



Sermon Discussion Guide

A PLEASING AROMA

Leviticus 1

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Big Idea: Only by the sacrifice of Jesus Christ can an unholy people dwell with a holy God.

Structure of the Book of Leviticus

- chs 1-7 Sacrifices
- chs 8-10 Consecration of Priests
- chs 11-15 Clean & Unclean Regulations
- chs 16 Day of Atonement
- chs 17-27 various laws of holiness

1. Do you have a room in the house that always stays clean and “holy”?
2. **Theme of Leviticus:** “How can an unholy people dwell in the midst of a holy God? Or, how can a holy God dwell in the midst of an unholy people?” Did you learn anything new about the Book of Leviticus after the sermon on Sunday?¹
3. **World’s Story vs. Bible’s Story:** “Our world tells us a story about how to find maximum fulfillment, and how to find self-expression. The story in the Bible is how a holy God can dwell in the midst of an unholy people.” How does the Book of Leviticus inform how we live as Christians in the *present* world?
4. **God is Holy:** Read Exodus 40:34-35. Even Moses couldn’t go into the Tent of Meeting. In the sermon, Kevin said, “We have such a light and trifling view of God.” How does Leviticus differ from modern notions of God?
5. **Evangelism:** Kevin said, “It may be that we need to start our evangelism with Leviticus.” Why is it so important that God’s holiness be a part of sharing the Gospel?
6. **Christ.** Read Eph 5: 2. “Just as the worshiper would lay his hand on that animal, so you and I lay our hands on Jesus’s head.” How do the sacrifices in Leviticus point to Christ? (Feel free to use other Scripture references)
7. *Reflection:* Take time to reflect on the last month. How has God answered prayer over the holidays? How have you seen God’s faithfulness in 2022?

¹ Note on the chiasm structure of the Pentateuch, with Leviticus in the center. Here is Kevin’s description: Genesis is about where the family of Israel came from. Deuteronomy is about where the family is going. Genesis ends with blessing & death of the patriarch Abraham. Deuteronomy ends with blessing & death of the patriarch Moses. Exod and Numbers same in length and themes. Both have desert journeys, apostasy, and plagues.