

# DAILY BIBLE READING PLAN

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## 02.05.2023 WEEK 5 NOTES:

This past week, you've finished **Exodus 33 - Leviticus 13**. Here are a few highlights:

- **Exodus 33 - 40:** The end of Exodus is about the construction and use of the Tabernacle and the garb of the High Priest and his sons, the priests. This was Israel's mobile worship facility. **The one thing to note more than any other, in my opinion, is how often the worship, garb, utensils, etc. are all called "holy."** It's a lost word in our culture about God. In rereading this anew, I'm more than ever convinced that **God's major characteristic may be his holiness.** The word means "*set apart, different.*" God is different than we are, for he is pure and sinless. He called the Israelites to be a holy people, different from the godless cultures surrounding them.
- **Leviticus 1 - 9:** Leviticus is a difficult book to read. What you need to remember is that **Jesus's cross abrogated/fulfilled each one of the sacrifices.** In **Leviticus 1-9** are the sacrifices demanded by God. The purpose of each one is to "**make atonement**" (note how often those two words are used) for their sins: (the burnt offering - the grain offering - the sin offering - the guilt offering - the ordination offering that set apart Aaron and his sons as priests - and the peace offering.

Each was done throughout the day for the people to **deal with their sins.** Note the animals they were to bring were to be "without blemish", thus **setting the stage of Jesus**, the perfect, unblemished Lamb of God who forever takes away the sins of the world. That's why these sacrifices are no longer needed. **Jesus satisfied each one on the cross.**

- **Leviticus 10:** This chapter is important to read more closely. Aaron's sons bring "unauthorized" or strange, unnatural fire before God. **They are immediately killed.** This chapter shows God's total holiness and how casually coming into this presence, or being drunk with wine (**verse 9**), is totally unacceptable and it costs them their lives. **Remember how holy God is and how sinful we are.** Our culture has forgotten "*the fear of the Lord.*" **That's why we need Jesus.** The only alternative is to be rejected by God in our unholy state. **Bottom line:** Aaron's sons were casual, they didn't do it as God clearly instructed, and later it seems that they may have even been drunk with alcohol. Again, only forgiven, clean people can come into God's presence (for us, that's why Jesus and the cross are essential and how the Old Testament gives us insight into the New).

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- **Leviticus 11 - 13:** Here, we have clean and unclean instructions about sacrificed animals, food and clothing laws, childbirth, leprosy, and housing laws. Here is what you ***need to remember*** about all these laws.

## **There are three divisions of laws in Leviticus:**

**1. Ceremonial laws:** all the burnt, peace, grain, etc offerings. They are all abrogated through the cross and Jesus. Therefore, **NOT applicable to us.**

**2. Civil laws:** given to Israel as a theocracy in that land. Fulfilled in Jesus and **NOT applicable to us.**

**3. Moral laws:** rooted in the Ten Commandments, God's nature, his "testimony" (why put in the ark of the covenant), his holiness described in them and ARE applicable to us. Jesus said so. As do other NT writers. **God's love and redemption always produce an obedient, moral, HOLY people living in and surrounded by a godless culture. Christians especially!**