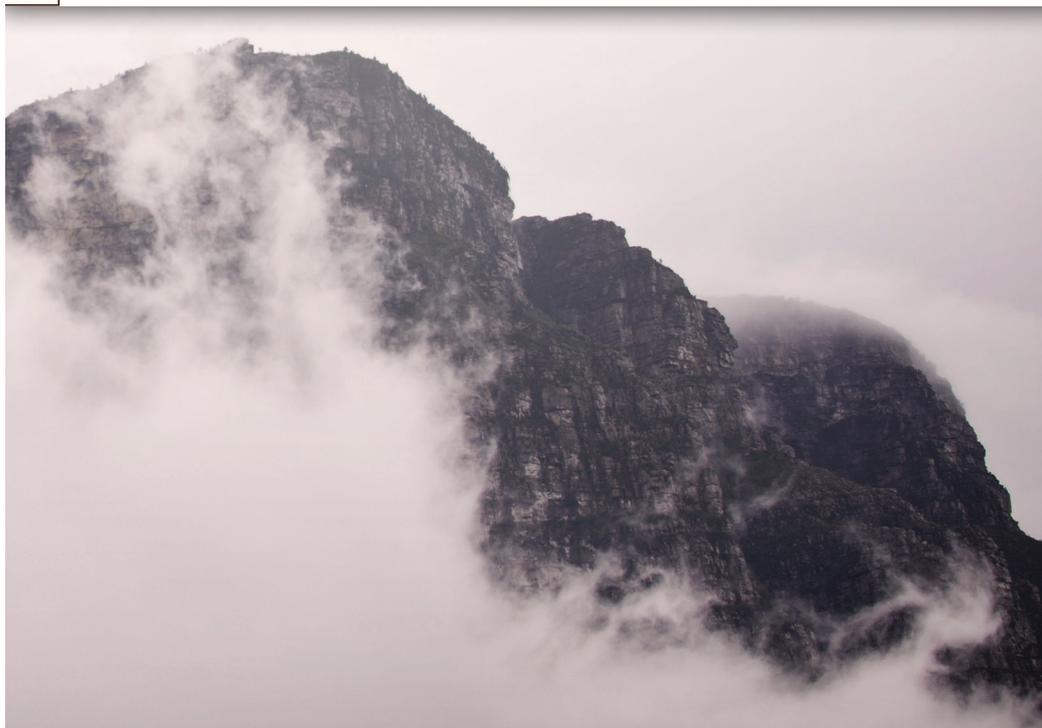


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**DAY 1****INTRODUCTION**

Congratulations! You have chosen to not avoid the Leviticus edition of foundations! As a reward you will be blessed, you will prosper, and be trained for righteousness so you can be competent and equipped for every good work! (See Psalm 1 and 2 Timothy 3:16-17) Plus, with the right heart you will see how the entire book of Leviticus was written in a tone of sincere Fatherly love. Yes, this book is full of laws and commands but keep in mind that God was forming a people group wholly unto Himself in the midst of pagan nations. Israel was to be a lampstand, a bright nation and that would make Yahweh's name famous among the surrounding peoples. He wanted to send a powerful message to not only Israel but to other nations as well that He alone was and is the one true, living God. He made it *very* clear to the Israelites that they were to be holy just as the He was Holy and were to be completely set apart to Him and for Him, partaking in NONE of the practices that the pagans preformed around them.

Even though Israel may have appeared to be the weaker nation in regards to the amount of wars fought (none), land conquered (none), rules and regulations for how to run a successful government (none), they did have someone no one else did – Yahweh. See the thing about having a sovereign, and omnipotent God establishing and defending you is that you're bound to succeed. God gave them all the laws and guidelines they would need to be a successful nation blessed and upheld by Him. There are a total of 613 laws and they can be divided into four different categories: moral laws, ceremonial laws, civil laws and separation laws. 613 laws may seem a lot, but consider the fact that these are *all* the laws to govern an entire country! That's not so many compared to the amount of laws we have today to govern our country, and we've been around for hundreds of years!

So if Leviticus was written for a specific people group in a specific time period, how is this practical for us today? This edition of foundations was written with that exact question in mind. If you flip through the devotional booklet, you should notice several things. First, each day has its own topic and some have multiple suggested readings; one reading from Leviticus plus another passage to enforce the message behind the first reading. Also, since it's a topical devotional you will not be reading Leviticus straight through. There will be some jumping around day by day, but at the end of this booklet you will have read through the entire book of Leviticus. If this is your first time approaching Leviticus from a devotional stand point, reading it through topically will hopefully shed some more understanding into Gods heart and tone behind this book, which has always been love.

**JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. Are you at all hesitant about reading the book of Leviticus? Do you have any pre-conceived notions about this book? Ask God for a heart of understanding as you go through this devotional. Ask Him to highlight verses in your spirit that He wants to speak to you about as you go through this book with Him.
2. One of the key themes in Leviticus is holiness (which means 'set apart'). If you are one who doesn't shy away from marking up your bible, take a coloured pencil crayon and every time you read the word 'holy,' highlight it. Try using a color you don't typically use so that it will stand out. Once you are finished Leviticus you can flip through the book and you will be amazed at how many times that word appears! (92 times!)
3. Read and meditate on Leviticus 19:2. This verse is short yet powerful when we take the time to think about the standard God is calling us to and will equip us if we choose to obey. If you are not used to meditating, one great approach that you can use is the

S.C.O.O.P method which is found below.

