

Our Desperate Need For a Perfectly Holy Mediator

Introduction:

- A. *Genesis* we can understand, and *Exodus* we can follow, but why would we want to read *Leviticus*?
- B. It's vital to remember that *Leviticus* is a part of a much larger story.
- C. "How in the world can the holy King of the universe dwell among sinful and impure people?"
- D. Answer? *Leviticus*, which:
 - 1. Explains the _____ that address sin and enable worship of the King (1-7).
 - 2. Provides the people with _____ to intercede and lead in worship of the King (8-10).
 - 3. Gives the people _____ to teach them how to deal properly with impurity (11-15).
 - 4. Provides a yearly _____ to remove every last ounce of sin from the kingdom (16).
 - 5. Details a whole series of laws to direct the people in _____ living as God's people (17-27).

I. When God's Holiness is Not Reverently Regarded

- A. *Leviticus 10* tells of two men who became dangerously indifferent to God's holiness.
- B. In effect, the surviving priests become paralyzed.

II. In Jesus, All of the Levitical Shadows, Illustrations and Types Find Their Fulfillment

- A. The truth is, none of us reverently regard God's holiness and our calling as we should.
- B. Jesus alone offered up the sacrifice of obedience that our heavenly King deserves.
- C. In doing so, he functioned as both the offering and the high priest!

HEBREWS	DIFFERENCE	O.T. HIGH PRIESTS	JESUS
7:23-24	_____	Many priests	Only one priest
7:23-24; 9:12	_____	Temporary	Permanent, eternal
7:27; 9:12	_____	Sacrificed daily	Sacrificed once for all
7:26-27	_____	Sinful sinners	Holy, innocent, unstained
7:26-27	_____	Offered sacrifices also for themselves	Offered sacrifices only for others
7:27; 9:11-14	_____	Offered sacrificial animals	Offered up himself
9:11-12	_____	Entered a man-made tent	Entered the greater tent
9:11-12	_____	Entered by means of the blood of animals	Entered by means of his own blood

Conclusion:

There is now no need to be paralyzed before the holy King of the universe!