



Class 5 – 9.19.18

Reading:

Day 1 - Psalm 5, Leviticus 9

Day 2 - Psalm 32, Leviticus 10

Day 3 - Psalms 75, 76, Leviticus 17-20

Day 4 - Psalm 84, Leviticus 23-26

Day 5 - Psalms 96, 99

Reflection:

1. It is hard for us to identify with the animal sacrifices we are reading about. Think about the messiness of this process. Think about the heartbreak you may feel for the animal. Put yourself in the scene and in their shoes. What does this tell you about the way God feels about sin? How will it change how you treat the seriousness of your sin?
2. We have seen in Exodus and Leviticus that God ordains and even commands rest. How are you doing in this area of your life? Do you make time to rest and refresh yourself? Really think about it and seek God on how to incorporate His rest in your busy life.
3. What was the purpose of the priests? Why do we no longer have priests? (Hints: 1 Peter 2:5-9, Matthew 27:51, Hebrews 4:14-16, 1 Timothy 2:5)
4. Read the description of “atonement” and sacrifice in Leviticus 17:11-12: how does it highlight both God’s justice and mercy at the same time?

5. (After reading Leviticus 18-20) In these laws about moral purity, notice the emphasis put on sexual purity and social justice. Notice how living by these laws would set Israel apart from all other nations (see especially Leviticus 18:1-5). Why does God call his people to holiness in these areas specifically?
6. (After reading Leviticus 23-25) Notice the emphasis put on calendar rhythms and how important they are to help God's people remember who they are and who God is. Do you have any rhythms of this kind in your life? Why or why not?
7. How is God's holiness both good and dangerous at the same time? (Remember the sun)
8. Read 1 Peter 2:1-10: How do all the images of temple, holiness, priests, and the church come together? What does this reveal about God's holiness? How does this raise the bar of holiness for a follower of Jesus? Read aloud: 1 Peter 2:1-10.
9. The Israelites were set apart for God's purpose to show the rest of the world how to live before their Holy God. What does it mean to be set apart for God's purposes today? How are you set apart? Are you ready to be used for His purposes?

Extra Credit:

Watch Leviticus video from the Torah series:

<https://thebibleproject.com/videos/torah-leviticus/>