**S – Scripture:** Read over the passage of scripture.

**C—Confession:** Confess any sin that the Holy Spirit reveals to you from your Bible reading. Ask Him to show you any other areas of sin that you need to take care of.

**O—Observation:** Write down the things that the Lord is teaching you or telling you from your scripture reading.

**O—Obedience:** Write down the things that God is asking you to do or obey as a result of your Bible reading.

**P—Prayer:** Pray that you will follow through on what He showed you today. Pray the scripture over yourself.

## DAY 2

 **READ:** Leviticus 1 & Psalm 15:5

### The Burnt Offering

The burnt offering was the most common sacrifice offered up to God by the nation of Israel. It appears that this was an offering that was given to make or show a commitment or re-commitment to God. Perhaps the reason it was offered so much was because people make and break their commitments all the time. Fortunately for us, we are blessed to be living under the New Covenant, and we no longer need to sacrifice an animal when we make or break a commitment. This is great news because we now live in a society where keeping ones commitment is seemingly growing more and more rare.

A sign of the last days is that people will be ‘lovers of themselves’ and this selfishness is a rampant epidemic in today’s culture. One way that this selfishness is manifesting is in the breaking of commitments. People no longer seem to care about keeping their commitments (or covenants for that matter) and what’s worse is that our technology today allows for such an ‘easy’ way out. Some people have a bad habit of cancelling last minute over text message, social media and e-mail without a guarantee that the other party will receive notification in time. As for keeping covenants, adultery and divorce are the normal statistics in over half of marriages nowadays, even though Jesus takes these covenants *very* seriously *especially* when done in and for His Name.

Whether it be by word or paper, when we say we are going to do something we need to do it even when the going gets tough. Now, obviously there is a time for not being able to keep our word (for example, if you get ill). How do you handle this? Do you give as much notice as you can, or do you cancel last minute without even trying to find someone to fill in for you? As followers of Christ, we need to be the first ones to keep our commitments—even when they hurt. After all, our perfect example kept His commitment to us, even unto death.

### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind a memory of a commitment you made to Him that brings Him great joy. Spend some time conversing with Him and allow Him to speak His praises into your heart. Ask Him why He delights in that particular commitment you made and where you are currently reaping the fruits of that commitment. Don’t rush this conversation! He may want you to just sit for a while and receive His love. Remember God is our Good Father and good parents love to praise their children when they do well!

2. Psalm 15:5 states that those who may ascend the hill of the Lord are those who “keep their promises even when it hurts” (NLT). Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind any commitments you made that you have not kept. Do you need to apologize to anyone? Confess as necessary.
3. If keeping commitments is something that you struggle with ask Jesus to help you in becoming a person of your word. You may not think keeping your RSVP for a friends get together is important, but if you can’t remain faithful in the seemingly small things, how will you ever know if Jesus can trust you with bigger assignments? Spend some time in prayer seeking Gods heart in this area of keeping your word.
4. If you’re interested in some further encouragement this particular area of keeping your word, Pastor Kris taught a wonderful message entitled “Oaths, Vows & Promises” from his series ‘Sermon on the Mount.’

## DAY 3

 **READ:** Leviticus 2 & Psalm 118:1

### The Grain Offering

Thankfulness is a trait practiced by both believers and unbelievers alike. Most commonly, thankfulness gets tossed under the label of “good manners,” and therefore can lose its true purpose and value. As humans, who are we to be ultimately thankful to? If thankfulness is a mannerism taught and expected in various cultures around the globe, shouldn’t this then point to something placed deep inside the human heart?

In the days when God was establishing Israel as a nation He made it clear that there was to be a distinction between thanking a human and thanking Yahweh. Not only was there to be a distinction between thanking a human and thanking God, they were NOT to thank or worship any other gods like the nations around them. This is exactly what the Grain offering was intended for; a thanksgiving offering to the one true God (Yahweh) and Him alone. By giving the Israelites a strict set of rules to follow for this particular offering, He was sending a powerful message to the nation of Israel as well as the pagan nations around them that giving thanks to Yahweh should be holy; that is, completely set apart from all other forms of thanksgiving. So when the Israelites would come to offer up the grain offering, they were partaking in something holy by thanking God for His divine provision that He alone could offer.

While we no longer need to offer up grain on an altar to show our thanks, God still has the same standard for His children today – our thanks should to Him should be holy; completely set apart from the “good manners” the rest of society occasionally follows yet thinks it’s always entitled to.

### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. During one of the prayer summits, Pastor Ray challenged each attendee to commit to one hour of thanksgiving prayer. If time allows, take up that challenge today (even if you have already). If this seems daunting or impossible to you, ask the Holy Spirit for a spirit of thanks. Start with smaller things that you are truly thankful for, and eventually the praise will flow right out of you—this is holy thanksgiving.

