

Mark Tough - Sunday 15th November - Leviticus 1-7 Part 1

What we've learnt so far about Leviticus

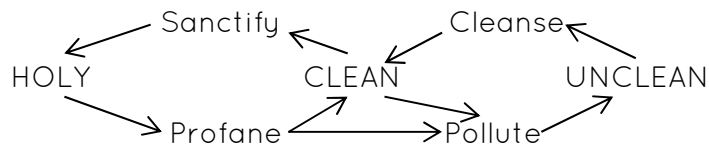
a) *It is a part of the (now obsolete) covenant between God and the people of Israel*

b) *It contains laws that the people of Israel were to keep as a part of this covenant with God*

c) *The goal of Leviticus is holiness*

- *A right standing before God*
- *A life of wholehearted obedience*

What Leviticus says about how sinners could have a Holy standing before God



1) The Burnt Offering – Lev 1 & 6:8-13

a) *The Purpose* - Leviticus 1:4

To divert God's wrath from the sinner so there could be peace between the sinner and God.

b) *The Procedure*

- Offerings could include young bulls, male sheep or goats, or pigeons or doves.
- None of these offerings could be defective.
- With the exception of the birds, the sinner was required to slaughter their offerings.
- The blood of these offerings was to be caught and thrown against the altar by the priest.
- All the pieces of the offering would be placed on the altar to be burnt up completely.

c) *How Jesus fulfils this offering* - Romans 3:23-25a, Ephesians 5:1-2, 1 Peter 1:18-19

2) The Grain Offering - Lev 2 & 6:14-23

a) *The Purpose*

To communicate thankfulness to God and the desire to preserve the covenant through obedience.

b) *The Procedure*

- Normally offered after the burnt offering OR at harvest time.
- The offering could be cooked or uncooked.
- A portion was set aside for God and burnt while the rest went to the priests.
- Salt was added to express a desire to preserve the covenant.

c) *How Jesus fulfils this offering* - Hebrews 10:5-7

3) The Fellowship Offering Lev 3 & 7:11-36

a) *The Purpose*

To enable those at peace with God to celebrate God's goodness to them in God's presence. They were made:

- to express thanksgiving to God
- as a result of a fulfilled vow
- to rejoice in God (freewill offering)

b) *The Procedure*

- Male or female cattle, sheep or goats without defect could be offered.
- The only parts of the animal that were offered to God on the altar were:
 - all the fat that covers the inner parts or is connected to them
 - both the kidneys with the fat on them near the loins
 - the covering of the liver
- The breast and the right thigh went to the priests
- The remainder of the offering would be eaten by the offerer and their supporters in the courtyard of the Tent of Meeting.

c) *How Jesus fulfils this offering* - Luke 14:13-15

4) Principles from these offerings that we can apply to our lives today

a) *We can never approach God on the basis of our goodness*

b) *Rejoicing, thanksgiving and dedication are fitting responses to our peace with God*

Homework

Read the sections of Leviticus 4-7 that refer to the Sin (or Purification) Offering and the Guilt Offering. As you read these sections ask yourself 2 questions about each offering: 1) What's unique about this offering? 2) What's the purpose of this offering?