

# Leviticus the Key to God's Presence

## Leviticus

"The book of Leviticus is about God opening up a way for his rebellious people to live in proximity to his holiness despite their sin and rebellion." ~Tim Mackie

**Main Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Obstacles to understanding Leviticus:

• **The Bible was not written \_\_\_\_\_,** \_\_\_\_\_  
Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Moses could not enter the tent of meeting because the cloud had settled on it, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Ex 40:34-35

• **We don't understand the \_\_\_\_\_ :** \_\_\_\_\_  
Holy practices/Rituals (1-7)  
    Holy Priesthood (8-10)  
        Holy People/Purity (11-15)  
            Day of Atonement (16)  
            Holy People/Moral Purity (17-20)  
            Holy Priesthood (21-22:16)  
Holy Practices/Rituals (22:17-25:55)

• **We don't understand the \_\_\_\_\_**  
Rituals without meaning are \_\_\_\_\_

Rituals should not to be seen primarily as rules and regulations, a barrier between man and God, but rather a \_\_\_\_\_ drawing us towards him

Some find that liturgy stifles spontaneity and enthusiasm, and serves as an obstacles to their internal religious experience. Others enjoy freedom within liturgy because they feel more at ease not confused by what is about to happen. ~Bruce Waltke

### Day of Atonement

Then he shall take the two goats and set them before the Lord at the entrance of the tent of meeting. And Aaron shall cast lots over the two goats, one lot for the Lord and the other lot for Azazel. Lev 16:7-8

"He shall then slaughter the goat for the sin offering for the people and take its blood behind the curtain and do with it as he did with the bull's blood: He shall sprinkle it on the atonement cover and in front of it. In this way he will make atonement for the Most Holy Place because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the

Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the tent of meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness. Lev 16:15-16

"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life." Lev 17:11

**at-one-ment** - כפר ka-phar (verb)

Cover , to afford protection or security; to hide from sight or knowledge; to cover over as with a lid.

Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and **cover** it inside and out with **pitch**. Gen 6:14

And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness. The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness. Lev 16:21-22

As far as the east is from the West, so far does he remove our transgressions from us" Ps. 103:2

### Leviticus provides the key to coming into God's Presence

The Lord spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying Num1:1

### \_\_\_\_\_ key to coming into God's Presence

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Cor 5:21

### Next Steps:

- Accept Jesus as your Savior.
- Remember the Goat! Remind yourself that whatever guilt, sin, or shame, has been taken away by Christ on the cross.
- Invite someone into the presence of God.