**DAY 4** **READ:** Leviticus 3, Isaiah 9:6 & Romans 5:1**The Peace Offering**

The peace offering deals with the specific issue of restoration between both an individual and the community within the nation of Israel. If any of the offerings required blood, it meant that this particular area (in this case peace and restoration) had been cut off or damaged when the fall of man occurred and some sort of atonement was needed. By establishing a law for a peace offering, God was sending a strong message that peace itself was under the curse of sin and in order for peace to be restored an unblemished life would be needed to make atonement. So the Israelites sacrificed animals in order to attain and establish peace within an individual's own life and in the community as a whole. Of course this was all just a foreshadow of the ultimate sacrifice that would finally allow the Prince of Peace Himself to dwell within us, but God still found it necessary to provide a substitute offering for people who wanted to put their faith in Him.

 **JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. Do you feel the Spirit of Peace dwelling within you, or do you find yourself often plagued by stress, fear, worries or anxiety? Having chaos of any sort in our heart is one way we can know that in some area of our life we are out of alignment with God. Allow God to search your heart and reveal any hidden area of chaos that He would like to deal with so you can experience a greater measure of His peace.
2. Replacing truth for lies and peace for chaos is an inheritance from the Lord if you are a child of His! Once He has shown you what it is He would like to deal with, move to the end of this booklet where you will find the steps for inner healing. Your answer from the above question will be the issue you are struggling with and will receive inner healing for. Complete the steps and write down your answers in your journal. If you need to do inner healing at any time throughout this devotional, you can refer to the inner healing resource guide found at the back of this booklet.

**DAY 5** **READ:** Leviticus 4-6:7**The Sin & Guilt Offering**

As believers living under the new covenant we should never cease to be thankful for Jesus' sacrifice for our sins. However, He also knows that we will never fully comprehend on this side of eternity what all took place as He hung there on the cross. If you have ever been on a Set Free Retreat or have done any sort of confession, you should know what it's like to feel that 'weight' of sin literally lift off your spirit.

Through faith in Christ we have the forgiveness of our sins and the removal of guilt as soon as we repent. This weight of sin that we feel today was also felt by mankind thousands of years ago. There are numerous reasons that God gave the ceremonial laws to Israel—yes the biggest reason was to point to the ultimate sacrifice of God's son, Christ Himself—but another reason was that the Israelites had no way to ease their guilty conscious! If God was going to hand them a moral law, He would also need to put into play a means for them to make themselves right with Him when they sinned. This is precisely why the sin and guilt offerings were instituted by God. Both offerings were similar in the way that they covered

unintentional sins only. They were different in regards to what *type* of sins they covered: the sin offering covered sins committed by man against God, and the guilt offering covered sins man committed against the holy things of God, and against other men (a great way to picture this is that the sin offering covered vertical sins, and the guilt offering covered horizontal sins). If they did sin against a fellow brother, they were also commanded to go and make restitution for the wrong they did against that person. God is just and when we can, we should make up for any wrong we have done to another human. If we have stolen something, not only should we return it if we can, but we should also pay for the item we have stolen. It is better to confess and repent from our sins on this side of eternity rather than to have to deal with them on judgement day when we no longer can do anything!

 **JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. Leviticus 5:4 states that if 'anyone utters with his lips a rash oath to do evil *or to do good*, any sort of rash oath that people swear' he is to confess his sin and offer up a sin offering. This would be considered a law that still applies to today. Rash vows for evil or for good are both considered a sin to God. Why do you think making a rash vow even with good intentions is sinful?
2. God loves confession, and He also loves when we go and make things right with others when we sin against them. Ask Jesus if there is anything that you need to confess Him. You may need to confess a sin that you committed against God or against another person. Confess as necessary and receive His forgiveness.
3. Do you need to go and make things right with someone? Perhaps you do and you already know exactly what you need to say or do. If you don't know what to do, ask Jesus what you can do to try and make things right. We are only responsible for our actions and our feelings. As long as you have obeyed Jesus, you do not need to worry about how the other person will act or respond. Any forgiveness or un-forgiveness on their part is an issue of their heart, not yours.

**DAY 6** **READ:** Hebrews 10:1-14 & Psalm 139:13-18**Offering Summary (how we can apply it to our lives today)**

Imagine knowing everything God knew when He said "let there be light." He already knew you by name, and your days were already marked out for you. He knew everything that you would say or think before you even existed in the physical. He also knew that you would rebel against Him and go astray, yet He still chose to say "let us make man in our image." Can you comprehend that kind of love and desire? God, knowing absolutely everything that would unfold over the next thousands of years still chose to create us because He had a desire to be in an intimate relationship with mankind. That is why He created us; to pour out His love upon us, so we could know him, and that He could dwell with us. Adam and Eve walked with God in the garden, and it wasn't until the fall that we were removed from His presence. So how does a Holy God fulfill his own desire to dwell among His now fallen creation? He himself provides them with every means to be right with Him. Right after Adam and Eve fell God did two powerful things to prophecy about how he would redeem mankind to Himself. First, he prophesied to Satan that Eve would bear a son that would eventually crush Satan's head (see Gen 3:15), and secondly the Lord himself preformed the first animal sacrifice to cover sin. We read that Adam and Eve had used fig leaves to cover their nakedness, but God handmade for Adam and Eve garments of

skin (see Gen 3:21). This was a prophetic picture to show that sin required a living sacrifice to make atonement, and that whoever had sinned would need to be covered by that sacrifice.

