

## Leviticus - January 29, 2012

### Sins and Sacrifices

The first five chapters of this book deal with sacrifices that would be offered by Israelites to obtain forgiveness for their transgressions. How were the sacrificial duties divided between the Israelite and the priest?

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Even in the "first family" of the priesthood, there was abuse of their privileges and responsibilities. God's punishment, as always, was perfectly matched to the crime. Describe the events of Leviticus 10:1-7.

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Ceremonial cleanliness was important in the lives of Israelites, but there were many things that could cause a person to become "unclean" besides diseases like leprosy. What are some of the other situations that would cause ceremonial uncleanness?

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How does the description of the priest's actions on the Day of Atonement compare with the description of Hebrews 9?

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God's requirements for personal holiness in Israel touched on just about every area of life. Under our current dispensation, we are not held to these specific rules given to Israel, but they still offer valuable insights into God's standards and character. Can you identify any of the requirements of chapters 17-26 that no longer apply and explain why?

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Blood is often considered a distasteful subject and in some churches it is hardly ever mentioned. In Leviticus, blood is mentioned frequently. This important theme runs through the Bible from beginning to end and is critical to our understanding of God's plan of salvation. How do the references to blood add to our understanding of blood's significance in God's plan?

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