a thing most holy and has been given to you that you may bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the Lord? ¹⁸Behold, its blood was not brought into the inner part of the sanctuary. You certainly ought to have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded." ¹⁹And Aaron said to Moses, "Behold, today they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the Lord, and yet such things as these have happened to me! If I had eaten the sin offering today, would the Lord have approved?" ²⁰And when Moses heard that, he approved."

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C. Levitical Law (Lev. 11-15)

5 Sacrifices- My felt needs in loving God.

Laws- My felt needs in loving others.

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Eating Land Animals	Lev. 11:1-8
Eating Seafood	Lev. 11:9-12
Eating Birds	Lev. 11:13-19
Eating Insects	Lev. 11:20-23
Touching carcasses	Lev. 11:24-28
Swarming things (eat; touch; polluted water)	Lev. 11:29-38
Pollution from clean animals	Lev. 11:39-40
Purification after Childbirth	Lev. 12
Laws about Leprosy	Lev. 13-14:32
Laws for cleansing houses	Lev. 14:33-57
Laws about Bodily Discharges	Lev. 15

Laws in the Bible

Laws- see illustration

What's the deal with clean/unclean?

Lev. 12:8 "and the priest shall make atonement for her..." (purification after childbirth)

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1 Cor. 15:42-43; 50

"So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ...flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God..."

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Lev. 11:44-45

"Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy...don't defile yourselves...

I brought you up out of the land of Egypt..."

What does that mean for me today?

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Romans 14:17- "For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit."

Big Idea- Pride is destructive**Lev. 16- The Day of Atonement- My need for regular presentation**

"The Lord spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before the Lord and died, and the Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron your brother not to come at any time into the Holy Place inside the veil, before the mercy seat that is on the ark, so that he may not die. For I will appear in the cloud over the mercy seat. But in this way Aaron shall come into the Holy Place:"

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1. Purification of Priests – mercy seat.
2. The casting of lots.
3. Purification of the people- mercy seat.
4. The scapegoat is offered.

The Day of Atonement in the NT

Heb. 9:24-26

"For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Big Idea- Pride is destructive, but safeguards will protect me.

Lev. 16:29-30

"And it shall be a statute to you forever ..., you shall afflict yourselves and shall do no work, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you. For on this day shall atonement be made for you to cleanse you. You shall be clean before the Lord from all your sins."