God then begins the redemptive process of mankind and chooses to turn one man into a Nation, and use his offspring as a lamp stand to make the His name known. He provided this people group with ceremonial laws that would provide means as a temporary substitute to attain peace with Him. The sacrifices helped people ease their guilty conscience and allowed people to worship God. Of course we now know that all the ceremonial laws were also foreshadowed God's ultimate provision—the sacrifice of His own Son, Jesus Christ. When Jesus died God had made a way for *all* to enter into a relationship with Him, and His Spirit could not only dwell among men, but *in* men. However it is only with His final return will the fullness of God be among His people. So until then, the Spirit and the bride say “come.”



### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. God has *always* provided a way for every single human to be right with Him. Accepting Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and asking Him into your life is the most important step, but it does not end there. We are still fallen and therefore most of us sin on a daily basis but yet again, God has provided us with important tools such as confession and forgiveness as another means to be right with Him. Spend some time in thanksgiving for Gods provision for us to be made right with Him.
2. Ask Jesus to show you what He was thinking when He was forming you in the womb. Allow Him to speak to you about how He desired you and knew you *before* you were even created.
3. Are you awed by the relentless pursuit of God towards those He loves? Even when we fall repeatedly He provides the means for us get back up and draw near again! Ask God for a deeper revelation of His love and pursuit of mankind since the beginning of time.

## DAY 7



**READ:** Leviticus 6:8-Leviticus 7

### Priestly Duties

Aaron and his descendants from the tribe of Levi were called to be High Priests that would intercede on behalf of the children of Israel. This was no small call and was considered a huge honour! The Priests were blessed by God in many different ways such as being given rights to have portions of certain offerings, communication with God, and being the spiritual leaders of God's people. The biggest blessing is when God is listing off the land that the different tribes are to inherit, the Levites don't receive any land. Instead God says that He Himself would be their inheritance. Wow!



### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. What do you think it means to have God as your own inheritance?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:9. This verse tells us that we are now a royal priesthood. What does this mean to you on a personal level? Spend some time in prayer asking Jesus to show you how you are and can continue to proclaim His greatness.

3. Because of the work that He completed on the cross, Jesus is now our high Priest and is daily making intercession for us (see Hebrews 4:14-16). Not only is He our perfect High Priest, but He is also able to sympathize with us in our weakness because He knows what it is like to have earthly struggles. Spend some time thanking God that we now have a perfect high priest who is for us.

## DAY 8



**READ:** Leviticus 8, 21-22:16

### Consecration of Priests

The Priests were called to a high standard of holiness. In order to present themselves before God they had to go through a process of consecrating themselves which included having specific body parts being covered by the blood of animals. After this intense process, they had to remain in the tent of meeting for seven full days and nights until their ordination as Priests was complete. The seriousness to which God placed on this process can be seen in Moses' warning to Aaron when he told him that they would die if they stepped outside before the ordination was complete.



### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. Looking over the process that the Priests went through to become consecrated before God, what can we learn about the Holiness of God from these passages of scripture?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:9. This passage calls *believers* a chosen race and a *royal priesthood!* Are you worthy of such a distinction? Ask the Lord to show you times in your life when He put you through a purification ritual or experience. Thank Him for that purifying time!
3. Praise the Lord that we don't have to have certain body parts covered in the blood of animals before we present ourselves to God! As believers we are now covered by the blood of Jesus and can therefore come boldly before his throne. Thank Jesus that this was always His plan from the beginning! He didn't want just one group of people who could approach Him, but He died so we all could be seen as holy and righteous in the eyes of the Father. We have been consecrated by His blood!

## DAY 9



**READ:** Leviticus 9, 10 & 22:17-30

### Acceptable Worship

Leviticus 9 & 10 are two chapters in which where we get to see Gods response to two different offerings. The first response is in chapter nine, and this is where we read that Aaron's offering was accepted by God. Aaron took careful care in following all the proper steps that God gave the priests when they present an offering to God and the fruit of his obedience was great. When God accepted the offering, He did so in the presence of all of Israel. Not only was God letting them know that the offerings were acceptable to Him, but He was also reinforcing the order He had instituted with the Levitical Priests. Not just anyone could offer up an offering in the tent of meeting, and not just anything could be offered up. With such a response from God, one would think to treat Him and the holy things of the temple with reverence. But in chapter ten we get to see how two of Aaron's sons decided to disobey and offer up their own sacrifice to God. Instead of God accepting

and burning up their offering, they were killed when the fire came and consumed them! This is what God meant when He said “I will display my holiness through those who come near me. I will display my glory before all the people.” (Leviticus 10:2 NLT) In both scenarios God was displaying His glory. He would accept worship from those who treated Him with reverence, and He would reject those who rejected Him.



## JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. Listening to worship music is just one aspect of engaging in worship with God. Worship is not limited to music alone. Worship is to be a lifestyle – when we act the way we were created to, that in itself is a form of worship. When a bird or an ant or anything else He created does nothing more than act true to their purpose, they are glorifying God! Spend some time engaging with the Father and how you bring Him glory by just being you.
2. Spend some time in confession. Are there any areas in your life that you are not glorifying God in? Do you have any negative attitudes towards any of your responsibilities such as work, chores, or ministry areas? Allow God to search your heart and point out any area that does not please Him. Confess if necessary and receive His forgiveness.
3. Christians should enjoy their lives. Miserable Christians are not going to attract anyone to the kingdom of God. Write out a list of things that you enjoy doing and ask Jesus for His heart of joy when you engage in that activity. When we have pure childlike enjoyment of a hobby or an activity, this too is a form of worship and is attractive to people who are living empty lives and are longing for joy, even in the simple things of life.

