



## **Approaching a Holy God: Leviticus 1 - 27**

### **Lesson 38 Visuals**

- **Exodus ends with a problem. Moses was unable to enter the Tent of Meeting.**
- **The presence of God was inside the Tent of Meeting.**
- **The sin of the Israelites needed to be dealt with before Moses could enter the Tent of Meeting.**
- **Leviticus is a record of God's instructions for the Israelites.**
- **The Israelites were camped at Mt. Sinai when God gave all these instructions.**



- **The Israelites were camped out there at Mt. Sinai for one year.**
- **These instructions were to help the Israelites deal with their sin and become holy.**
- **The Israelites needed to become holy so that a Holy God could live among them.**
- **God is just so He must punish those guilty of sin.**
- **In the book of Leviticus, God gave instructions that an animal could be a substitute and receive punishment for sin instead of the person who committed the sin.**



- **God is still just and must punish those guilty of sin. But today, Jesus Christ is available to be our substitute and take the punishment for our sin.**
- **The Day of Atonement was one day every year when the High Priest went into the Most Holy Place and spoke with the Lord at the Mercy Seat.**
- **On the Day of Atonement, the High Priests asked the Lord to give mercy and forgive the sins of the Israelites.**



- **Only the High Priest was allowed to go into the Most Holy Place and it was only once per year on the Day of Atonement.**
- **All these instructions were given by God so that the Israelites could be holy.**
- **The priests were held to an even higher standard than the rest of the Israelites.**
- **Aaron's two older sons were Nadab and Abihu. Nadab and Abihu disobeyed God and did not follow God's instruction for their work as priests.**



- **Right after they sinned, Nadab and Abihu approached the presence of God and fire came out from the Lord's presence and killed them.**
- **It is dangerous for a sinful person to approach a holy God.**
- **If Nadab and Abihu had feared the Lord, they would have obeyed God.**
- **The Lord God said, "I will demonstrate My holiness to those who are near Me and I will reveal My glory before all people."**



- **Eleazar and Ithamar replaced Nadab and Abihu as priests. They were Aaron's younger sons, the younger brothers of Nadab and Abihu.**

- **The key verse in Leviticus is Lev. 11:44 "I am the Lord your God, consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy."**

- **The Lord God says in Leviticus 11:44, "Be holy, because I am holy."**

**God gave the Israelites food laws. They were not allowed to eat pork or shellfish.**



- **The Jewish food laws kept the Israelites separate from the neighboring nations.**
- **God wanted the Israelites to be separate from the other nations because those other nations worshipped what idols.**
- **God instructed Israelites to celebrate seven annual feasts.**
- **The Israelites learned to take God's command seriously and follow God's instructions.**
- **Numbers, the next book, tells us that God's instructions solved their sin problem.**



- **Numbers 1:1 says “The Lord spoke to Moses in the Tent of Meeting in the Desert of Sinai.”**
- **God spoke to Moses in the Tent of Meeting.**
- **Once the Israelites sin problem was dealt with, Moses was able to enter the Tent of Meeting and a Holy God was able to live among the Israelites.**