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 Part 2: Holiness

Follow-Up

Sooo...how's the 30 Day Challenge treating you so far? What are you doing differently? In light of last week's message about the relationship between spirituality and physical well-being, how are you committed to caring for your body and mind?

Qadesh

What phrase is repeated most often in Leviticus?

What comes to mind when you hear the words "holy" and "holiness"? What do you think the average non-religious person thinks when they hear the word "holy"?

What does Leviticus (and the rest of the Bible) say about holiness? What is it, and why should it matter to us today? (see: Leviticus 19:2, Exodus 3:5, Isaiah 35:1-8, Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 1:15-16, 1 Peter 2:9)

Do our preconceived notions about holiness line up with how the Bible defines it?

Holiness isn't about _____.

Real holiness is:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

A Cut Above

In Leviticus and throughout Scripture, God calls us to be different, set apart for a purpose. Believers should eat, drink, have sex, prioritize, welcome strangers, and spend our time and money *differently* (Remember last week's scripture focus from Lev. 18: "You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not follow their statutes. My ordinances you shall observe and my statutes you shall keep, following them: I am the Lord your God."). How does your life look any different from the lives of unbelievers?



Leviticus 20:22-24, 26 - "You must keep all my rules and all my regulations, and do them so that the land I am bringing you to, where you will live, won't vomit you out. You must not follow the practices of the nations that I am throwing out before you, because they did all these things and I was disgusted with them. But I have told you, 'You will certainly possess the fertile land; I am giving it to you to possess. It is a land full of milk and honey.' I am the Lord your God, who has separated you from all other peoples. You must be holy to me, because I the Lord am holy, and I have separated you from all other peoples to be my own."

Does being holy and set apart mean not interacting with secular culture and people who don't believe? Why or why not?

Jesus and Holiness

Did the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus make Leviticus obsolete? How can we be sure? (See: Matthew 5:17-20 and Matthew 5:48)

Throughout his famous Sermon on the Mount, how did Jesus call his followers toward deeper holiness?

How are you striving to reflect God's character in your daily life?

...to separate yourself from sin and evil?

...and to be more self-controlled?

FYI: THE STRUCTURE OF LEVITICUS

<u>Chapters</u>	<u>Key Themes</u>
1-7	Prescriptions for various sacrifices (how to make amends, be forgiven, and/or reinstated)
8-10	Ordination instructions for Israel's first priests
11-15	Clean vs. Unclean: various health codes, food laws, quarantine protocols
16	Day of Atonement (The Cornerstone of Leviticus)
17-20	Clean vs. Unclean, Part 2: holiness codes, sex laws, prescribed punishments for sin
21-22	Further instructions for Israel's priests
23-25	Prescriptions for festivals, sacrifices, and offerings unto the Lord
26-27	Final instructions

THE 30 DAY

Leviticus
CHALLENGE

CHASING THE GOD LIFE