## DAY 10

 **READ:** Leviticus 11-13

### Separation Laws

The next two days will be spent on studying the separation laws that God gave the Israelites. While we no longer need to follow these laws today, there is an incredibly important principle that we can gain from these laws. How can we as believers today remain separate from the world around us? Surely we are not to hide under rocks and run away from anyone who doesn't believe in God. How would we ever win anyone for the kingdom that way? Rather than keep away from people, we are to engage with them yet remain separate to God. We are to live in the world, but not be of the world.

This was exactly the call God had on the Israelites. He was placing them in a land surrounded by pagans, but they were to be the shining that would make their God's name known, and it worked! If a foreigner did decide to become a follower of God, there were certain things that they had to agree to. They had to leave their former ways, and if they were male, they needed to be circumcised. God knew that Israel would attract foreigners, and He would allow them to join them but they had to separate themselves from their former ways completely.



## JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. Remaining separate from the ways of the world is not a suggestion for us, it is a command. We are not to engage in the ways of the world. Things like gossiping, complaining, and un-forgiveness are just some of the practices that are common around us. Ask Jesus for His strength to help you remain separate to Him as you go about your day. Also pray and ask God that He would continue to help you grow in remaining set apart to Him.
2. Praise the Lord we can now eat bacon! Yes, we no longer need to adhere to the food laws found in chapter 11, however there is another spiritual principle here. As believers what is our food? The Bible is full of imagery that pictures scripture as being our food. We know that Jesus is the Word of God, and that Word became flesh. Jesus Himself goes as far to tell us that we are to eat His flesh and drink His blood. Do you run to this spiritual food when your soul is empty, or do you fill yourself on the ‘food’ of the world? What sources do you tend to run to when you feel empty and starved?
3. Thank Jesus that His words are our food, and revive our souls.

## DAY 11

 **READ:** Leviticus 14-15

### Separation Laws

Today you will continue reading some more separation laws. Review yesterday's introduction and see if there are any more spiritual principles you can gain from the laws God gave the Israelites.



## JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. Review your previous day. Ask God to show you any areas that you remained separate to Him. Confess anything if necessary and receive any praise that He has for you.
2. Pray for the body of Christ as a whole. Pray that we would continue to set ourselves apart from the ways of the world, and that we would be a light to those who are around us.

## DAY 12

 **READ:** Read Leviticus 12 & 17:10-16

### Blood

Leviticus 17:11 states that ‘the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement for your life.’ (ESV) This is the reason that there are certain laws pertaining what to do with blood. It's not because God saw blood as dirty but rather the opposite. He places a large value on blood because that is what gives us both physical and spiritual life!

By making the Israelites treat issues that involved blood with care, He was again illustrating a picture of the redemptive work that was to take place in the future. Blood was not supposed to be treated as common because God would eventually shed His own Son's blood and we would be covered in it. Because of blood we are alive both physically and spiritually!

**JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. Thank Jesus' that He was willing to shed His blood so that you could live!
2. Write a list of all the benefits to the Cross that you can think of. After you are done ask the Holy Spirit to bring any scriptures to mind of further benefits that you may not have thought of. Spend some time in thanksgiving for these benefits.

**DAY 13****READ:** Leviticus 18, 20:10-21 & 15:16-18**Sexual Purity**

Sex is a good gift from God to mankind which was meant to be unwrapped only in the context of marriage between one man and one woman. But just like all things, the act of sex was subject to the fall and needed to be redeemed. Sex no longer was viewed as a sacred act between a man and wife but an act that could be done with anyone regardless of the genders involved. Men began having sex with men, and women were having sex with women. Orgies, cult prostitution, incest, adultery, rape, fornication, and bestiality were common practices among foreign nations. Since God was establishing a new nation that was to be wholly unto Him, they were to submit to God's laws regarding the act of sex. Not only did He give them lists of people with whom to avoid sex with (ex: family members) but what to do after they had sex. This was to keep them from bringing sex out of the bedroom and into public places. Pagans often mixed sex with their religious rituals in their places of worship, and to make sure that this didn't happen with the Israelites, once they engaged in sex they were considered unclean until the evening. In this case, the act of sex wasn't dirty, it was just to remain set apart from other aspects of life.

As for us, well we too live in a culture saturated with sex. The phrase 'sex sells' has taken the economy by storm and now sex is used to sell everything from gum to lawn fertilizer to cars. Porn is available to anyone on the internet, and you don't even have to go to an x-rated site to find it! We don't need to list all the ways in which we are subjected to sex outside of the will of God, we know it's bad. But again, God is calling us, His Bride to return and remain true to the original design of sex: a sacred act between a husband and wife.

**JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. Are there any areas of your life where you have been affected by or allowed sexual sin into your life? We can't always control what we see the first time, but we can overcome that temptation to give into that second glance. Spend some time in confession as needed.
2. Sex seems to be the Devil's ace card. It's what He pulls out when He needs an 'in' in the lives of humans. Throughout scripture we see that sex was a huge stumbling block for many godly men in the Bible. But women, let's not kid ourselves, we are affected by this too. The Devil has trumped many a man *and* women with his ace card. Spend some time in prayer asking God for supernatural protection against the enemy and his strategy of tripping us up with sex.
3. Pray for the body of Christ to purify themselves in the area of sex.

**DAY 14****READ:** Leviticus 19, 24:17-23

(\*NOTE: Read question 1 BEFORE reading through your daily reading)

**Various types of laws**

One big obstacle that people can't seem to overcome when reading through the Old Testament Law is a lack of understanding. Or perhaps a better way to put that phrase is the lack of good teaching and teachers of the Law. How much easier would it be to read some of the Old Testament books if some simple facts were taught to us first?!? For example, knowing that there are four different types of laws found within the book of Leviticus can make it easier for the reader to distinguish what laws are for today, and which laws were cancelled when Jesus' died on the cross. Below you will find a list of the four different types of laws along with a brief explanation of them (these explanations can be found in Southland's theological documents at [www.mysouthland.com](http://www.mysouthland.com)):

1. **Moral Laws:** These laws are eternal and can be summed up by 'love your neighbour as yourself.' It is a sin to break these laws, and they are still applied to believers today. Some samples of these laws would be 'do not murder,' 'do not commit adultery,' 'do not lie.'
2. **Ceremonial Laws:** These laws were temporary and their primary purpose was to act as a picture of the redemptive work Jesus was planning to do on the cross and are now cancelled. Some samples of these laws would be the laws for animal sacrifice and for priestly duties in the temple.
3. **Separation Laws:** The primary purpose of these laws was to keep the children of Israel separate and distinct from the Gentile people and they too are now cancelled. Some samples of these laws are the food and dietary laws, as well as circumcision.
4. **Civil Laws:** There were laws that were established specifically for the day-to-day life of Israelites and were broken down into four different categories: laws which apply universal moral principles to a culturally specific aspect of life, penalty laws, stewardship laws and mixing laws.

**JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. As you go through the scriptures, see if you can differentiate between the various types of laws. Which laws can be applied to your life today, and what can you learn from the others?
2. What do these laws teach about the character of God?
3. Spend some time thanking God for the good teachers we are blessed with at this Church.

**DAY 15****READ:** Leviticus 25 & 27**Various Types of Laws**

Today you will be reading two chapters again that fall under different categories of laws. If you need to, review the introduction from yesterday to refresh your memory.

**JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. As you go through the scriptures, see if you can differentiate between the various types of laws. Which laws can be applied or adapted to your life today?
2. What do these laws teach about the character of God?

**DAY 16****READ:** Leviticus 20:1-9**Pagan Rituals**

God takes human life *very* seriously. Every single human being is made in his image and carries a finger print of God right in their very DNA. One driving force in God's hatred towards the pagans worship rituals was precisely because it went against the very value He placed on life. Child sacrifice played a large role in how pagans worshiped their gods and received supernatural power. Not only were children being murdered in a torturous way, but it was done in and for the god of Molech.

Now obviously a statue can't move and in and of itself has no real power, so why was there a continual sacrifice being made to an idol? Because there were real demonic forces *behind* those idols who were receiving the worship, and therefore the pagans were experiencing real power. Now we know that not all power is from God, and we are to partake in nothing that is not of Him. God saw child sacrifice to idols as an abomination and the Israelites were to put to death anyone who sacrificed their child in a fire to a foreign god.

Unfortunately child sacrifice is *very* alive and well in today's society. In fact, it could never be higher. Abortion, murder (think about how many mass terrorist attacks there have been against institutions that shelter elementary children), child abandonment, child sex trafficking, neglect, abuse, and yes, there are still witch doctors around that still sacrifice babies to gain more spiritual power. The gods of today that children are sacrificed to may not be Molech, but still can be named: selfishness, greed, laziness, materialism, lust, idolatry and pride and just like the powers that were behind Molech there are real powers of darkness driving the different forms of child sacrifice.

**JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

1. Allow the Holy Spirit to speak freely to you about this area of child sacrifice. Don't be quick to assume that this is an area that does not affect you.
2. Another common practice among pagans was the interpreting omens, or fortunes. Just like child sacrifice is still a problem today, a lot of people still turn to different forms of fortune telling as well. As harmless as you may think these are, there is spiritual meaning behind a lot of these common practices today :
  - a. Chinese fortune cookie reading
  - b. Horoscopes
  - c. Using a magic ball
  - d. Superstitions ("knock-on-wood")

Our God is our protector, our provider and our good Shepard and He is all we need when it comes to our lives. Even as insignificant as some of the above appear, they are still a form of relying on other sources than God for a fortunate outcome. Spend some time in prayer asking God if there are any sources that you turn to besides Him for a fortunate outcome. Look over the provided list and if you need and confess if need be.

After you have confessed take authority over any spirits related to what you confessed and cast them away, in Jesus' name.

3. As believers in Christ our hearts should be moved when we read of such injustices like that of child sacrifice. If we won't intercede on behalf of these children, who will? Spend some time in intercession for the innocent children that are affected by the sins of today's age. Some issues that you can intercede for are abortion, murder, child sex trafficking, and the foster care system. Ask the Father for His heart when you are praying for these children who suffer from injustice.

**DAY 17****READ:** Leviticus 24:10-23**Holy Living: God is Holy**

This story tells us about the stoning of a man who blasphemed the Name of the Lord. **This was a BIG DEAL!** The God of Israel was nothing like the gods of surrounding nations. He is the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. Israel *knew* this God, and had seen Him personally lead them out of Egypt. That is why this man's sin was so serious. There is nothing in Scripture that doesn't have a purpose, and that goes for the listing of this man's genealogy. We read that his mother was an Israelite, but his Father had been an Egyptian. God had already shown Himself to be above the gods of his father with the ten plagues back in the book of Exodus, yet He still choose to blaspheme the Name of God in front of people. This was an act of serious rebellion, and He ended up paying for it with his own life.

God's name is no less holy today as it was back then. The Bible tells us that Jesus has been given the Name above all names (see Philippians 2:9) yet the world uses it now as a curse word. Why don't we see other gods or idols names being tossed around as a curse word? We are yet to see 'Allah' 'Muhammad' or 'Buddha' used to curse in a movie, and if we did, could you imagine the outrage? Muslims defend the 'holy' names of their religion, but do we as believers protest against the use of Jesus' name when it's so casually tossed around? One day Jesus will return and all will have to give account for the words they have spoken. That Day is going to be a terrible day for many people who use the name of the Living God as a common curse word.

**JOURNALING AND PRAYER**

Ask for the Father's heart for the name of His son. Ask that you too would become personally passionate about treating God as holy, and that you will revere His Name.

1. When one takes the time to study the life of Jesus, the claims that He makes should make believers in the Western church scratch their heads. What do you mean we will do even greater miracles than He did? How is that even possible? How come our shadows aren't healing people?

Could it be that perhaps one reason we are not experiencing as many miracles as we would like is because the very Name that holds that power is under attack? On the one hand we the church are using that name to heal people, but the world is using it as a curse word. Now God is not limited by us, but He has made it clear time and time again through Scripture that He chooses to partner with us. Perhaps God is waiting for His bride to become passionate about His name again. Listen in prayer to see if God has anything to say to you about this. Perhaps you need to confess and repent of times when you used His name as a swear.

2. Ask Jesus for practical wisdom in this area. What is one step you can take to loving the name of Jesus more and more each day?

## DAY 18

 **READ:** Leviticus 17:1-9 & 24:1-9

### Holy Living: Place of Sacrifice and Worship

The Israelites, and indeed the entire ancient world, understood that there were certain geographical places that were more holy or sacred than others. They would typically set up monuments at these places, and would even build temples there. Although Israel also shared such beliefs, they also built a temple and God *moved in!* This is a critical distinction! They weren't forcing God to dwell among them, nor were they merely commemorating a place where God appeared to them; God asked them to build Him a house where He could dwell among them – and that place was wherever they camped! This is an amazing Truth. Likewise, God does not require a temple to dwell among us today; we carry the meeting place of God around in our wanderings, only it is within us!

### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. If you are a believer of Christ, then you are now His temple. God called the Priests to take great care of the tent of meeting because it was a holy place where God met with people. Ask God for a word, though or picture of the joy and care He wants to lavish upon you, His temple.
2. Do you love yourself or is this a big struggle for you? Are you constantly tearing yourself down and believe lies that you are not good enough or worth anything? There is a saying that goes: "something is only as valuable as the amount someone has to pay for it." Guess how much you cost? Jesus' death alone ransomed you back to life. You are of great worth to Him! Thank Him for this truth.

## DAY 19

 **READ:** Leviticus 23

### The Feasts

Chapter 23 contains a list of various feasts that God gave Israel to hold that foreshadowed the things to come. One or two of the feasts may sound familiar to you, and then there are some that probably don't ring a bell at all but all were an important picture of what God was planning and is still planning to do mankind. Four of the seven Feasts God gave Israel have already been prophetically fulfilled with Christ's first coming, and those are the Passover, the Feast of Unleavened Bread, the Feast of First Fruits, and the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). Three of the feasts are still to be fulfilled which will be done so with Christ's second coming and those are the Feasts of Trumpets, the Day of Atonement and the Feast of Booths. Below is a list of the Feasts and how they were fulfilled by God in Christ's first coming:

- Passover—pointed to Jesus' death on the Cross
- Feast of Unleavened Bread—pointed to the burial of Jesus
- Feast of First Fruits—pointed to the resurrection of Christ
- Feast of Weeks—The Holy Spirit was received

### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. Spend some time in praise and worship for how God orchestrated all these feasts that ultimately pointed and still point to a future fulfillment.
2. Our God is not a boring God, and He loves a good celebration. There are two main holidays that people celebrate that are centered around the life of Jesus – Easter and Christmas. Thank Jesus for the gift of celebration and the joy that comes along with it!

## DAY 20

 **READ:** Leviticus 16 & 23:26-32

### Day of Atonement

Both the sin and guilt offering covered un-intentional sins only, which is why God provided the Israelites with the Day of Atonement. All sins needed to be covered, and the fact that God provided them with yet another means to be right with Him shows how much He desires restoration. The Israelites were to afflict themselves on this day to show their sorrow for their sin, and whoever did not afflict themselves was to be cut off from the people of Israel. This was to show everyone, Israelites and foreigners, that the God of Israel was a holy God who hates sin.

### JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. All our sins, both intentional and unintentionally have now been covered for. We no longer need to transfer our sin to an animal and send it out into the wilderness! Jesus carried the full weight of our sin and put it to death when He died. Our God is a great, great God. Spend some time meditating on the goodness of Jesus and what He has all done for us. As you are meditating, confess aloud how great God is. Often we think of confession as just 'confessing our sins,' but the word confess means to acknowledge. When you are baptized one of the questions asked is "Do you confess Jesus to be the Lord of your Life?" Spend some time confessing the wonderful attributes of God aloud!
2. Spend some time in intercession for the lost. Carrying the weight of sin is no easy burden, and Jesus died so that He could set all free, not just you and I.
3. Ask Jesus to bring to mind the name of one unbeliever that you know. If you can, write their name on a post it note and stick it in a place that you will see it every day. Pray daily for this person for a week or longer if felt led, that they will come to know the saving power of Christ and experience the freedom from their sins.

## DAY 21

 **READ:** Leviticus 26

### Obedience and Disobedience (blessings and curses)

Giving into sin is tempting because at times sin appeals to our flesh. God knows we are weak and that we will all choose to give in to sin every now and then. This is exactly why He shows us two sides to this battle of sin. On the one side, when we choose to submit to His ways we are abundantly blessed. We fall under His supernatural protection, and are fruitful in many areas of our lives.

But when we choose to deliberately walk away from God, make no mistake, He *will* discipline us. This is true for us today, and it was just as true for the Israelites back then. God knew that they would come into contact with other nations, and He knew that they would be swayed to follow their ways instead of Gods. So He gave them healthy warning beforehand: obey me and be blessed, disobey and you will be punished. God was jealous over His people, and He wanted them wholly to Himself. He didn't want them turning to other idols and gods instead of Him. He had rescued them, and He alone had established them. That was His heart behind these warnings: You are mine and I am yours. I alone am for you, and I alone have fought for you.

This is still Gods heart for His children today. He wants us wholly to Himself, and He will bless us when we obey, and He will discipline us in hopes that we will return whole heartedly back to Him.



## JOURNALING AND PRAYER

1. Ask God if there you are receiving divine discipline anywhere in your life due to disobedience. Confess as necessary.
2. Ask God where you are being blessed due to your obedience. Write down a list of all the different areas He shows you that you are experiencing His blessings.
3. Thank Him that He is a good Father, one who blesses us when we obey and disciplines us when we go astray! Both are beneficial to our eternity!

## Inner Healing/Personal Ministry Prayer Sheet

As we continue growing closer to Jesus we often receive new insights into who He really is and who we are. This may include Him revealing personal struggles, unresolved emotional hurts, areas of un-forgiveness, unresolved conflict with others, etc. We want to be able to respond to the things that Jesus is revealing to us in order to find healing and closure of the things that are affecting our character, our relationships with other people and ultimately our relationship with Him.

The following are some steps to facilitate you doing personal ministry on yourself. This process isn't necessarily the same every time therefore it will require flexibility as you listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit.

### STEP ONE: Opening Prayer

Spend some time in prayer, committing this time to Jesus, inviting the Holy Spirit to lead in truth and praying for the protection and guidance of Jesus. Take authority over all evil spirits that may want to interfere in the session, in Jesus' name.

### STEP TWO: Confession

Spend some time confessing your sin. Repent of sinful actions, sinful attitudes and ungodly character in your life.

### STEP THREE: Inner Healing

In order to bring healing to our lives, it is important to replace lies with the truth and reclaim our mind, emotions and will for God.

#### Part One: Listening Prayer

Ask Jesus to show you through a word, thought or a picture where you first began to struggle with the issue you are dealing with. Ask Him to show you where it started in your life. Listen until you receive something—don't discount even the simple things as the Lord often starts gently by leading us to a deeper place one step at a time. Write down what He shows you.

#### Part Two: Ask Him for insight

Ask Him to show you what He wants you to know about what he has shown you in Part One.

#### Part Three: Ask How This Made You Feel

Ask Him to show you how it made you feel. Ask Him to reveal to you each emotion that you felt at that time. It is important to distinguish between each emotion and not write down vague feelings such as "I felt bad." Ask Him to show you the specific emotions that you felt. For example: I felt used, hurt, betrayed, ignored, ashamed, angry, confused, etc. Write down what He shows you, it's okay to feel these emotions.

#### Part Four: Revealing the Lie

Ask Jesus to show you what you believed in that situation. Ask Him to reveal the lie that you have believed about Him, yourself, or the situation. Confess that you have believed that lie and ask him to forgive you.

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**Part Five: Asking for Truth**

Ask Jesus to show you what the truth is about that situation. Ask Jesus where He was and what he was doing at that time and how He feels about you.

**Step Four: Closing Prayer**

Thank God for what He has shown you today. Praise Him for His goodness and mercy towards you and that He has never-ending love for you. Ask Him to continue to mature you into the likeness of His Son.

## The Book of Leviticus

When God established the nation of Israel, He was sending them out as sheep amidst the wolves. They were a brand new nation in the midst of pagans who worshiped demon gods and would even go as far as sacrificing children as an offering to gain power over their enemies. God established His law with Israel to show them exactly how to survive among evil nations, and live wholly onto Him.

**Leviticus 19:2** (ESV)

*"...you shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy."*