



Sermon Discussion Guide¹

Leviticus 21-22 | Kevin DeYoung

“For I am the LORD Who Sanctifies Them”

Sunday Morning, May 21, 2023

Outline ~ 3 Lessons:

- (v. 1-9) A leader must be set apart.
 - (v. 10-15) A leader must be above reproach.
 - (v. 16-24) A leader must be a model of integrity.
1. **Pastor:** Spurgeon said, “A holy minister is an awful weapon in the hand of God.” Can you think of a pastor (present or past) whose life and ministry has encouraged you to pursue godliness?
 2. **Set Apart:** Verses 1-9 are meant to emphasize that the high priest is to be set apart. Read Titus 1:6-9. How are elders called to be set apart in the church?
 3. **Valuing Holiness:** “It is likeness to Jesus that matters more than abilities, resources, knowledge, or gifts.”
 - a. Do you think most evangelical churches today value the holiness of their elders? Why or why not?
 - b. What things can we be tempted to prioritize over personal holiness when it comes to our elders?
 4. **Congregation:** Read Heb 13:17-18. What can we as a *congregation* do to encourage our pastors/elders in fulfilling their calling?²
 5. **Prayer:** Kevin said, “*Physical* wholeness was to be a picture of *spiritual* wholeness” in ancient Israel. “Part of what it communicated (...) is that when you are a priest, God is giving you not just a job, but he is claiming the totality of your life.” How can we be praying for our pastors?
 6. **Christ:** In Lev 21, twelve defects could disqualify the sacrifice and twelve defects could disqualify the sacrificer. This points to Jesus: the perfect sacrifice and the perfect High Priest.
 - a. What challenges are facing you this summer?
 - b. How does having the final sacrifice and the perfect Priest give you strength?

¹ SDGs are available every Monday evening on the small groups page of the church website.

² For more, see *Fight for Your Pastor* by Peter Orr. Available in the Book Nook.