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Before today's sermon, what were your impressions about Leviticus? How personally familiar were you with the words of Leviticus, versus simply what other people say about it?

What is "chronological snobbery," and how does it apply to modern claims about Leviticus?

UNDERSTANDING THE CONTEXT OF LEVITICUS

Who wrote Leviticus? For whom was it written? ...and under what circumstances?

Given this context, how can we understand Leviticus differently?

Leviticus 18:1-5

The Lord said to Moses, 'Speak to the Israelites and say to them: I am the Lord your God. You must not do things like they are done in the land of Egypt, where you used to live. And you must not do things like they are done in the land of Canaan, where I am bringing you. You must not follow the practices of those places. No, my regulations and my rules are the ones you must keep by following them: I am the Lord your God. You must keep my rules and my regulations; by doing them one will live; I am the Lord.'

LEVITICUS IS A _____
ABOUT A GOD WHO WANTS _____!

"...keep my rules...by doing them one will live..."

In what ways are Levitical laws about the health and well-being of the people?

Why was this so important?



Do you consider your physical health to be a factor in your spiritual life?

How, specifically, does your bodily well-being (or lack thereof) affect your soul?

So, many laws in Leviticus were handed down to encourage people to make choices that lead to longer, healthier lives. If Leviticus were rewritten for Christians living in 21st Century Houston, what kinds of laws can you imagine being handed down to encourage us to lead longer, healthier lives?

In what ways do modern, educated people carry forward the notions presented in Leviticus of 'clean' and 'unclean'?

How does Jesus' ministry reflect the Levitical concept of "healthy bodies, healthy souls"?

1 Corinthians 6:19 - "Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your bodies."

What does it mean to you to treat your body like the home of God? How are you doing? How could you do better?

As a community we are taking on this 30 Day Leviticus Challenge to pursue healthier, holier, and happier lives. Look at the 30 Day Leviticus Challenge postcard, and write here about what you're planning to do this month to pursue health, holiness, and happiness in God: