

Survey of Leviticus

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**A study of the book of Leviticus for
Small Group or Personal Bible Study**

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Introduction

This is a small group Bible study course to help you grow in your understanding of the book of Leviticus. This study will be most effective as you get together with a small group to share the answers that each of you has written in your personal study. This can also be used as a personal study course to help you grow in your understanding of the book of Leviticus. This course is designed to help you grow in three ways. Throughout the course you will read a paragraph to help you grow in your knowledge of the verses that you will be reading. After each paragraph you will usually have three questions. These three questions will focus on three things: Knowledge, Understanding and Application.

The first question will ask you to find the answer to some question in the verses that you are reading. This question is to help you pick out a key fact in those verses to help you grow in your knowledge of those verses. The answer to this question will usually be found in the verses as you read them.

The second question will ask you a question that will help you to think through the verses to understand the meaning of the group of verses being discussed. As you read this question, pray that the Lord will give you understanding of the passage as well as knowledge of the facts.

The third question will ask you a question that will help you to apply what you have learned from those verses both to your own life and to your service for Christ. It is as we understand and apply the Scripture to our lives that the Lord really begins to change and transform our lives.

At the end of each lesson there will be an opportunity to write down something that you have learned for your own life through the study of those verses. Our prayer is that as you work through these lessons that three things will happen in your life:

1. First, you will grow in your knowledge of the Bible.
2. Second, you will grow in your understanding of the verses that you have studied.
3. Third, you will learn how to apply the Word of God to your life.

The basic material in each of these lessons was originally written in one of six Bible Survey texts written between 1969 and 1974 that cover the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. We are making this material available in this new form to help you grow in your knowledge, understanding and application of the Bible to your life. The Lord willing, we will continue to make other books available as we have time to prepare them in this new form.

May the Lord bless you as you learn His Word.

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Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 1
Leviticus 1:1-3:17

Today we will be starting a study of the book of Leviticus. In this study we will learn about the various kinds of sacrifices and offerings that the Lord told the people of Israel to offer as they offered their sacrifices. Many people think that it is very confusing to have so many different kinds of offerings. However, as we study the various kinds of offerings, we will learn that there was a purpose for each offering and sacrifice. We will also look at the lessons that we can learn from the various kinds of offerings. Once you know the purpose of each offering, the offerings will no longer be confusing.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the purpose of the burnt offering.
- Explain the purpose of the meal offering.
- Explain the purpose of the offering of first fruits.
- Explain the purpose of the peace offering.

As we move from the study of Exodus to the study of Leviticus, we notice that there is one big change. God now begins to speak to Moses from the tabernacle instead of speaking to him on the mountain. The offerings that we will be studying today will all be voluntary offerings. These are offerings that the people offered to the Lord because of their love for the Lord. For this reason they are also called sweet savor (a sweet smell) offerings because they were pleasing to the Lord. As we come to the first offering, we see that it was to be an animal sacrifice.

1. Read Leviticus 1:1-17 and write what the first type of sacrifice in this chapter is called.
2. Explain why it is also important for Christians to want to show their love for Christ by presenting their lives to Him as a living sacrifice as it says in Romans 12:1-2.
3. Explain why you are thankful to know that the Lord is pleased when you present your life to Him as a living sacrifice.

God gave the people of Israel several requirements for the burnt sacrifice. It was to be an animal from the herd. It was to be a male animal. The animal could not have any defects. It was a voluntary offering that was not required but was given voluntarily. We read that the person that offered a burnt sacrifice was to put his hand on the head of the animal before it was killed. In this way the person was personally identifying himself with the sacrifice. As Christians we should also want to be identified with our sacrifice. When we placed our trust in Christ as the sacrifice for our sin, we should be glad to tell others about Christ. We should not be afraid to let others know that we are depending on Christ instead of depending on ourselves or our works.

4. Read Leviticus 1:1-17 and write what the priests were told to do with the blood of the burnt offering.
5. Explain why the people were told to personally identify themselves with their sacrifice by placing their hand on the head of the animal.
6. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to identify yourself with the sacrifice that Christ made of Himself for your sin.

The sprinkling of the blood emphasized the fact that the blood must be shed as a covering for sin. God also said that the sacrifice that was offered according to the requirements of God would be accepted as an atonement (a sacrifice that makes one right with God). To become Christians, we do not offer a sacrifice. Instead we must accept the sacrifice of Christ as the payment for our sins so that we can be made right with God. We can only obey God and there is nothing that we can do in ourselves to make atonement. Instead we must choose to place our

faith and trust in the fact that the sacrifice of Christ is what makes us right with God. Since this offering was a voluntary offering, the entire sacrifice was to be burned on the altar. We also read that several different kinds of animals could be used as a burnt offering.

7. Read Leviticus 1:1-17 and write what kind of birds could be used for a burnt sacrifice.
8. Explain why it is important for us to understand the fact that we are made right in the sight of God because Christ shed His blood for our sin.
9. Explain why you can have great joy in your life because of the fact that you know that the blood that Christ shed as your sacrifice made you right with God.

God wanted every person to be able to show his love for the Lord whether that person was rich or poor. Some of the very poor people could not afford to bring cattle or sheep as a sacrifice. However, all of the people could afford to bring a bird. Today God does not say that a person must be rich in order to love and serve the Lord. A person does not need to have a certain education in order to serve the Lord. God promises to make our service effective for Him if we are willing to yield our lives to Him and allow Him to work through our lives.

10. Read Leviticus 1:1-17 and write how God said He would view the offering of a bird as a burnt offering.
11. Explain why this offering shows that the Lord will accept all people whether they are rich or poor.
12. Explain why you are thankful that God accepts all people equally whether they are rich or poor because Christ paid for all sin equally for all people.

We go on to read about the meal offering. This was the only offering that did not require blood. In this way the meal offering is a picture of the dedication of our possessions to the Lord. We see that the meal offering included fine flour, oil and frankincense. When a person brought a meal offering to the Lord, the first handful was to be burned and the rest of the meal offering was to be given to the priests for their food. In this way we are given a beautiful picture of the fact that we should use our possessions for the work of the Lord.

13. Read Leviticus 2:1-11 and write how this meal offering is compared to the offerings that were offered.
14. Explain why it is important for Christians to dedicate their possessions to the Lord and recognize that all that we have comes from the Lord and belongs to Him.
15. Explain why you are thankful that you can dedicate your possessions to the Lord and use part of them to serve Him.

We also read that the meal offering could be prepared in several other ways in addition to bringing the offering as fine flour. It could be baked as unleavened cakes. It could be baked in a pan and then cut into pieces. It could also be fried in a pan. If the meal offering was prepared in one of these ways, then the priest was to take part of it and burn it on the altar as a sacrifice. Then the rest would belong to the priests. In this way the Lord was supplying the needs of the priests in many different ways by providing the priests with food of various kinds.

16. Read Leviticus 2:1-11 and write the two things that the people were not to put in their meal offerings.
17. Explain why it is important to realize that God used a part of a sacrifice to supply the needs of the priests.
18. Explain why you are thankful that you can share part of what the Lord has given to you with those who are helping you grow in your spiritual life.

There was a very important reason for keeping leaven (yeast) and honey out of the meal offerings. Leaven and honey both cause fermentation if they are allowed to remain in flour or in bread. As a result, the flour or bread will spoil very quickly. We can learn a very important lesson for our own lives from this. The leaven and honey give us a picture of what happens in our lives if we allow unconfessed sin to remain in our lives. Unconfessed sin will quickly

affect everything in our lives. It will cause us to become Christians that are not effective as we try to serve the Lord because we are trying to serve Him in our own strength.

19. Read Leviticus 2:1-11 and write how God describes the meal offering from His viewpoint.
20. Explain why leaven and honey give us a picture of the danger of allowing sin to remain in our lives.
21. Explain why it is important for you to confess sin as soon as you realize that you have sinned before it starts to affect your life.

We go on to read about the offering of first fruits. Each year the people of the nation of Israel were to gather at the tabernacle for the feast of first fruits. This feast was held just before the time of the harvest. At that time the people were to bring a sheaf (bundle) of grain from their fields. They were to give this bundle of grain to the priest. Instead of burning this bundle of grain, the priests would wave this bundle of grain. Since this offering was a not a blood offering, it was considered a part of the meal offering and also showed that the people were to give their first grain as an offering to the Lord.

22. Read Leviticus 2:12-16 and write what the people were required to put into their meal offerings.
23. Explain why it is important for Christians to gather together as larger groups at certain times of the year.
24. Explain why you are thankful when you have the opportunity to gather together with Christians from other areas.

Leaven or honey causes things to spoil. Salt has the opposite effect. Salt causes things to be preserved so that they do not spoil. Salt was to be placed in all of the meal offerings to prevent them from spoiling. In the New Testament Christ tells us that believers are to be the salt of the earth. As the salt of the earth we are to do what is right so that our lives are like a preservative. Salt also causes thirst. The example of our lives should cause people to become thirsty for the Word of God. As people become thirsty for the Word of God their lives will be changed and transformed as they become obedient to the Word of God.

25. Read Leviticus 2:12-16 and write how the people were to prepare their offering of the first fruits.
26. Explain why Christ said that Christians are to be the salt of the earth in this present time.
27. Explain how your life can be like salt to your relatives, friends, coworkers, neighbors and other acquaintances.

Here we see that God gave special instructions about the way that the people were to prepare their meal offering when it was the first fruit from their fields. We see again that God was testing the obedience of the people. It is the desire of God that people will obey His Word. God wants to give us the opportunity to show that we will be obedient to Him. As was true of all of the other meal offerings, a part of this offering of the first fruits was to be burned on the altar and the rest was to be given to the priests for their food to provide for their needs.

28. Read Leviticus 2:12-16 and write what the priest was to do with the memorial part of the offering of first fruits.
29. Explain why God said that salt was to be included in all of the meal offerings.
30. Explain why you are thankful that you can show your love for the Lord by your obedience to Him.

The next offering that is mentioned is the peace offering. This offering was also a voluntary offering. The animal for the peace offering could be either a male or a female. However, the animal was not to have any defects or blemishes. When a person offered a peace offering to the Lord, he was to place his hand on the head of the animal so that he personally identified himself with the sacrifice. The animal was to be killed at the entrance to the tabernacle. Then the blood of the animal of the peace offering was to be sprinkled on the altar.

31. Read Leviticus 3:1-17 and write how this sacrifice was to be made to the Lord.
32. Explain why it is important to know that the Lord is the true source of peace and that He is the only One that gives true peace.
33. Explain why you think that God said that the animals for sacrifices were not to have any blemishes or defects.

Each of the various kinds of sacrifices was to be burned on the altar. However, it was not necessary for the entire sacrifice to be burned on the altar. Instead we read that the main part of the peace offering that was burned was the fat of the sacrifice. The fat gives extra flavor when it is burned with the meat. When the people offered their peace offerings to the Lord, they were dedicating the extra flavor to the Lord. We also read that the people were allowed to eat the meat of the peace offerings if they had removed the fat. We will see later in Leviticus that the meat was to be eaten on the day that the sacrifice was offered to the Lord.

34. Read Leviticus 3:1-17 and write what God said this offering was to the Lord.
35. Explain why the peace offering was an offering that God told the people that they could eat except for the fat that they burned.
36. Explain why you think that the Lord told the people that the only part that they needed to burn on the peace offering was the fat.

The peace offering was a sweet smell to the Lord because it was a picture of the fact that people were at peace with God. They did not have unconfessed sin in their lives so it was not necessary for them to bring another type of sacrifice. Today we are living in a world where people are looking for peace. They are trying in every way to find true peace. The things that people try to do to bring peace only bring a temporary peace. People by their own efforts can never find lasting peace for their lives. The peace offering reminds us of the fact that Christ is the source of true peace. True peace comes when our hearts are right with God.

37. Read Leviticus 3:1-17 and write what kinds of animals could be used for a peace offering.
38. Explain how Christians can enjoy the peace of the Lord in their own lives today.
39. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that Christ gives you inner peace when you confess your sins to Him.

We read that there were three kinds of animals that could be used for the peace offerings. These were cattle, sheep or goats. Although these three different kinds of animals could be used, there was one requirement that was the same for each animal. None of the animals were to have any bruises or blemishes. The animal for a sacrifice as a peace offering had to be a perfect animal. This reminds us of the fact that Christ was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. That is the reason why we can have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

40. Read Leviticus 3:1-17 and write what God said that the people were never to eat throughout the history of the peace offering.
41. Explain why it is important for each person to know that Christ was the perfect sacrifice for our sins because He was without sin.
42. Explain why you are thankful that the Lord chose to make it possible for you to have peace with God by being your sacrifice that made that peace possible.

Now reread Leviticus 1:1-3:17 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

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Lesson 2
Leviticus 4:1-5:19

In our last lesson we saw that God told Israel about the offering of the voluntary offerings. Today we will be studying about the offerings that the people were to offer to God that were not voluntary offerings. Instead these offerings were required by the law. There were two kinds of required offerings. One of the required offerings was called the sin offering. The other required offering was called the trespass offering. Both of these offerings were offerings that the people were to bring because of sin. We will see that these two offerings were for different types of sin.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the purpose of the sin offering.
- Explain the purpose of the trespass offering.
- Explain the difference between the sin offering and the trespass offering.

We see that both the sin offering and the trespass offering were offerings that were to be offered because of sin. We see as we read chapter 4 that the sin offering was for sins of ignorance. Just because the people did not know that a particular law existed did not mean that the people were innocent if they broke that law. Instead they were guilty even if they did not know the law. Ignorance was no excuse. The same is true in our day. If the people broke the law, they had to bring a sin offering when they realized that they had broken the law. The same requirement applied to the priests that applied to the people. They were also required to bring a sin offering for their sins of ignorance.

1. Read Leviticus 4:1-21 and write what the priests were told that they were to bring as a sin offering.
2. Explain why breaking the law is sin even when a person does not know that there is a law about the sin that the person is committing.
3. Explain why this helps you to understand that ignorance of the law does not protect a person from the penalty of the law.

Here we see that a young bullock (ox) took the place of a priest that sinned in ignorance and the ox died for the sins of the priest. Because God is a holy God, He requires death as the punishment for sin. However, God is also a God of love and mercy. That is the reason that Christ came to die to pay the penalty for our sin. God sent Christ to die in the place of sinful men. The sin offering in the Old Testament was only a covering for sin until Christ came to take away sin. In this way the bullock for the sin offering gives us a real picture of Christ. Both died for the sin of others rather than for their own sin.

4. Read Leviticus 4:1-21 and write where the animal that was offered as a sin offering was to be burned.
5. Explain why a priest was to offer a young ox as a covering for sin that he had committed even when he was not aware of the law.
6. Explain why you are thankful that Christ shed His blood to take away sin and not just cover sin.

The animal that was offered as a sin offering was to be burned outside the camp. As a result, the sin offering gives us another wonderful picture of Christ. Just as the ox was to be burned outside of the camp, Christ was hung on a cross outside the city wall of Jerusalem. Those who were responsible for planning the death of Christ did not want His blood in their city. They thought it was better for Christ to be put to death outside the city wall. Since God knew before He even created the world that Christ would be killed outside the city wall, God caused this ox

to be burned outside the camp so that it would be a picture of Christ.

7. Read Leviticus 4:1-21 and write what the people were to offer as a sacrifice if the whole nation sinned through ignorance.

8. Explain why God chose to have the animal that was offered as a sin offering burned outside of the camp.

9. Explain why you are thankful that Christ was willing to be rejected and crucified outside the city wall of Jerusalem.

Here we see that the same sacrifice was offered whether it was offered for the sins of a priest or for the sins of an entire nation. Again we have another wonderful picture of Christ. Christ died for the sins of each individual person. However, the blood of Christ was sufficient to pay for the sins of all mankind that have ever lived in the past or will live in the future. Nothing is able to limit the payment that was made when Christ shed His blood because His blood will always be sufficient to pay for the sins of all of the people that will ever live.

10. Read Leviticus 4:1-21 and write what the offering for the sins of ignorance of the people did for the whole nation.

11. Explain why it is important that the blood of Christ is sufficient to pay for the sins of all the people that will ever live.

12. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that Christ chose to shed His blood and that it was sufficient to pay for all of your personal sins.

We go on to read about a ruler or a leader of the people that would commit a sin through ignorance. Just because that man was a leader did not mean that his sins were excused. His sins also required the shedding of blood. Again we are reminded of the fact that no person can escape the penalty of his sins just because that person thinks that he is important. God does not care whether a person is rich or poor. He does not care if a person is important or totally unknown. The concern of God is that all people will allow the blood of Christ to take away their sins.

13. Read Leviticus 4:22-35 and write what kind of a sacrifice a ruler was to bring as a sin offering.

14. Explain why it was the concern of God to make it possible for all people to have a covering for their sin.

15. Explain why you are thankful that God has a concern for both the people that are well known and also for the people that are unknown.

The offering of a ruler was not the same as the offering for the priest or for the entire congregation. This was due to the fact that the priest had a responsibility to God for the spiritual welfare of the entire nation. In contrast a ruler was responsible for the physical leadership of the people. This reminds us of the fact that when we are one of the spiritual leaders of a church that we have been entrusted with a great responsibility. People are looking to us for spiritual leadership. Others will follow our example if we live in sin instead of serving the Lord.

16. Read Leviticus 4:22-35 and write what kind of a sacrifice the common people were to offer to the Lord for their sins of ignorance.

17. Explain why God had a different sacrifice for the rulers than he had for the priests even though they were both leaders of the people.

18. Explain why this difference in sacrifices causes you to realize that a spiritual leader has an even greater privilege and responsibility than a political leader.

As we have read about the sin offerings of the different groups of people that are mentioned in this chapter, one thing that we notice is the fact that each time it says that the animals for the offerings were not to have any blemishes. They were to be in perfect physical shape. God wanted the people to bring the best of their flocks as a sacrifice and not an animal that would

die anyway. Something that cost the people nothing would have meant nothing to them. We also have a beautiful picture of Christ. God gave the One that meant the most to Him, His only Son, to be the payment for our sin. Christ is also the only person that has never sinned. This was the reason why Christ could be our perfect sacrifice.

19. Read Leviticus 4:22-35 and write what God said He would do when a person brought a sacrifice for a sin of ignorance.

20. Explain how these verses give us an example of what Christ did for us by dying for our sin and in our place.

21. Explain why you think that a sacrifice would have meant nothing to the people if they could have offered their sick or defective animals.

We also read that there were several different kinds of sin that were included for which a sin offering was to be made. The first reason was a failure to witness or testify when a person had seen a crime. That failure to be a witness was sin in the sight of God. Today that also provides us with a real application for our own lives. If we have placed our trust in Christ, we know the truth about the death and resurrection of Christ. If we fail to speak about that truth to others, we are also sinning and are guilty in the sight of God. That is why we need to pray and ask the Lord to give us boldness so that we will have the boldness to tell others about the death and resurrection of Christ.

22. Read Leviticus 5:1-13 and write the second kind of sin that is mentioned in this chapter that required a sin offering.

23. Explain what the sin offering teaches about the importance of being a true witness instead of keeping silent.

24. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to be a true witness for Christ both by what you say and what you do.

God told the people of Israel that certain animals were clean and other animals were unclean. God also said that certain creatures that crawled on the ground were unclean. Here God says that if a person touched the dead body of one of these unclean animals, the person was also unclean and must offer a sin offering. That was the only way that his uncleanness could be removed. If a person touched the uncleanness of another person, then that person was also guilty and was told to offer a sin offering when he realized that he was guilty.

25. Read Leviticus 5:1-13 and write what a person was told to do when he realized that he had committed sin.

26. Explain why it was necessary for a person to offer a sacrifice if that person touched something that was unclean.

27. Explain why you think that God wanted the people to understand that the things that they did could bring uncleanness into their lives.

When a person realized that he had made a rash vow to do either evil or good, that person was also to bring a sin offering when he realized what he had done. God also stressed the importance of confession of sin. The people were not just to forget about their sin. They were to confess their sin to God and then bring a sacrifice as a covering for their sin. Today we are also told to confess our sins to the Lord. This is very important because our sins break our fellowship with God. Christ promises us that when we confess our sins that He is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from our sins so that our fellowship with Him is restored.

28. Read Leviticus 5:1-13 and write what different animals people could bring as a sin offering for their sin.

29. Explain why God makes it clear that confession of sin is important and not just something to forget.

30. Explain why it is important to you in your own life not to make promises to God or to another person and then forget those promises.

God goes on to give a picture of His love and mercy. The people were to bring a lamb or a kid of the goats as their sin offering. However, this would have made it impossible for the very poor people to bring a sin offering. As a result, God made two special provisions for the poor people. A person that was poor could bring two pigeons or two turtledoves for his sin offering. If a person was very poor, that person could bring a tenth of an ephah (a little over two and a half quarts) of flour as his sin offering. Here we see that God offers forgiveness to all whether they are rich or poor.

31. Read Leviticus 5:1-13 and write what God promised to do to the sins of those who brought a sin offering.

32. Explain how God showed that He had a great concern for the poor and wanted to make it possible for them to offer a sacrifice also.

33. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to have a concern for those who are poor.

We go on to learn about the trespass offering. The sin offering was for sins of ignorance or failure in the life of a person. The trespass offering was for sins against God or against other people. First we read about sins against God. These could also be sins of ignorance if the people were not learning the Word of God so that they knew His commandments. However, ignorance is not an excuse. We are guilty if we have broken the commandments of God just as the people of Israel were guilty when they broke the commandments of God. When the people realized that they had failed to obey God, then they were to bring their trespass offering.

34. Read Leviticus 5:14-19 and write what the people were to bring and offer as a trespass offering to God.

35. Explain why it was important for the people to offer a sacrifice when they realized that they had sinned against God even though they had done it in ignorance.

36. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to obey the commandments of God so that you do not sin against Him.

The rams that the people were to offer as trespass offerings were to be rams that were worth at least two shekels. If the people failed to pay their tithe to God, that sin was one of the sins that required a trespass offering. In addition to the sacrifice, the people were also to bring a double tithe. God is a holy God and He wanted to remind His people of the high cost of sin. Today we often forget that our sin cost God the life of His Son, Jesus Christ.

37. Read Leviticus 5:14-19 and write what God promised to do when the people offered a trespass offering to the Lord.

38. Explain in your own words the difference between the reasons for the sin offering and the reasons for a trespass offering.

39. Explain why you think that God wanted to remind the people of Israel that sin has a high cost.

Today we live in a day when many Christians do not really know the Word of God. This is due to the fact that many Christians are not studying the Bible and learning to understand what God wants them to do in their lives. This reminds us of two very important things. First, churches need to teach the Word of God so that people know what God says. Second, churches also need to teach each Christian how to study the Word of God so that each Christian can learn what God says. Only as people know the Word of God are they able to obey it. We have seen that ignorance is no excuse. God has given us His commandments and we are to obey them. Christ summarized the commandments of the whole Old Testament as loving God with our whole heart, mind, soul and strength and loving our neighbor as we love our self. Then Christ summarized the whole New Testament when He said that we are to love one another as He has loved us.

40. Read Leviticus 5:14-19 and write against whom we have done evil if we fail to obey the commandments of God.

41. Explain why churches need to teach the Word of God and teach people how to study the Word of God so that people will not sin against God ignorantly.
42. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to study the Word of God so that you know what God wants you to do.

Now reread Leviticus 4:1-5:19 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

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Lesson 3
Leviticus 6:1-7:38

In our last lesson we began a study of the trespass offering. In that lesson we saw that the trespass offering was to be offered when a person sinned against God. In our lesson today we will also see that the trespass offering was to be offered for sins that a person committed against another person. Here we see that a trespass offering was required both for sins against God and for sins against other people. We will also learn some additional things about the other offerings. As we study these offerings, we will see that they also teach us many lessons that we can apply to our own lives.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God said about sins against others.
- Explain what God said about the fire on the altar.
- Explain how the trespass offering was to be offered.
- Explain what God said about the fat of the sacrifices.

Sometimes people use and keep something that belongs to another person without ever giving any thought to the fact that they are stealing. It is easy for people to borrow a tool or some other thing from someone else and forget to return it. However, there are also some who claim that the thing that was borrowed was lost and then do not return it even though they know that they have it. Here we see that people have borrowed things all through history. Then they have lied and deceived their neighbors all through history about what has happened to the things that they have borrowed. Although the people of the world may do such things, their actions do not mean that those who serve the Lord should follow the example and actions of the world. God says that such things are sin and are to be avoided.

1. Read Leviticus 6:1-13 and write how much a person was to return if he was guilty of deceiving his neighbor.
2. Explain why God made it clear that borrowing something and then claiming that it was lost when the person knows he has it is sin.
3. Explain why you think that many people sin against others and think nothing of lying to try and cover their sin.

God wanted to remind the people that sin carries with it a high cost. When people lied and deceived their neighbors, they were to pay the entire cost of the thing that they had stolen plus one-fifth more. In addition, they were also to bring a ram of their flock as a trespass offering. Here we see that when people had stolen they had to make it right with God as well as with the people from whom they had stolen. If the people kept something that belonged to a neighbor that was worth \$50.00, they were required to pay their neighbor \$60.00 and also bring a ram as a trespass offering and offer the trespass offering as a covering for their sin.

4. Read Leviticus 6:1-13 and write what God promised to do if the people repaid their neighbor and brought their trespass offering.
5. Explain why God said that it was necessary both to make restitution to the person and also to offer a sacrifice as a covering for that sin.
6. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to make certain that you make restitution if you have taken anything from anyone falsely.

It did not matter how terrible the sin had been, God was still willing to forgive that sin. Today God is still the same. He will forgive us when we confess our sins to Him because the blood of Christ has already paid the penalty for our sins. Since the penalty for sin has been paid, we are made free from our sins through the blood of Christ when we confess our sins to the Lord.

After God had explained the responsibility of the people when they had cheated a neighbor, God went on to give them some more instructions about one of the other offerings that they were to offer,

7. Read Leviticus 6:1-13 and write what other offering is mentioned in these verses.
8. Explain why God is always willing to forgive sin regardless of how terrible that sin might be.
9. Explain why you are thankful that Christ was willing to pay the penalty for all of your sin by shedding His blood.

As we have studied the sacrifices, we have seen why the people were to offer the various sacrifices. Now we will learn how the priests were to offer the sacrifices. It is always important for people to know why they do a certain thing before they are told how to do it. God told the priests that the burnt offering was to be offered for the whole nation every morning and every evening. We read several places in the New Testament about the offering of the morning sacrifice or the evening sacrifice. The priest was to wear certain clothes when he took the ashes from the altar and placed them beside the altar. He was to wear other clothes when he carried the ashes outside the camp. The fire on the altar was also to be kept burning continually.

10. Read Leviticus 6:1-13 and write what the priest was to put on the altar before he put the sacrifice on it.
11. Explain why it is important to explain to a person why he needs to become a Christian before you explain to that person how to become a Christian.
12. Explain why you think that God explained the purpose of the sacrifices before He told the priests how to offer the sacrifices.

We go on to read about the way that the priests were to offer the meal offering. The priests were to take a handful of the flour that had been mixed with oil and frankincense and burn the flour on the altar. Then the rest of the flour was to be given to the priests for their food. However, the priests were not to use any yeast when they made the flour of the meal offering into bread. This bread was to be eaten in the court of the tabernacle by the priests.

13. Read Leviticus 6:14-30 and write who God said could eat this unleavened bread that was made from the meal offering.
14. Explain why the priests were to burn a handful of the meal offering and then give the rest to the priests for their food.
15. Explain why you think that the Lord told the priests that they were to eat the bread of the meal offering in the court of the tabernacle.

This bread was not to be eaten at all by the rest of the people. Only those who were the sons or descendants of Aaron were allowed to eat it. This bread was considered holy and so not everyone could eat it. In the same way today, only those people that have placed their trust in Christ will be allowed to enter into heaven. The priests were also to bring a meal offering. However, they were to burn their entire meal offering and not eat any part of it. They were to burn half of their meal offering in the morning and the other half in the evening. The meal offering of the priests was to be baked in a pan and then the pieces of the meal offering were to be burned on the altar. We go on to read about the sin offering.

16. Read Leviticus 6:14-30 and write where the sin offering was to be killed.
17. Explain why the priests were to burn their entire meal offering while they only burned a handful of the meal offering of others.
18. Explain why you are thankful that the Lord set your life apart to Himself (makes you holy) at the moment that you place your trust in Christ.

The sin offering was to be killed before the Lord because it was most holy. The meat of the sin offering was to be eaten by the priests. This meat was also to be eaten in the court of the tabernacle. If the sin offering was boiled in a clay pot, the pot was to be broken after it was

used to boil the sin offering. If the sin offering was boiled in a bronze pot, that pot was to be thoroughly cleaned and rinsed with water. There was one sin offering that the priests were not to eat. That was the sin offering that was offered once a year when the blood was taken into the tabernacle as an atonement for sin.

19. Read Leviticus 6:14-30 and write what was to be done with the sin offering when the blood was to be taken into the tabernacle.

20. Explain why the sin offering that was offered on the Day of Atonement was the offering that was the one whose blood was placed on the mercy seat in the tabernacle.

21. Explain why you think that particular sin offering was to be burned with fire instead of being eaten by the priests.

God went on to give instructions about the way that the trespass offering was to be offered. The ram used for the sacrifice was to be killed in the same place as the animal for the burnt offering. Then all of the fat and several parts of the animal were to be burned. These parts were to be burned on the altar by fire because this offering was a trespass offering. The priests were to eat the trespass offering in the court of the tabernacle just as they were to do with the sin offering.

22. Read Leviticus 7:1-21 and write what was to be given to the priest that offered the burnt offering.

23. Explain why the trespass offering that was offered for sins against God or against other people was to have all of the fat burned.

24. Explain why you think that the priests were to sprinkle the blood of the trespass offering on the altar.

God did not forget the needs of the priests. They spent most of their time working in the tabernacle and offering sacrifices. As a result, they did not have time to earn a living for themselves. God gave them the skins of the animals that they offered as one of the ways that He provided for their needs. God also gave the meal offerings that had been baked as food for the priests. A meal offering that was not cooked was to be shared among the priests.

25. Read Leviticus 7:1-21 and write how much each of the sons of Aaron was to have of the meal offering.

26. Explain why giving the skins of the animals to the priests that the priests offered as sacrifices would help to provide for their personal needs.

27. Explain why you think that the priests were to share the meal offering among them if the meal offering was not cooked.

Here we see that God provided for every single one of the priests that was serving Him. We go on to read about the peace offering. First the peace offering that was given as a thanksgiving offering is mentioned. The offering for the thanksgiving offering included unleavened cakes and leavened bread. It was allowable for the person who brought the peace offering to eat the meat of the peace offering. However, if this was an offering for thanksgiving, the meat was all to be eaten the same day or the next day.

28. Read Leviticus 7:1-21 and write what was to be done with any meat that remained until the third day.

29. Explain why you think that the people would want to give an offering of thanksgiving to the Lord.

30. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to be thankful to the Lord for what He has done for you.

A peace offering that was for a vow could be eaten the next day as well as the day that it was sacrificed. Any part that was left on the third day was to be burned with fire. This was probably required as a protection against disease since they had no refrigeration. Anyone who ate of the peace offering on the third day was guilty of sin. God also said that any person that was unclean was not to eat the peace offering. A person that was unclean because of sin or

disease was to be cut off from the nation of Israel if he ate the peace offering while he was unclean.

31. Read Leviticus 7:22-38 and write what kinds of fat God said that the people of Israel were not to eat.

32. Explain why burning anything that was left over from a sacrifice on the third day would help to protect the priests from disease.

33. Explain why you think that a person that was unclean was not to eat the meat of a peace offering.

The people were not to eat the fat of the ox, the sheep or the goat. In addition, there were not to eat the fat of animals that died on their own or were killed by other animals. The people were also told not to eat the fat of any sacrifice that was offered to God. Fat adds flavor to meat when the fat and the meat are cooked together. God wanted the people to dedicate the extra flavor of their sacrifices to Him. The people were also warned not to eat blood of any kind. This was a reminder of what God had told Noah when he came off the ark right after the flood. God warned that those who would disobey and eat the blood would be judged.

34. Read Leviticus 7:22-38 and write what God said was to happen to those who ate blood.

35. Explain why God wanted the people to dedicate the extra flavor of their sacrifices to Him.

36. Explain why you think that God said that the people were not to eat blood of any kind (you might want to compare Genesis 9:4).

God also gave instructions about the way that the peace offering was to be shared. The priests were to receive the breast of the sacrifice. The priest who offered the sacrifice was to receive the right shoulder of the sacrifice. The fat was all to be burned on the altar because it was dedicated to God. Then the rest of the sacrifice for the peace offering belonged to the person that brought it to the Lord. We also read that the one that offered the peace offering was to bring it to the Lord with his own hands. This is a picture of the personal responsibility of each person. As Christians we also have a personal responsibility to serve the Lord and not just leave the work of the Lord for someone else to do.

37. Read Leviticus 7:22-38 and write how long these commandments were to be obeyed by the people of Israel.

38. Explain what these verses teach about the personal responsibility of every person to obey and serve God.

39. Explain why you think that most of the sacrifice of the peace offering was given to the person that brought it.

As we have studied these chapters about the offerings, we have seen that God used these various offerings to supply the food of the priests. God said that these offerings were to be dedicated to the priests forever. In this way the priests would be able to give their entire time to the work that the Lord had called them to do. Today every Christian is called a priest (minister) of Christ. This means that we also should be serving the Lord at all times and in all places. We serve the Lord by living a godly life and sharing with others how they can have their sins forgiven. We should serve Christ on our job, in our home and every place that we go.

40. Read Leviticus 7:22-38 and write where the Lord gave Moses the commandments about these various offerings and sacrifices.

41. Explain why God wants all Christians to understand that every Christian is now a priest of God.

42. Explain why you think that it is important for you to live a godly life and share with others how they can have their sins forgiven.

Now reread Leviticus 6:1-7:38 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 4
Leviticus 8:1-9:24

During our study of the first several chapters of the book of Leviticus, we have seen the various offerings and sacrifices that the people and the priests were to offer to the Lord. All of these sacrifices remind us of the fact that Christ is our sacrifice. He shed His blood as the perfect sacrifice. Today we will learn about the men that God chose to serve as the priests of the people. We will learn about the dedication service that they had for these men before they actually began their ministry. Then we will read about them beginning their appointed tasks in the tabernacle.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Tell about the dedication of the priests.
- Explain what sacrifices were offered for the dedication of the priests.
- Explain what offering Aaron offered as a sacrifice for himself.
- Explain what offering Aaron offered as a sacrifice for the people.

As we come to the dedication of the priests, we see that they did not dedicate themselves. Instead Moses led the dedication service. This is a real picture of what Christ does for us. According to Romans 12, we are to present our bodies to Christ as a living sacrifice. Then Christ dedicates us, gives us spiritual gifts and equips us for the work that He has for us to do. As we present ourselves to Christ, He is able to use us to accomplish His work. This was what happened to Aaron and his sons. They presented themselves to God for the work of the Lord. Then the Lord dedicated them for the work that He had chosen them to do.

1. Read Leviticus 8:1-13 and write who the Lord told Moses to call together for the dedication service.
2. Explain why it was important for Moses to lead the dedication service where Aaron and his sons were dedicated as priests.
3. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to present your body to Christ as a living sacrifice.

The Lord wanted all of the people to realize that He had chosen Aaron and his sons to be the priests of Israel. The Lord also told Moses what to bring for sacrifices for the dedication service. We will learn the purpose for these various sacrifices in the last part of the chapter. Moses began the service by telling the people that he was doing the things that the Lord had commanded him to do. We should also be doing what the Lord tells us to do. The first thing that Moses did was wash Aaron and his sons with water. This is a picture of the fact that we need to confess our sins and be cleansed if we want to be effective in our service for the Lord.

4. Read Leviticus 8:1-13 and write what Moses did after he had washed Aaron and his sons with water.
5. Explain why it was important for Moses to share with the people that the Lord had commanded him to do the things that he was doing.
6. Explain why you realize in your own life that the Lord wants you to be obedient to Him in the things that you do.

This is a beautiful picture of the way that we are equipped to serve the Lord. The Lord forgives our sins. Then He is the One that equips us to serve Him. After Aaron had the clothes of the high priest placed on him, he was anointed with oil and dedicated for the work of the Lord. When we put our trust in Christ, the Holy Spirit who is pictured by the oil immediately comes into our lives and anoints us for the service of the Lord. We see that Christ is the One that does everything to change our lives. He saves us. He takes away our sin. He gives us the Holy

Spirit. He equips us for service. As a result, our response to Him should be a response of thankfulness.

7. Read Leviticus 8:1-13 and write what Moses did after he had anointed Aaron with oil to set him apart for service to the Lord.

8. Explain how the dedication of Aaron as a priest gives us a picture of what Christ does for us.

9. Explain why you are thankful that the Lord saved you, took away your sin, gave you the Holy Spirit and set you apart to serve Him in your daily life.

We go on to read about the sacrifices that were offered on the day that Aaron and his sons were dedicated as priests. First a bullock (ox) was offered for a sin offering. Again we are reminded of the fact that sin must be removed before effective service can begin. Then Moses did what Aaron and his sons would soon be doing. He took some of the blood and put the blood on the horns of the altar. He then burned the parts of the sin offering that were to be burned on the altar. In this dedication Moses was also showing Aaron and his sons by example how to offer the sin offering.

10. Read Leviticus 8:14-36 and write what Moses did with the rest of the ox.

11. Explain why it was important to begin the dedication service of Aaron and his sons with the offering of a sin offering.

12. Explain what lessons you learn from the fact that Moses showed Aaron how to offer the sacrifices before Aaron began his ministry of offering sacrifices.

Then Moses brought one of the rams for a burnt offering. As you remember, this was one of the voluntary offerings that was not required by the law. However, this offering gives us a picture of the fact that we should be willing and glad to work for the Lord. Aaron and His sons were willing and glad to serve the Lord. In the same way we should want to serve the Lord willingly not because we feel that we are required to serve. Then Moses killed the second ram. This ram was for the purpose of the dedication of the priests. The blood was placed on the right ear, the right thumb and the big toe of the right foot of Aaron and each of his sons. Our hearing, our service and our walk should all be dedicated to the Lord.

13. Read Leviticus 8:14-36 and write what Moses did with the right shoulder of the ram along with the unleavened bread and cake.

14. Explain why it is a great privilege for any person to have the opportunity to serve the Lord.

15. Explain why you are thankful that the Lord gives you the opportunity to be used by Him to carry out His work.

Here we see that the Lord led Moses to fill the hands of Aaron and his sons for service. The Lord also fills our hands for His service. Every Christian is given spiritual gifts in order to serve the Lord. The Lord is the One that gives us these spiritual gifts so that we can serve Him. We also know that our service is pleasing to the Lord just as the offering from the hands of Aaron and his sons was pleasing to the Lord. Since the Holy Spirit gives us the gifts to serve God, we should use those gifts in the way that He wants us to use them. Then we read that Moses took the blood and the oil and sprinkled them on Aaron and his sons.

16. Read Leviticus 8:14-36 and write what Moses told Aaron to do with the meat of the ram of consecration.

17. Explain why it is important for all Christians to realize that the Lord has filled their hands for service by giving them spiritual gifts.

18. Explain why you understand that it is pleasing to the Lord when you use the spiritual gifts that He has given you to carry out the work of the Lord.

God even gave certain instructions about the food that the priests were to eat. Today God says that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. As a result, we want to honor the Holy Spirit by avoiding those foods that might harm the body. We also read that Aaron and his sons were not to leave the tabernacle until the time of dedication was over. This meant that they were to

stay at the tabernacle for seven days and seven nights. They were told to do this so that they would not die.

19. Read Leviticus 8:14-36 and write what Aaron and his sons did when they heard the commandments of the Lord.

20. Explain why it was important for the priests to eat the food that the Lord had said that they were to eat.

21. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the dedication of the priests for the service of the Lord.

We have seen that there was a time of dedication in the lives of the priests before they began their ministry. Now they were prepared to begin their service for the Lord. We read that they began their service for the Lord that day after the time of dedication was completed. As soon as we put our trust in Christ, we become the priests of God. As the priests of God, we can also begin to serve the Lord as soon as we have placed our trust in Him. We can begin to share with others what the Lord has done to change and transform our lives. We read that Aaron was told to take a young calf for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering.

22. Read Leviticus 9:1-14 and write what kind of a ram Aaron was to use.

23. Explain why it is important for a person to receive the gift of salvation before that person begins to try and serve the Lord.

24. Explain why it is important for you in your life to share with others how the Lord has changed and transformed your life.

Throughout the entire book of Leviticus we are reminded that the sacrifices were to be perfect and without blemish. This reminds us continually that Christ did not have any sin. He was the perfect sacrifice for our sins and for the sins of the whole world. After Aaron brought the sacrifices for himself, then he brought the sacrifices for the people. When Moses had given the instructions to Aaron about the sacrifices, the people were called to gather at the door of the tabernacle. God promised that He would cause His glory to appear while the people were gathered at the door of the tabernacle.

25. Read Leviticus 9:1-14 and write who Moses told to offer the sacrifices for the people.

26. Explain why the Old Testament sacrifices picture the fact that Christ was a perfect sacrifice that was without blemish.

27. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to know that Christ is the One that was your perfect sacrifice.

Here we see an interesting lesson in leadership training. Moses told Aaron exactly what to do. Then Moses immediately told Aaron to go ahead and offer the sacrifices exactly as Moses had told him to do. As Moses watched, Aaron followed the instructions that had been given to him. Later when it came time for Aaron to begin to offer additional sacrifices, there was no need for Moses to be there. Instead Moses was able to carry out his other responsibilities. If we are going to be effective leaders, we must guide people in the study of Scripture so that they know what the Lord has called them to do. Then we must give them the opportunity to do what they have learned. Finally we must allow them to work under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and not our leadership.

28. Read Leviticus 9:1-14 and write what the sons of Aaron did with the blood after Aaron offered the calf of the sin offering as a sacrifice.

29. Explain what these verses teach about the way to develop spiritual leadership so that people know how to do the work of the Lord.

30. Explain why it is important to you to help people learn what Christ has called them to do from the Word of God so that they work under His leadership.

As Aaron took the leadership, he immediately began to instruct his sons and teach them what to do. Each person that has been taught needs to begin teaching his family and those around him

what he has learned. The sons of Aaron immediately began to carry out their responsibilities. The sons brought the blood to Aaron and he put it on the horns of the altar and then poured out the rest at the bottom of the altar. The parts of the sacrifice that were to be burned on the altar were burned and the rest of the sin offering was taken out of the camp and burned.

31. Read Leviticus 9:1-14 and write what Aaron did with the various parts of the burnt offering.
32. Explain why the first thing that Aaron did once he became the high priest was to begin to instruct his sons how to serve as priests.
33. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to show others what you have been shown so that they also learn how to serve the Lord.

After Aaron had sacrificed the sin offering and the burnt offering for himself, then he took the goat that was the sin offering for the people. Aaron offered the sin offering and the burnt offering for the people according to the instructions that God had given for the offering of these sacrifices. Aaron also took the meal offering and the peace offering and offered them according to the instructions of the Lord. Aaron was very careful to follow the instructions of the Lord even though this was his first experience of offering sacrifices for the people.

34. Read Leviticus 9:15-24 and write what Aaron did after he had finished offering all of the sacrifices.
35. Explain why it was necessary for Aaron to offer a sin offering for himself before he offered a sin offering for the people.
36. Explain why you also realize that it is important for you to follow the instructions that the Lord has given you in the Bible as you serve the Lord.

Aaron blessed the people as he stood next to the altar. Then Moses and Aaron went together to the entrance of the tabernacle and again blessed the people. When they blessed the people, the glory of the Lord appeared to all of the people. The Lord showed His glory as all of the people were gathered together in front of the tabernacle. Today we will also experience the presence of the Lord as we worship and serve Him. The reason that many people do not experience the presence of the Lord is due to the fact that they are not worshiping Him.

37. Read Leviticus 9:15-24 and write what the Lord did after He had showed His glory to the people.
38. Explain why you think that God chose to show His glory to the people while they were all gathered together.
39. Explain why you know that you experience the presence of the Lord as you are obedient to Him in your worship and service.

Here we see that while the people were gathered in front of the tabernacle that another wonderful thing happened. Aaron had placed the burnt offering on the altar according to the instructions of the Lord. Then God caused fire to come out from the holy of holies to burn the sacrifice that was on the altar. Here we see again that God can do all things. He wanted the people to realize that they were serving the true and living God and that He is the One that has all power. Today we should never forget that the Lord is the One that has all power.

40. Read Leviticus 9:15-24 and write what the people did when they saw fire come out from the Lord.
41. Explain why the Lord chose to send fire out from the holy of holies to burn the sacrifice that was on the altar.
42. Explain why you think the fact that God sent fire out from the holy of holies caused the people to realize that God is the true and living God.

Now reread Leviticus 8:1-9:24 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 5
Leviticus 10:1-11:47

Many times it is easy for people to forget that God is a holy God. That is true in our lives just as it was true in the lives of the people of Israel. As a result, many people do not treat and respect God the way that He should be treated. In our lesson today we will be studying about two priests that did not obey the commandments that God had given about the burning of incense. As a result, these two priests were judged by God. We will be learning about that judgment on two of the sons of Aaron as we study our lesson today. We will also be studying some of the other instructions that the Lord gave to the priests and the people.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain how God judged the sin of Nadab and Abihu.
- Explain the instructions that the Lord gave to the priests.
- Explain what the Lord said about the food for the people.

God sent fire out of the tabernacle to begin the fire that was to burn continually on the altar of burnt offering. That fire was to be kept burning continually. God also said that the altar of incense was to have incense burning on it continually. However, God did not tell how the fire was to be started on the altar of incense. Instead of waiting for the instructions of the Lord, two of the sons of Aaron decided to start the incense burning in their own way. Those two sons were Nadab and Abihu. Each of them put fire on the end of his censer and then used their censers to start the incense on the altar of incense so that it began to burn.

1. Read Leviticus 10:1-5 and write what God did because of the strange fire of Nadab and Abihu.
2. Explain what happened to Nadab and Abihu when they tried to worship the Lord in their own way instead of waiting for God to give them instructions.
3. Explain why this helps you to realize that God is a holy God and we are to obey Him as we worship Him.

Here we see that the Lord brought judgment on Nadab and Abihu. God sent fire to destroy them for their sin. Here we see a real warning to those who have their own way of worship instead of serving the Lord and obeying Him. These two men thought that they could do things in their own way. Instead of waiting for the Lord to tell them what to do, they just went ahead and began doing things in their own way. As a result, God sent fire out from the tabernacle to destroy them. We see that judgment and death came to those who had created their own way of worship. God has also told us in His Word that those who have not believed in Christ have already been judged. Unless they put their trust in Christ, eternal judgment will soon come.

4. Read Leviticus 10:1-5 and write what the relatives of Nadab and Abihu did with their bodies.
5. Explain why people who develop their own form of worship instead of obeying God will also face judgment one day.
6. Explain why it is important to you to know that all those who have not placed their belief in Christ have already been judged.

Today we have many people that are trying to create their own way to worship instead of looking at the Word of God to see how we are to worship Him. Christ said in John 4:24 that God is a Spirit and that He wants us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. That means our human spirit must be in communication with the Holy Spirit. That means we must worship according to the truth that is given in the Word of God. Other people are saying that they are going back to an old way of worship. All forms of false worship are just like the worship of

Nadab and Abihu. Those efforts are based on the efforts of people instead of being based on the truth of the Word of God. People depend on their efforts instead of trusting Christ. Many people may work very hard through their own efforts to try and earn their salvation. However, the best efforts of people will never be good enough. People can never become perfect through their own efforts because they have already sinned.

7. Read Leviticus 10:1-5 and write where the relatives of Nadab and Abihu carried their dead bodies.

8. Explain why it is dangerous for people to depend on their own way of worship instead of worshiping in spirit and in truth.

9. Explain what it means to you in your own life to worship the Father in spirit and in truth.

Moses went on to warn Aaron and his two remaining sons that there were certain things that they were not supposed to do. They were not to show their sorrow and mourning for Nadab and Abihu. The way that the people showed their sorrow during that time was to shave their heads and tear their clothes. Aaron and his other two sons were told that they might die if they did these two things. They were not to personally show their mourning even though God certainly allowed mourning for Nadab and Abihu. Instead they were to let the rest of the people show their sorrow because of the judgment of the Lord.

10. Read Leviticus 10:6-20 and write why the priests were told not to go out of the tabernacle.

11. Explain why God said that Aaron and his other two sons were not to show sorrow for the two sons that the Lord had killed.

12. Explain why you think that God told Aaron and his sons not to show mourning personally because of the death of Nadab and Abihu.

Aaron and his sons were warned that three things could lead to death. The first thing God told them not to do was show sorrow because of the death of Nadab and Abihu. Second they were not to leave the tabernacle. The third thing that they were told not to do was to drink any wine or strong drink. The first two warnings about death were for Aaron and his two remaining sons. However, the warning for the priests about wine or strong drink was to be a law forever. Those who are controlled by strong drink have given the control of their lives to something that is in the process of destroying them. That was why God warned the priests to avoid those things. Instead God wanted them to focus on the things that were holy and would help others.

13. Read Leviticus 10:6-20 and write what Aaron was told to teach the people of Israel.

14. Explain why God said that the priests were not to drink wine or strong drink at any time forever.

15. Explain why you think that wine or strong drink will prevent a person from exercising strong spiritual leadership.

Here we see that God said that the priests were to teach the Word of God to the people. Today this is still the responsibility of all Christians. God tells us in Romans 10:17 that faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Only as we are faithful in teaching the Word of God will people receive the faith to place their trust in Christ. Of course we also need to teach the Word of God to each other so that we are all becoming equipped to teach the Word of God to others. We go on to read that Aaron and his sons that were not killed were instructed to eat a certain offering.

16. Read Leviticus 10:6-20 and write what offering Aaron and his sons were instructed to eat.

17. Explain why it is important for all spiritual leaders to make their emphasis the teaching of the Word of God.

18. Explain why you feel that spiritual leaders need to help others learn the Word of God, help them understand the Word and then learn to apply the Word in their own lives.

Aaron and his sons were told to eat the meal offering because it belonged to them. They were also to eat the breast and the shoulder of the peace offering. This was the way that the Lord provided food for the priests and their families. Moses realized that Aaron and his sons had

burned the sin offering instead of eating it. Then Moses was angry. He asked Aaron why they had not eaten what God had provided. Aaron said that it had been impossible for them to eat the sin offering that day due to the sorrow in their hearts because of the death of Nadab and Abihu. Then Moses was satisfied.

19. Read Leviticus 10:6-20 and write why these verses say that Aaron and his sons were to eat the sin offering.

20. Explain why Moses understood when Aaron said that he and his sons had not eaten the meal offering because of the sorrow in their hearts.

21. Explain how Leviticus 10:11 applies to you in your own personal life and ministry for the Lord.

The Lord also told the people of Israel that there were certain kinds of food that the people could eat and other kinds of food that the people were not to eat. God probably had several important reasons for not allowing the people of Israel to eat certain kinds of food. One very important reason was to protect the health of the people. Today people have learned that the animals that God did not allow the people of Israel to eat are often the carriers of disease. Even though the people did not realize it, God was protecting their health and keeping them from sickness and disease. Another reason was to help the people of Israel make a distinction between themselves and the people that followed other gods.

22. Read Leviticus 11:1-28 and write out the verse that told the people how they would know which animals to eat.

23. Explain why not eating the animals that were unclean helped to protect the health of the people of Israel.

24. Explain why you think that God wanted the people of Israel to make a distinction between themselves and the nations that followed other gods.

Here we see that an animal had to have a divided hoof in order to be considered a clean animal. In fact this divided hoof had to be completely separated (cloven-hoofed). In addition, the animal also had to be an animal that chewed the cud. Any animal that failed to meet any of these requirements was to be considered unclean and was not to be eaten by the people of Israel. A common animal that would not meet these requirements was a pig. During that time the pigs lived on garbage and so they often carried disease. God wanted to protect the people from those diseases and so for the people of Israel the pig was considered an unclean animal.

25. Read Leviticus 11:1-28 and write what creatures in the rivers and seas were to have to be considered clean animals by the Israelites.

26. Explain how the way that God created the animals shows that He had prepared far in advance for these instructions for the people of Israel.

27. Explain why you think that God said some animals were clean and other animals were unclean.

We see that God gave instructions about animals, fish, birds and insects. The unclean fish would be those fish that eat other sea creatures as that could also result in causing disease. The birds that are mentioned as unclean birds are those birds that eat dead animals. The insects that eat bushes and plants are the only insects that God told Israel that they could eat. We see that God gave instructions and said that any animal was to be considered unclean if it ate any kind of food that might carry disease. In this way God protected the people of Israel from many of the diseases that caused much sickness and death among the other nations.

28. Read Leviticus 11:1-28 and write what the people were told to do if they touched the dead carcasses of any of these unclean animals.

29. Explain why God said that the people of Israel were not to eat any of the animals that were unclean.

30. Explain why you think that God was concerned about the people of Israel and warned them exactly what animals they were to avoid eating.

We learn that the people of Israel were not to touch the dead bodies of any unclean animals. If a person touched the dead body of an unclean animal, that person was to be considered unclean until the evening. If it was necessary for a person to carry the body of an unclean animal, the person that carried the body of the unclean animals was to wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. We will see in our study of chapter fifteen that those who were unclean were also required to wash themselves completely with water. In this way their bodies would be cleansed of the germs that might be carried by the bodies of unclean animals.

31. Read Leviticus 11:29-47 and write what other group of things is called unclean by the Lord.

32. Explain why God told Israel nearly 3,500 years ago that it was important to wash themselves completely if they had touched the dead body of any unclean animal.

33. Explain why you think that many cultures and groups of people around the world have developed rules about touching dead bodies.

As God spoke of these creeping things, God said that anything that fell on one of these creeping things was to be unclean until it had been washed. If one of the unclean animals fell into a clay pot, the things that were in that pot were unclean and the pot was to be broken. This was also true if an unclean animal was in an oven. The oven was to be broken. A spring or a pit of water was not considered unclean if a dead animal fell into it because there was plenty of water in the spring or the pit. Here we see that the people of Israel had to become very aware of many different things that were considered unclean. This was one thing that caused the people of Israel to keep themselves separate from the people of other nations.

34. Read Leviticus 11:29-47 and write what God said about seed that had water poured on it and then the body of an unclean animal fell on it.

35. Explain why God gave Israel instructions about many different kinds of things that are unclean.

36. Explain why you are thankful that as Christians the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ but once we came to Christ we are no longer under the law (see Galatians 3:24-25).

As we have read about these various unclean animals, we have seen that cleansing was required whenever someone touched the dead body of one of these unclean animals. These things remind us of the effects of sin. That is why it is important for us today to confess all sin so that we are cleansed from sin. Sin causes us to feel unclean and breaks our fellowship with Christ. That is why we need to confess our sins so that fellowship can be restored with Christ. However, we do not need to wait until evening to confess our sins. Instead we can confess our sins immediately. God has promised to forgive our sins as soon as we confess them.

37. Read Leviticus 11:29-47 and write what the people were to do at evening time in order to be clean again.

38. Explain why it is important for a Christian to confess his sins quickly and not wait until a later time.

39. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that Christ forgives and cleanses you of your sins when you confess them to Him.

The people were also told that if they touched the dead body of a clean animal that had died that they were to be unclean until the evening. God goes on to give the reason why the people were unclean if they touched the body of a dead animal. God is a holy God and the people of Israel were to be a holy people. God said that He brought Israel out of the land of Egypt because they were His chosen people. This was the reason that the people were to be holy. They were a chosen people that had been set apart as the nation from which Christ would come and they were to live in such a way as to honor the Lord by all that they did.

40. Read Leviticus 11:29-47 and write what the people were not to do with any creeping thing.

41. Explain why it was important for the nation of Israel to realize that God is a holy God and that He had selected them to be a holy people.

42. Explain why it is important for you to realize that as Christians we are also called and set apart to God as a holy people.

Now reread Leviticus 10:1-11:47 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 6
Leviticus 12:1-13:59

God had chosen Abraham to form a nation from which Christ would one day come. God said that the people of the nation of Israel were to be a holy people who were dedicated to God. As a result, God gave them many instructions to guide them and protect them from disease. It is only in recent years that doctors and scientists have learned that there are medical reasons for many of the instructions given in the law of God. Although people have only learned the reasons for these instructions in recent years, we see that God was caring for His people and protecting them long ago.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain God's regulations for children and mothers.
- Explain how a priest was to check a person for leprosy.
- Explain what God says about cleansing materials.

As we begin our study of chapter twelve, we see that a woman that had a male child was to have that child circumcised when the child was eight days old. Doctors have learned in the past few years that the eighth day is the day that offers the least danger for the child. Doctors have also learned in recent years that circumcision helps to reduce certain types of cancers. To the Jews, circumcision was a sign that the covenant and the promises had been given to Abraham and through him to the nation of Israel. Although the people of Israel did not realize it, God also used circumcision as a way to help protect the health of the people of Israel.

1. Read Leviticus 12:1-8 and write how many days a woman was to continue her time of purification after the circumcision of a male child.
2. Explain why it is important to understand that circumcision was the sign of the covenant and promises that were given to Abraham.
3. Explain why you are thankful that the Lord gave Israel instructions that would protect their health even though they did not realize it then.

A woman was considered unclean for a total of forty days (seven before circumcision and thirty-three days after circumcision) when a male child was born. When a woman was unclean, she was not to have sexual relationships. Doctors today recommend that a couple wait about six weeks after the birth of a child before they resume sexual relationships. Doctors make this recommendation to protect the health of the mother. However, God gave instructions to protect the health of the mother long before doctors knew that this kind of protection was even needed. Here we see that God wanted to protect the health of Israel in many different ways.

4. Read Leviticus 12:1-8 and write the total number of days that a woman was unclean when a daughter was born.
5. Explain how these regulations regarding health show that God had a great concern to protect the health of the people of Israel.
6. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that the Lord is concerned about every area of our lives.

The reason for a longer period when a daughter was born is not known yet. Perhaps one day people will learn that God had a special reason for the longer time when a daughter was born. When the days of purifying were completed, the mother was to bring a sacrifice for a burnt offering. She was also to bring a young pigeon or a turtledove for a sin offering. When the parents brought a lamb for their child, they were reminded of the fact that the child came from God and belonged to God. Here we see that God wanted the people to understand that children

are a gift from Him.

7. Read Leviticus 12:1-8 and write what a woman was told to bring if she and her husband could not afford to bring a lamb.

8. Explain why it is important for all parents to understand that their children are gifts from the Lord.

9. Explain why you think that it is important for parents to teach their children from an early age that they are a gift from God.

Here we see that God provides for the poor by allowing them to bring as a sacrifice something that they could afford. God allowed the poor to bring these birds instead of a lamb if they were very poor. In the New Testament we read that Mary and Joseph brought two turtledoves rather than a lamb and a turtledove. This shows us that they were very poor. However, God is as concerned about the poor as He is about the rich. In fact in Isaiah 55 God tells people to come to Him even though they have no money. Salvation is based completely on faith and not on riches.

10. Read Leviticus 12:1-8 and write what a woman was considered once she brought these sacrifices to God.

11. Explain why the fact that Mary and Joseph brought the sacrifice that they brought in Luke 2:24 when Christ was eight days old would show that they were poor.

12. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life about the concern of God for the poor from this chapter.

We go to read about the instructions that God gave for those who had leprosy or some other similar disease. Leprosy is a disease that has large open sores. Leprosy can completely eat away the fingers, the toes, the ears, the nose or other parts of the body. Until fairly recent years that were no medicine that could even stop the spread of leprosy. It was considered an incurable disease. In addition, leprosy can very easily spread from one person to another. For this reason it is necessary to keep those with leprosy away from other people.

13. Read Leviticus 13:1-17 and write to whom a person was to be brought if that person had a swelling, a scab or a bright spot on the skin that looked like it might be the start of leprosy.

14. Explain why the fact that there was no human cure for leprosy meant that it was a good picture of the fact that there is no human cure for sin.

15. Explain why you are thankful that Christ chose to become a man and die for sin so that He could make it possible for your sin to be forgiven.

A person with a spot that looked like it might be the beginning of leprosy was to be brought to the priest so that he could tell if it was leprosy and that the spot went deeper than just the skin. If the spot went deeper than the skin, the priest was to declare that it was leprosy and the person was declared unclean by the priest. Those who were unclean because of leprosy were to live outside the camp of Israel by themselves so that no one else would catch the disease. If a person had a spot that was only on the skin, that person was to stay away from the rest of the people for seven days. At the end of seven days he was to be examined by the priest again. If the spot had turned dark and had a scab, the person was declared clean by the priest.

16. Read Leviticus 13:1-17 and write what the priest said if the scab had spread.

17. Explain why it was necessary for a person with leprosy to live outside the camp of Israel.

18. Explain how you think a person felt when he was examined by the priest for a second time after seven days and was told he was not leprosy and then was declared clean by the priest.

If a person had any scabs that were spreading or any raw open sores, the priest pronounced that person unclean. Then God told how a person could be pronounced clean again. The skin must become white all over so that it was like it had been before the leprosy began. Leprosy gives us a real picture of sin. Sin cannot be removed by the efforts of man. It continues to spread. As sin spreads, it also continues to get worse. A person must be made clean from sin by the blood

of Christ in order for that person to be clean in the sight of God.

19. Read Leviticus 13:1-17 and write who had to pronounce the person clean again after he had checked the new skin.

20. Explain why leprosy and the way that it spreads gives a real picture of the way that sin spreads in the life of a person.

21. Explain why you are thankful that Christ cleansed your life from sin and you have been declared righteous in the sight of God.

Sometimes a boil would be the place where leprosy would start. Here we see another way that sin is like leprosy. Sin can start at any place and in any way in the life of a person. When a person had a boil, the boil was also to be checked by the priest. If the white spot in the boil went deeper than the skin, the priest was to declare it leprosy. Then the person was considered unclean. However, if the white spot was only on the skin, then that person was to stay away from other people for seven days in order to prevent any possible spread of disease. If the spot did not spread, the person was declared clean and was free to go where the person chose.

22. Read Leviticus 13:18-37 and write other kinds of skin were to be checked for leprosy.

23. Explain how the fact that leprosy can start in any place and in any way is a picture of the fact that sin can deceive people in many different ways.

24. Explain how you think people felt when they were brought to the priest to be checked to see if they had leprosy.

Like the other kinds of leprosy, when there was a hot burning on the skin the person was declared unclean if the spot went lower than the skin. If the spot was just on the skin, the person was to be set apart for seven days to see what happened to the spot. We have seen that there was a seven day waiting period to check any spot that looked like it might be leprosy. This was to make certain that when a person had leprosy that the person did not spread the disease to others during the seven day waiting period while they waited to see if the spot was actually leprosy. This reminds us that we should not cause others to sin by allowing unconfessed sin to remain in our lives.

25. Read Leviticus 13:18-37 and write what area of the body was to be checked for leprosy when there was a plague on it.

26. Explain why God wanted the people to be very concerned to keep leprosy or any other disease from spreading in the camp of Israel.

27. Explain why you think this seven day waiting period must have been very difficult for the people as they waited to find out whether they had leprosy or not.

If a person had a spot on his head that looked like it might be a disease, the hair on that spot was to be checked. If there was a yellow hair on the diseased part and the spot was deeper than the skin, it was declared leprosy. However, if there was only black hair, the person was to be set apart for seven days. If the priest could still not tell at the end of seven days, the hair around the diseased spot was to be shaved. In this way the priest could tell if the spot was spreading by the end of another seven day period and the priest would either declare the person clean or unclean.

28. Read Leviticus 13:18-37 and write what the priest was not to shave when he shaved the hair.

29. Explain why it is important to confess sin immediately before that sin begins to spread like leprosy.

30. Explain how you think a person felt when that person had to experience a second seven day period of waiting before he knew whether he had leprosy.

God went on to make a very important point. A person could lose his hair and that did not mean that the person was unclean. God said this so that the people would not feel that a person was unclean if he lost his hair. Usually the loss of hair is inherited within a family and is not the result of any disease. However, it was possible for a person to later get leprosy on the bald part of his head. If there was a spot on a bald head that looked like it might be leprosy, it was to

be checked in the same way that other spots were checked when they looked like they might be leprosy.

31. Read Leviticus 13:38-59 and write what a person had to say when others came near if that person had leprosy.

32. Explain why it was important for the people of Israel to know that the loss of hair did not mean that a person had a disease.

33. Explain why you think God gave so much instruction about how to check for leprosy to Israel.

A person that had leprosy was to live outside of the camp. If a person that did not have leprosy came close to a person with leprosy, the leper had to call, "Unclean, unclean" so that the other person would not come any closer. This was to prevent the leprosy from spreading from one person to another. As a result, a person with leprosy probably really felt the fact that he was all alone. This is a good example of what sin will do to a person. Every person that dies in his sin will feel like he is alone through all eternity. Even though there will be many other people in the lake of fire and brimstone, the pain will be so great that the person will not even notice that there are other people around him that are suffering just as he is suffering.

34. Read Leviticus 13:38-59 and write what a person was to do if a piece of clothing had leprosy (any form of mold or fungus) in it.

35. Explain why leprosy would cause those who had leprosy to feel like they were alone and rejected.

36. Explain how you think a leper felt when he had to call "Unclean, unclean" whenever someone else came near him.

Here we see that it was possible for a piece of clothing to become affected with some form of leprosy or fungus. When that happened the priest was to put the piece of clothing or material away for seven days. Then if the leprosy continued to spread, the piece of clothing was to be burned with fire. Here we see that the piece of clothing was to be destroyed. Otherwise the disease would continue to spread to other pieces of clothing. This is the way that sin is in our lives. If we allow a little sin to remain in our life, that sin will soon affect our entire life and thinking.

37. Read Leviticus 13:38-59 and write what the priest was to command should be done with the piece of clothing if the plague had not spread in seven days.

38. Explain how the way that leprosy spread to other things shows how the sin of one person can lead others to join in that sin.

39. Explain why you think that God said that any piece of clothing that had leprosy in it was to be destroyed.

If the spot in the clothing did not spread during the seven day period, then the clothing was to be washed and set aside for another seven days. At the end of the second seven day period, the priest was to check the piece of clothing again. If the spot was still there and had begun to spread, then the piece of clothing was to be burned with fire. If the piece of clothing did not have the leprosy in it any more, then the clothing was to be washed for a second time.

40. Read Leviticus 13:38-59 and write what God said the clothing would be after it was washed for a second time.

41. Explain why a piece of clothing or cloth was to be washed again after it had been set aside for seven days.

42. Explain why you think it was important for people to know that something did not have leprosy as well as know when something had leprosy.

Now reread Leviticus 12:1-13:59 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 7
Leviticus 14:1-15:33

In our last lesson we learned how a priest was to determine if a person had leprosy. Leprosy was considered a disease for which there was no cure. However, what is impossible for man is always possible with God. As a result, God could choose to cure leprosy in any person. Due to this fact, God gave certain instructions so that the priest would know how to check and see if a person was cured of leprosy. The priest had to determine that the person was free from leprosy and then could declare the person clean. Those who were cured of leprosy were allowed to return to a normal life. This was the reason why it was very important to know when a leper had been cured of leprosy before he returned to a normal life.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what a person must do that was cured of leprosy.
- Explain what was done to cleanse the house of a leper.
- Explain about the cleansing for other forms of uncleanness.

When a person had leprosy, that person was unclean and was required to stay outside of the camp of Israel. The person could not return into the camp until the priest declared that the person was clean of the leprosy. For this reason, it was necessary for the priest to go out of the camp to check a person that had been cleansed of leprosy. If the priest saw that the person had been healed of his leprosy, the person was to take two birds. One bird was to be killed. Then the bird that was still alive was to be dipped in the blood of the bird that had been killed.

1. Read Leviticus 14:1-32 and write what the priest was to do with the living bird.
2. Explain why the fact that the priest had to go outside of the camp to check if a person was cleansed from leprosy shows us that one of the ministries of any priest of God is to go to people where they are and minister to them in that place.
3. Explain why you are thankful that all Christians are priests of God and that you can go to the places where people live, work or spend their free time to minister to them.

The two birds together give us a beautiful picture of what Christ did for us. The first bird died. Christ also died and it is His blood that paid the penalty for our sins. The second bird was allowed to go free. We know from our study of the New Testament that death could not hold Christ. The Father showed that He was satisfied with the payment that Christ made by raising Christ from the dead. Christ rose from the dead on the third day. He was victorious over death. Because Christ had victory over death, we can now have victory over death also. Christ died to pay our penalty and rose again to give us eternal life.

4. Read Leviticus 14:1-32 and write what the leper was to do with his clothes and his hair when he was cleansed from leprosy.
5. Explain why it is important for Christians to realize that Christ died to pay the penalty for sin and also sets Christians free from their sin.
6. Explain why you are thankful that Christ has set you free from the burden of your own sin.

The leper was to wash his clothes and shave off his hair twice before he was allowed to return to the camp. He was to wash and shave and then remain outside of the camp for seven days. Then he was to wash and shave a second time before he was allowed to enter the camp. This was to make certain that he did not carry the disease back into the camp. Our lives must also be cleansed of sin if we want to enjoy fellowship with the Lord. As long as we allow sin to remain in our lives we are out of fellowship with the Lord and cannot have inner peace.

7. Read Leviticus 14:1-32 and write what kind of animals a leper was to bring as a sacrifice

when he was cleansed.

8. Explain why it is important that we as Christians are cleansed from our sin so that we are able to enjoy the fellowship with the Lord that He wants us to enjoy.

9. Explain why it is impossible to have inner peace in your life if you know you have unconfessed sin in your life.

The three lambs were to be for a trespass offering, a sin offering and a burnt offering. The priest was to take some of the blood from the trespass offering and put it on the right ear, the right thumb and the big toe of the right foot. Then the priest was to take the cleansing oil and place the oil on the same three places. Here we see the order that we experience when our sins are forgiven. First the blood of Christ takes away our sin. Then the Holy Spirit immediately comes into the life of the person whose sins are forgiven and gives us His power to now begin to serve the Lord.

10. Read Leviticus 14:1-32 and write what a leper could bring as a sacrifice if he was poor and could not afford three lambs.

11. Explain why it is necessary for salvation to happen in the life of a person before that person can begin effective service for the Lord.

12. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the cleansing of a leper that had been cured of leprosy.

We also see that God gave special instructions for the leper that was poor. Again we are reminded of the fact that God never+ keeps a person from receiving salvation just because that person is poor. Salvation is offered as a free gift to all people. We go on to read what God says about a house that had leprosy or some form of fungus or mold come into the house. When a person saw what looked like fungus or mold on the wall of his house, he was to call the priest and have the priest come and inspect his house. However, the person was to take everything out of the house before the priest came to inspect the house of that person.

13. Read Leviticus 14:33-57 and write why the person was to take everything out of the house before the house was inspected by the priest.

14. Explain why it is so important for us to understand that salvation is a free gift that is available to all whether a person is rich or poor.

15. Explain why you think that a person was told to take everything out of his house before he had the priest come and inspect it.

Anything that remained in the house when it was inspected by the priest was considered unclean and must be destroyed. The priest inspected the house by checking to see if the disease or fungus was just on the surface or if it went into the wall. After the house was inspected, it was closed for seven days. Then the priest returned to see if the disease had spread. If the disease had spread, then all of the stones that had some of the disease were to be taken out of the wall and replaced with clean stones. The rest of the walls were also to be scraped to make certain that nothing remained on any of the walls.

16. Read Leviticus 14:33-57 and write what was to be done to the house if the disease continued to spread.

17. Explain why any stones in a house that had fungus or disease were to be removed from the wall of the house and replaced with clean stones.

18. Explain why you think that the people were also told to scrape the rest of the walls even though they did not have fungus or disease.

Just as God did not allow a leper to live among the other people, God could not allow a diseased house to remain either. However, if the unclean stones were removed and did not spread to the other stones of the walls, then the person that owned the house also had to bring two birds for cleansing. One bird was to be killed and its blood used for cleansing. The second bird was allowed to go free. We said previously that this gave us a beautiful picture of the

death and resurrection of Christ. It also gives us a good picture of the fact that we are set free from our sin when we have been cleansed by Christ. We are no longer bound by our sin.

19. Read Leviticus 14:33-57 and write what God said was the real purpose of the law of leprosy.
20. Explain why it is important for every Christian to understand that he or she is no longer bound by sin once the person places his or her trust in Christ.
21. Explain why you think that God required that a house be cleansed before it could be used again.

As we have studied the various things that must be cleansed, we have been reminded again of the fact that God is a holy God and that He must judge sin. Now we are given certain instructions about other kinds of cleansing. First we read about people that had a running issue. A running issue was a sore of a disease from which pus was running. We also see that everything a man touched while he was unclean also became unclean and must be washed with water. A diseased person also caused another person to become unclean if he touched the other person without washing his hands first. Here we see that any person that was already unclean caused the things that he touched to also become unclean.

22. Read Leviticus 15:1-18 and write how many days a man was to use for cleansing after the running issue stopped.
23. Explain why everything that a person touched while that person was unclean caused the things that he touched to become unclean.
24. Explain why you are thankful that Christ could touch the uncleanness of your sin and make you clean instead of you making Him unclean.

For seven days the person who had a running issue was unclean. On the eighth day the person was to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons as a sacrifice. These were to be brought to the door of the tabernacle and offered as a sacrifice. One was to be used for a sin offering and the other was to be used as a burnt offering. We have seen that uncleanness or sin must always be followed by cleansing. This is the reason why I John 1:9 tells us that we are to confess our sins so that God will forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

25. Read Leviticus 15:1-18 and write what the priest was actually doing for the person as he offered these sacrifices.
26. Explain why spiritual cleansing from sin is even more important than the physical cleansing that happened in Leviticus.
27. Explain what it means to you in your own life to know that Christ has both forgiven your sins and also cleansed you from all unrighteousness.

When our sins are forgiven, our fellowship with God is restored again. We go on to see that God also gave instructions for a man and a woman that had sexual relationships. They were to wash themselves and be unclean until the evening. However, there was no sacrifice involved because there is no sin in sexual relationships between a husband and a wife. Sexual relationships in marriage are holy and honored by the Lord. The purpose of the washing was for the sake of cleanliness. Here we see that uncleanness did not always relate to sin but could involve other reasons as well.

28. Read Leviticus 15:1-18 and write what else the husband and wife were to wash following sexual relationships.
29. Explain what God was teaching the nation of Israel about cleansing in these verses.
30. Explain why it is important to understand that the uncleanness that is mentioned in the book of Leviticus is not always related to sin.

God also gave instructions about the monthly period of women. When a woman had her period, she was unclean for seven days. However, we see again that this uncleanness did not involve sin because a woman was not expected to offer a sacrifice unless her period lasted for a

longer period of time. During the seven days, the things that the woman touched or sat on were considered unclean and they were to be washed with water. Again we see that the reason for this washing was for the sake of cleanliness. God gave the people of Israel a number of instructions about things that they were to do for the purpose of cleanliness.

31. Read Leviticus 15:19-33 and write what God said about a woman whose period continued to run for many days past the seven day period.

32. Explain why God made it clear that the uncleanness of women during their period did not mean that they had sinned.

33. Explain why you think that God told the people of Israel that they were to wash unclean objects with water.

When a woman has a period that lasts for more than seven days, there is often something that is physically wrong. If a period continued for many additional days, then the woman was to be unclean. Since there might be some form of disease involved, any person that touched a woman whose period had gone for more than seven days was to be unclean until the evening. That person was also to wash for the sake of cleanliness and the prevention of disease. This way if there was a disease it would not spread to others. A person was also to wash if he touched the clothes of one who was unclean. In this way God was protecting the health of His people.

34. Read Leviticus 15:19-33 and write how long a person was unclean if he touched the clothes of an unclean woman.

35. Explain why many of the regulations given about uncleanness were for the purpose of the health of the people of Israel.

36. Explain why this helps you to understand that God is concerned about both our physical health and our spiritual health.

When a woman had a period that continued for many days, she was to be unclean for seven days after the period stopped. Then on the eighth day she was to bring a sacrifice. This sacrifice was to be two turtledoves or two young pigeons. It was to be brought to the priest at the tabernacle. There the priest was to offer one of the birds as a sin offering and the other bird as a burnt offering. This was to be done to make atonement. Atonement involves bringing two people back together again. Throughout the Old Testament sacrifices were offered to make atonement and bring God and man back together again. However, that changed when Christ died and rose again. God and man are brought back together through the blood of Christ so that the people are reconciled to God and brought back into fellowship with Him.

37. Read Leviticus 15:19-33 and write from what these sacrifices separated the people when they offered them.

38. Explain why it is important to understand that sacrifices in the Old Testament were for the purpose of atonement to bring man back to God.

39. Explain why you think that God has such a great desire to have fellowship with us that He willingly gave His only Son to die as our sacrifice.

We also see the reason why God gave the nation of Israel all of the instructions about cleansing. God had chosen the nation of Israel to be His holy nation from which Christ would come to bring blessing to all nations. He had also given them the tabernacle where they could offer their sacrifices to Him. As a result, God wanted them to be cleansed from all forms of uncleanness. Otherwise God warned that the people might be judged with death if they filled the tabernacle with their uncleanness.

40. Read Leviticus 15:19-33 and write why God said that the people of Israel were to be separated from their uncleanness.

41. Explain why it was important for God to give the nation of Israel instructions about how to be a holy people since Christ was going to come from the people of Israel.

42. Explain why it is important to you that the Father sent Christ to this world to bring blessing

to all nations and groups of people.

Read Leviticus 14:1-15:33 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 8
Leviticus 16:1-17:16

Today we will be learning about the most important day in the year for the nation of Israel. One day each year the high priest was to take the blood into the holy of holies. He was to take blood first for his own sins. Then he was to go in a second time and take blood for the sins of the people. This blood was a covering for sin until the blood of Christ was shed to take away sin. In John 1:29 John the Baptist introduced Christ as the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. The day on which this blood was to be taken into the tabernacle was called the Day of Atonement. This was the one day during the year when the people of Israel were required to fast (eat no food). We will also learn why it was so important that blood be offered as a covering for sin.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain the purpose of the Day of Atonement.
- Explain the purpose of the scapegoat.
- Explain why all of the sacrifices were to be brought to the tabernacle.
- Explain what God says about the importance of blood.

For the people of Israel, there was one day in the year that was more important than any other day of the year. That day was the Day of Atonement. That was the day when the people were reminded that a covering was needed for their sins. After the death of Nadab and Abihu, God spoke to Moses and gave him instructions about the time each year when Aaron should go into the holy of holies. God warned that the high priest must go into the holy of holies according to the instructions of God or he would be judged by death. God also said that He would meet the high priest at the mercy seat.

1. Read Leviticus 16:1-19 and write how God said that He would appear at the mercy seat.
2. Explain why the fact that the high priest took blood into the holy of holies one day each year made that the most important day of the year for Israel.
3. Explain why you think that it was necessary for sin to be covered until Christ came to take away sin.

The high priest was going to meet with God when he went into the holy of holies. As a result, he had to come prepared. He had to bring a sin offering and a burnt offering for his own sins. Only then was he able to come into the holy of holies a second time and bring a sin offering and a burnt offering for the sins of the people. The high priest also had to wash and put on all of the clothes of the priests before he went into the holy of holies. The sin offering for the high priest and his family was a bull. Two goats were the sin offering that was to be brought for the people. One of these goats was to be presented to the Lord as a sacrifice.

4. Read Leviticus 16:1-19 and write what the other goat is called.
5. Explain the importance of the sin offering that was offered to the Lord on the Day of Atonement.
6. Explain why you think it was necessary for the high priest to take in blood as a covering for his own sins before he took blood as a covering for the sins of the people.

The first goat was to be killed and its blood was to be presented as a sacrifice for sin. Then the second goat was to be sent alive out into the wilderness. We go on to read about the order of the sacrifices on the Day of Atonement. First Aaron was to kill the bull that was the sin offering for his sins and the sins of his family. Then Aaron took some coals of fire and incense and put them on the mercy seat above the Ark of the Covenant. As this fire and incense were burning, Aaron was to sprinkle the blood of his sin offering on the mercy seat seven times.

7. Read Leviticus 16:1-19 and write what sacrifice the high priest was to kill next.
8. Explain why the blood of the sin offering that was taken into the holy of holies was sprinkled on the mercy seat.
9. Explain why you think that the mercy seat where the high priest sprinkled the blood was on the top of the Ark of the Covenant that contained the Ten Commandments.

Only after the high priest had brought the offering for his own sins was he able to bring the sin offering of the people. When the high priest went into the holy of holies with the blood offering of the people, he was to sprinkle that blood on the mercy seat also. He was to do this the same way that he had sprinkled the blood for his own sins. After the high priest had finished sprinkling the blood on the mercy seat for the sins of the people, he went out of the tabernacle. Then he took the blood from the bull and the goat of the people and used that blood to anoint the altar.

10. Read Leviticus 16:1-19 and write how often the high priest was to sprinkle the blood on the altar.
11. Explain why it was necessary for the high priest to present the blood to the Lord in the exact way that God had said it was to be done.
12. Explain why you think that it was necessary for the high priest to bring blood each year and sprinkle it on the mercy seat.

We also learn the purpose of the scapegoat. After the high priest had finished bringing the blood of his sin offering and the sin offering of the people into the holy of holies, he returned to the place where the live goat was standing. Then the high priest would place both of his hands on the head of the goat and confess the sins of the people. This scapegoat had done nothing wrong. However, the sins of the people were placed on him. Then the scapegoat was led out into the wilderness where no one lived.

13. Read Leviticus 16:20-34 and write what God said the scapegoat did as he went out into the wilderness.
14. Explain why the scapegoat had the sins of the people placed on him before he was taken out into the wilderness.
15. Explain why you are thankful that the death and resurrection of Christ changed everything so that we no longer have to offer sacrifices.

These two goats together give us a beautiful picture of what Christ did with our sins. First, our sins are covered by His blood. Second, Christ removed our sins as far as the east is from the west. God also says that He buries them in the depths of the sea. Then He says that He will remember them (hold them against us) no more. This is the reason why we do not need to be afraid of our past sins once we have placed our trust in Christ. We know that our sins have been forgiven and removed. They were taken away by the One that had done nothing wrong. Our sins were placed on Christ and He paid the penalty for our sins.

16. Read Leviticus 16:20-34 and write where Aaron was to leave the linen clothes that he wore into the holy of holies.
17. Explain why it is so important that the blood of Christ both covers sin and takes away sin.
18. Explain why you are thankful that Christ paid your penalty and took away your sin so that you do not need to live a life of fear, guilt and shame any longer.

We see that everything that was related to the sin offering on the Day of Atonement was to be kept separate. The high priest was to change his clothes and wash himself before he came out to offer the burnt offering. The man who burned the entire sin offering outside of the camp was also to wash himself before he returned to the camp. The person that led the scapegoat out into the wilderness was to wash himself before he returned to the camp. Cleansing for sin is required before atonement is possible. That was why every person involved had to wash himself before returning to the camp.

19. Read Leviticus 16:20-34 and write the various things for which the high priest was to make

atonement on the Day of Atonement.

20. Explain the purpose of the scapegoat and why the scapegoat was led out into the wilderness where no one lived.

21. Explain why you think that it was necessary for the person that burned the sin offering outside the camp to wash himself before he returned into the camp.

We see that the people of Israel were given two specific instructions that they were to obey on the Day of Atonement. First, they were not to do any work on that day. That day was to be a day of rest like the Sabbath. Second, they were not to eat any food on the Day of Atonement. This was to be a day of fasting. It was to be a day when the people remembered their sins and confessed them to the Lord. No one was allowed to do anything that would keep him or anyone else from examining his own life. Instead it was to be a day of cleansing from sin. In the same way, Christians are told to examine their lives each time before they participate in a communion service.

22. Read Leviticus 16:20-34 and write how long God said the people of Israel were to observe the Day of Atonement.

23. Explain why it was very important for the people of Israel to have a day set aside to remember their sins and confess them to the Lord.

24. Explain why you are thankful that you can confess your sins at any time and not wait until the Day of Atonement.

God also gave instructions about what the people were to do when they killed an animal. They were not just to kill the animal on their own. Whenever the people killed an animal, they were to bring that animal to the door of the tabernacle. We will see that God had a very important reason for telling the people to bring their animals that they killed to the door of the tabernacle. God also said that blood would be on the person that did not obey this commandment of God.

25. Read Leviticus 17:1-9 and write what God said should happen to the person that failed to obey this commandment.

26. Explain why God gave instructions to the people to bring their animals to the door of the tabernacle to be killed.

27. Explain why you think that God gave the people many regulations during this time that they were out in the wilderness.

God had a reason for telling the people of Israel to bring their animals to the door of the tabernacle to be killed. The people of Israel were living among nations that offered all of their sacrifices to idols and other false gods. God knew that the people would soon begin to follow the practices of the surrounding nations if they did not bring their animals to the tabernacle and offer them as peace offerings. Here we see that it is always a temptation to people to follow the ways of the world instead of serving the Lord. In fact in our own day Christians have to also make the choice to follow the Lord totally and not yield to the temptation to follow the ways of the world.

28. Read Leviticus 17:1-9 and write to what God said that the people of Israel were not to offer their sacrifices.

29. Explain in your own words the reason that God required the people to bring their animals to the tabernacle to be killed.

30. Explain why you think that God wanted to make a distinction between the way that Israel killed their animals and the way the other nations killed their animals.

It was not uncommon for people of other nations to live among the people of Israel for a period of time. Since these people came from other nations of people, they often worshiped other gods. In order to prevent the people of Israel from following idols or worshiping other gods, God said that any stranger that lived among the people of Israel was also to bring his animals to the tabernacle to be killed. Otherwise God knew that it would be easy for the people of Israel to

begin to follow the false gods and idols of the surrounding nations.

31. Read Leviticus 17:1-9 and write what God said should be done to a stranger or an Israelite who did not bring his animal to the tabernacle.

32. Explain why foreigners that lived among the people of Israel were also instructed to bring their animals to the tabernacle to be killed.

33. Explain why you think it is so easy for people to be deceived by false ways of worship in their lives.

God knew that sin would spread like yeast spreads in bread dough if sin was allowed to remain among the people of Israel. That was why both the people of Israel and any people of other nations living among them were to bring their animals to the tabernacle and sacrifice them as peace offerings to God rather than kill them out in the field. God also gave a warning to the people about eating blood. God said that the people of Israel or any strangers that lived among the people of Israel were not to eat any kind of blood. God said that any that chose to eat blood were to be cut off from among the people. It was against the law of God to eat any blood. God had actually given this law at the time Noah and his family came out of the ark in Genesis 9:4.

34. Read Leviticus 17:10-16 and write why God said that the people were not to eat any blood.

35. Explain why God said that any person that ate blood was to be cut off from the nation of Israel.

36. Explain why it is important for you to know that this prohibition against eating blood was first given to Noah right after he came off the ark.

God said that the life of the flesh is in the blood. That is true for our physical lives. However, that is also true for our spiritual lives. Here we learn an important lesson about the value of blood. We have seen that blood was used as a covering for sins. As a result, this would be one reason why the people were not to eat blood. Only when blood was shed and placed on the altar did it have any value. Any other blood was of no value. However, when blood was shed as a covering for sin, the value of that blood was so great that no value could be placed on it. This is the reason why the blood of Christ that was shed for our sins has such great value. When Christ shed His blood for us, it cost Him His life.

37. Read Leviticus 17:10-16 and write what the people were to do with the blood when they killed an animal while hunting.

38. Explain why it is important to understand that the blood that Christ shed for us has infinite value.

39. Explain why you are thankful that Christ was willing to shed His blood to pay the penalty for your sins.

No one that lived among the people of Israel was to eat any blood. Anyone that did was to be cut off from the nation of Israel. When a man went hunting and killed an animal, he was to cover the blood of that animal with dust so that nothing else could eat the blood. God also said that a person was unclean until the evening if he ate an animal that died of itself or was killed by wild animals. The reason why that person would be unclean was due to the fact that some of the blood might remain in that dead animal because it had not been carefully drained out and covered with dust.

40. Read Leviticus 17:10-16 and write what a person had to do to be clean again after eating an animal that had died of itself or was killed by wild animals.

41. Explain why even the blood of an animal that was killed while hunting was to be covered with dust or dirt.

42. Explain why you think that God gave the nation of Israel such complete instructions about what they were to do with any blood.

Now reread Leviticus 16:1-17:16 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 9
Leviticus 18:1-19:37

In recent years people have learned that marriage to close relatives may affect the mental ability of the children. Of course God has always known this. As a result, God gave certain instructions to His people about who they could not marry in order to protect the children of such marriages from the problems that could occur. God also gave instructions to the people about many other things. We will learn what God says about lust and idolatry as these were things that were and are common among the people of the nations. Then we will see the way that God chose to provide for the poor among the people. This will be followed by a large group of instructions about the right way to live in life.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why the people of Israel were told not to marry close relatives.
- Explain what God says about the evil practices of the Canaanites.
- Explain how God provided for the poor.
- Explain the regulations that God gave for right living.

God reminded the people of Israel that He had chosen them. Because God had chosen the people of Israel as a special nation, they were not to be like the people of the other nations. They were not to follow the sinful practices of the people of Egypt whose land they had left. They were not to become involved in the sins of the people in the land of Canaan when they reached that land. Instead the people were to walk according to the commandments of the Lord. They were promised life if they would be obedient to the words of the Lord. God also reminded the people again that He is the Lord and they were to walk in His laws.

1. Read Leviticus 18:1-18 and write what the people were not to do to their near kin (close relatives).
2. Explain why God wanted the people of Israel to be different than the nations that were around them.
3. Explain why in your own life as you follow the Lord and obey His Word that the people of the world think that you are different.

Here we see a list of those people whom the people of Israel were not allowed to marry. A person was not allowed to marry his or her father or mother. If a father married the second time, his sons were not allowed to marry the second wife after the father died. A man was not to marry his sister or his half sister. A man was also not allowed to marry his granddaughter. Here we see that God forbid any person to marry those of his immediate family. That was against the commandments of God. God also gives a list of other close relatives that a person was not to marry. Here we see that God commanded the people to avoid those marriages that could have a negative effect on their children.

4. Read Leviticus 18:1-18 and write why a person was not to marry the sister of his father.
5. Explain why it is important that God gave Israel instructions and commandments about who they could not marry.
6. Explain why it is important for you to realize that the commandments that God gave all had a good purpose for them.

We see that God did not allow a man to marry his aunt. A woman was not allowed to marry her uncle. A man was not to marry the wife of his uncle either. A man was not allowed to marry the wife of his son. The same was true of the wife of a brother. A man was not allowed to marry both a woman and her daughter or a woman and her granddaughter. It was also against

- the law of God to marry two sisters while they were both alive. That would certainly cause much conflict between the sisters as had happened in earlier years between Leah and Rachel.
7. Read Leviticus 18:1-18 and write what God called it if a man married a woman and her daughter or a woman and her granddaughter.
 8. Explain why God made it clear to the people of Israel that they were not to marry close relatives.
 9. Explain why you think that God told the people of Israel that they were not to marry two sisters while they were both alive.

God goes on to talk about various forms of lust and immorality that are against the commandments of the Lord. Men are told not to uncover the nakedness of a woman while she is unclean. This meant that a woman that was unclean was not to have sexual relationships with her husband while she was unclean. Instead they were to wait until she was clean again. God also warned against having any form of sexual relationships with the wife of another man. This is a reminder to us that any kind of sexual activity outside of marriage is sin. We will see in a few chapters that the penalty for such adultery was death.

10. Read Leviticus 18:19-30 and write what God said about the fires of Molech.
11. Explain why God made it very clear that any form of sexual relationships with the wife of another man is sin.
12. Explain why it is important to you to be faithful to your partner and not get involved in any sexual relationship outside of marriage.

Many of the people that lived in the land of Canaan sacrificed children to their false gods. One of these false gods was Molech. The people would actually make their children walk through a fire as a way of sacrificing them to Molech. God did not want His people to follow the sinful practices of the people of Canaan. God wanted the people of Israel to remember that He was their God and that He is a holy God and wanted them to be a holy people. As the people of God, they were to live in such a way that the people of the surrounding nations would realize that they were different because their trust was in the Lord instead of idols.

13. Read Leviticus 18:19-30 and write what God said about a man laying with another male.
14. Explain why the fact that part of the people of Canaan burned their children as sacrifices to their god Molech showed that they had no respect for life.
15. Explain why you think that many people that have not placed their trust in Christ still have little concern for their children.

For a man to lie with another male was for a man to have homosexual relationships with another man or for a woman to have homosexual relationships with another woman. God knew that these practices were practiced by the surrounding nations but God made it clear that such relationships are sin. Later in Leviticus God told the people of Israel that those who commit such homosexual relationships were to be put to death. God also warned His people not to try to have sexual relationships with animals. This was also a common practice of the people that lived in the land of Canaan. This was one reason why God told the people of Israel to completely destroy the people that lived in the land of Canaan. Their sins were so evil that God said that they must be destroyed. God also warned His people not to follow the sinful practices of the Canaanites.

16. Read Leviticus 18:19-30 and write what God said He was going to do with the nations that were defiled with these sins.
17. Explain why a homosexual relationship is sexual sin just like any other sexual relationship outside of the marriage of a husband and a wife.
18. Explain why you think that people often turn to perverted forms of sex when they are in rebellion against God.

Here God gives the reason why He told the people of Israel to completely destroy the people in

the land of Canaan. Their sins were so great that it was necessary for God to judge them. God also warned the nation of Israel not to follow the sins of the people of Canaan or Israel would be judged also. The people of Canaan had been very sinful when Abraham, Isaac and Jacob had lived in the land. However, that had become much more sinful while the people of Israel were in the land of Egypt. Now God said that it was almost time for judgment to destroy them. 19. Read Leviticus 18:19-30 and write what God said was to be done to any of the people of Israel that practiced these abominations.

20. Explain why God said that it was right and good for Him to judge the people of Canaan for their sin.

21. Explain why you think that God said that it was necessary to judge the sin of the people of Canaan because they had become so evil.

God warned the people of Israel not to follow idols because He is a holy God and they were to be a holy people. People cannot follow God and follow idols at the same time. They will either be serving God or they will be serving the idols. The people of Israel were also told to honor their parents and keep the Sabbath. Here we see that a proper respect for God will lead to a respect for parents. God said that the people were not to melt any metals to make false gods. That would quickly lead to idol worship and many other sins among the people.

22. Read Leviticus 19:1-14 and write how the people were to offer their peace offering if they offered a peace offering.

23. Explain why it is impossible for people to follow the Lord and follow idols at the same time.

24. Explain why you think that when a child has a proper respect for God that he or she will also have a proper respect for parents.

The peace offering was a voluntary offering that was not required by the law. The people chose themselves if they wanted to bring a peace offering to the Lord. Although the offering was voluntary and was offered when a person chose to offer it, the peace offering was to be offered in a certain way. Everything from the peace offering was to be eaten on the first and second days. If anything remained on the third day from the peace offering, everything that remained was to be burned with fire. If any of the people ate the peace offering on the third day, they were guilty of breaking the commandment of God and were to be cut off from the people.

25. Read Leviticus 19:1-14 and write what the people were not to do to the corners of their fields when they gathered the harvest.

26. Explain why God said that anything that remained from a peace offering was to be burned on the third day.

27. Explain why you think that God gave certain requirements about the way a peace offering was made and eaten even though it was a voluntary offering.

God is always concerned about the poor and needy. In order to provide food for the poor, God told the people of Israel to forget the corners of their fields when they harvested their fields. They were also told to leave anything that they missed as they were harvesting their fields. The food that was left was to be for the poor people. The people were also told to leave some grapes in their vineyards for the poor. We read that the people were not to take advantage of those who lived around them. Here we see that the Lord wanted the people of Israel to learn to have a concern for others.

28. Read Leviticus 19:1-14 and write what the people of Israel were not to do to the deaf and the blind.

29. Explain what these verses teach you about the concern that God had for the poor and needy from these verses.

30. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to have a godly love and concern for the poor and needy.

God gave the people many instructions about the right way to live. We read some of these instructions here. The people were not to respect certain people because they were rich or poor. The people were also warned about the danger of gossip. They were to speak with love about their neighbors instead. They were also to love their brother and their neighbor in their heart instead of hate him. The people were warned that they were not to hold a grudge or to get even with another person. Such actions are all condemned by God.

31. Read Leviticus 19:15-37 and write how the people were to love their neighbors.

32. Explain why God told the people of Israel that they were not to favor either the rich or the poor but instead were to treat all people equally.

33. Explain why you think that God also commands us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves and to love other Christians as Christ has loved us.

Because the people of Israel were to be a separate people that were set apart for God, they were to show this separation in several ways. They were not to try and crossbreed their cattle. They were not to plant different kinds of seed in the same field. They were not to mix different kinds of material together in their cloth. A man was also warned not to have a sexual relationship with a female slave that was the wife of another man. If a man did have a sexual relationship with a female slave, she was to be beaten and he was to bring a trespass offering for his sin. The people were also given instructions about their fruit trees.

34. Read Leviticus 19:15-37 and write what was to be done with the fruit of a tree the fourth year after the tree was planted.

35. Explain why God wanted the people of Israel to be different than the people around them including how they planted their crops.

36. Explain why you think that God made it clear that a man was never to have a sexual relationship with someone other than his wife.

The first three years the people were not to eat the fruit of a tree. In the fourth year the fruit was to be given to the Lord. Then in the fifth year the people were allowed to begin eating the fruit. The people were warned again not to eat anything with blood or to make any marks on their bodies for the dead. The people were also warned not to sell their daughters into prostitution. Then God warned His people not to listen to familiar spirits or wizards. Familiar spirits or wizards are those who are able to cast spells or tell fortunes because they are possessed by demons.

37. Read Leviticus 19:15-37 and write how the people were to treat an older person.

38. Explain why God told the people of Israel that the fruit from the first year of the harvest of a tree was to be given to the Lord.

39. Explain why you think that God told His people not to listen to people that are demon possessed.

Just as the people were to love and respect God, they were also told to respect the older people. The hoary head is a head that is covered with gray hair. Older people are to be honored and respected. The people of Israel were also warned not to take advantage of a stranger. They were to remember that they had once been strangers in the land of Egypt. Instead they were to love strangers (foreigners) as they loved their own people. The people were also told to use honest scales so that they did not cheat others. Here we see that God was explaining to them what it meant to love their neighbors as they loved themselves.

40. Read Leviticus 19:15-37 and write what the people were told to do instead of just hear what God had said.

41. Explain why God says that it is very important for people to have a great respect for those who are older.

42. Explain why you think that Israel was warned not to take advantage of strangers but instead treat them as they treated their own people

Now reread Leviticus 18:1-19:37 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 10
Leviticus 20:1-21:24

Today we are living in a day when many people are turning away from God and turning back to old religions and to the worship of evil spirits. However, this is not a new problem. This problem has existed for a long time. God knew that the people of Israel would be tempted to follow the false religions of the land of Canaan. God also knew that the people would be tempted to become involved in the worship of evil spirits. God knew that such worship would also lead the people to become involved in all kinds of immoral and sinful living.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God said about human sacrifices.
- Explain what God said about keeping His commandments.
- Explain the instructions that God gave about the families of the priests.

Molech was one of the false gods of the people of Canaan. The people of Canaan would sacrifice their children to Molech. As a result, God warned His people about what they should do to a person who might follow the religion of the Canaanites and sacrifice his children to Molech. God said that any Israelite or stranger that lived among them was to be put to death if he allowed his child to be sacrificed to Molech. Here we see that God has a very high view of life. God knew the sinful nature of man and He wanted His people to know that they were not to follow the sins of the nations but instead view life as He views life.

1. Read Leviticus 20:1-9 and write how a person was to be put to death if he sacrificed a child to Molech.
2. Explain why God said that any parents that sacrificed a child to Molech were to be put to death.
3. Explain why you think that as Christians we should also have a very high view of life because of the fact that we are following the Lord.

God went on to give two additional reasons for stoning a person that sacrificed a child to false gods. That person would fill the tabernacle of God with evil and would cause people to speak evil against God. God also said that He would destroy the family that offered a child to Molech if the people did not destroy that family. God is a holy God and He did not want His people to commit spiritual adultery by offering their children as sacrifices to idols. God said that those who did commit such spiritual adultery were to be cut off from the people of Israel so that they would not cause others to follow their sinful ways.

4. Read Leviticus 20:1-9 and write what God said He would do to those who followed familiar spirits and wizards.
5. Explain why God said that a person that offered a child to Molech and then went to the tabernacle would fill the tabernacle of God with evil.
6. Explain why you think that offering sacrifices to idols is actually a form of spiritual adultery because of the fact that people are following both God and idols.

God warned the people of Israel here that He would destroy any of His people that became involved with those who deal with witchcraft or try to predict the future through the power of demons. Today the return to the old religions and the rise of witchcraft in the cities means that many people are becoming followers of those who are doing what they do through the power of demons. God reminded the people of Israel that He had chosen them to be a holy people. They were not to follow the false gods of the surrounding nations. Instead they were to keep the commandments of the Lord and serve Him rather than following the gods of the nations.

7. Read Leviticus 20:1-9 and write what God said was to happen to those children that cursed their parents.
8. Explain what these verses teach about the consequences of making the choice to follow false gods.
9. Explain why you think that those who practice witchcraft are actually doing what they do through the power of demons.

These verses also contain a warning for children that do not respect their parents. God said that any child that cursed his parents was to be put to death. God goes on to give several other reasons why people were to be put to death. When a man committed adultery with the wife of a neighbor, both the man and the woman were to be put to death. Both the man and the woman were equally guilty in the sight of God. If a man had sexual relationships with his mother or his daughter-in-law, both the man and the woman were to be put to death. Here we see that God considers adultery a sin that the people of Israel were to judge with death.

10. Read Leviticus 20:10-27 and write what God said about men who would lie with other men as they lay with women.
11. Explain why God said that the penalty for committing acts of adultery was the death penalty for both people.
12. Explain why you think that God said that a child that cursed his parents should be put to death.

Here we see that God told Israel that homosexual relations are another form of adultery. God said that those who were guilty of homosexual relations were to be put to death because such relationships are very evil in the sight of God. If a man married both a woman and her daughter, all three of them were to be burned with fire. If a man tried to have immoral relationships with an animal, both the man and the animal were to be killed. If a woman tried to have an immoral relationship with an animal, both the woman and the animal were to be killed. God also warned about marriage or sexual relationships with a sister.

13. Read Leviticus 20:10-27 and write what God said should happen to a man and his sister if they had sexual relationships with each other.
14. Explain why God made it very clear that a sexual relationship outside of marriage was sin and was to be judged by death.
15. Explain why you think that God said that homosexual acts are actually another form of adultery and required the same penalty as adultery.

God also told the people of Israel that His people were not to have sexual relationships during the time that a wife had her period. Then God goes on to review again the list of those close relatives that a man was not to marry. He reminded Israel again that a man was not to marry the sister of his mother or the sister of his father. God also said that if a man married the wife of his uncle that the new couple would die without children. This same judgment was promised for one that married the wife of his brother. They would also die without children. Under the law we see that disobedience to God would always bring some kind of judgment. People cannot hide their sins from God.

16. Read Leviticus 20:10-27 and write what God told the people of Israel about keeping His statutes and ordinances.
17. Explain why God wanted the people of Israel to understand that the choice to sin would always produce judgment and serious consequences.
18. Explain why you think that many people think that they can get away with their sins and that God will not know.

God then gave a summary of all of the instructions that He had given in the previous several chapters. God wanted complete obedience from His people. They were not to disobey God just because the people around them were living in sin. God said that if the people of Israel were

obedient that they would be given the land that was now possessed by the evil nations. Today God also wants all those who follow Him to be holy people. He has set us apart to serve Him. That is why we need to ask the Lord to give us His strength to obey what God tells us to do and not just listen to His Word and then forget what He has told us to do.

19. Read Leviticus 20:10-27 and write what God told the people of Israel that they were to do with a person that had a familiar spirit.

20. Explain what this chapter teaches about the fact that God wants true obedience and not just words from those who follow Him.

21. Explain why it is important for you to help people learn that they do not have to sin just because the people around them are sinning.

Just as God gave instructions for the people, God also gave instructions for the priests. They were the spiritual leaders of the people. As a result, the priests were to provide an example for the people by keeping their lives holy. In fact God had stricter laws for them than He had for the rest of the people. They were not to touch the body of a dead person unless that person was a very close relative. God tells us how close the relatives were to be in order for the priests to be allowed to help bury them. The only ones that they could help bury were parents, children, brothers or unmarried sisters. All other relatives that died were to be buried by other people.

22. Read Leviticus 21:1-8 and write what the priests were not to make on their heads.

23. Explain why it was important for God to give stricter laws for the priests than for the rest of the people since they were the spiritual leaders.

24. Explain why you think that it is important for spiritual leaders to lead by their example and godly character and not just by their authority.

Throughout history, religions have done various things to the body to show their religious worship. Some religions shave their heads. Other religions shave part of their heads. There are some religious groups that make marks on their bodies. However, God warned the priests of Israel not to do such things. God knew that the people would quickly begin following the example of the priests if the priests began doing such things. Today we know that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit. If we are spiritual leaders we want to model even in the things that we do with our bodies to show that our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

25. Read Leviticus 21:1-8 and write what God said that the priests were to be because they were priest of God.

26. Explain why God wanted the priests of Israel to avoid the things that were common among other religions.

27. Explain why it is important to you to know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and let that guide you in your actions.

As a group of people that were holy unto God, the priests were not to marry a woman that had been a prostitute. They were not to marry a woman that had been divorced. Instead they were to keep their bodies holy because they were the priests of God. The New Testament teaches that every Christian is a priest of God. Although we are not under the Jewish law, it should be our desire as the priests of God to keep our bodies pure and holy so that we can be effective in our service for the Lord. The choices that we make in this area can either open new opportunities for service for the Lord or then can hinder us and limit our ministry for the Lord.

28. Read Leviticus 21:1-8 and write why God said that the priests were to live lives that were holy and pure.

29. Explain why it is important for leaders to have a higher standard for their personal lives than the standard that they require of others.

30. Explain why you think that God commanded the priests of Israel to keep their lives pure and holy.

God also taught the people of Israel that the parents were responsible for the sinful actions of their children. If a priest had a daughter that became a prostitute, she was guilty of sin.

However, her sin also caused her father to be spoken against and that would hurt his spiritual leadership. We will learn in the book of Proverbs that if we train our children as they are growing up that they will not depart from that way as they grow older. Teaching is telling children what to do. Training is showing them what to do by our own example. In order to train our children, we must provide a godly example for them to follow. That is the reason why the New Testament says that leaders in the church have an important responsibility to train their children by their example. A man will only be an effective leader in the church if he has provided a godly example for his children to follow.

31. Read Leviticus 21:9-24 and write what God said should happen to the daughter of a priest that became a prostitute.

32. Explain why God taught the people of Israel that the parents were responsible for the sinful actions of their children.

33. Explain why you think that it is important for you to train others by your personal example and not just try to teach them with your words.

The priest that was the high priest was given instructions that were even stricter than the instructions for the rest of the priests. The high priest was not to show his sorrow by uncovering his head or tearing his clothes. Those were the two things that men did in that day to show their sorrow. The high priest was not allowed to touch any dead body even if the dead person was a member of his own family. As the high priest he was to keep his body holy and undefiled. Today Christ is our great high priest. He is the only One that has never sinned. Instead Christ is completely holy.

34. Read Leviticus 21:9-24 and write what kind a woman the high priest was to have as his wife.

35. Explain why the man that was the high priest was given even stricter instructions than the rest of the priests.

36. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that Christ as your high priest was the One that lived His entire life on earth without any sin.

The high priest was to have a wife that had never had any sexual relationship with another man. He could not marry a widow whose husband had died. He could not marry a woman that was divorced. He could not marry a woman that had been a prostitute. God gave very strict regulations because the next high priest would come from the same family. God knew that the mother would also have a great influence on that son. As a result, God wanted the mother to be a virgin that had never had sexual relationships with any man.

37. Read Leviticus 21:9-24 and write what else God said that the high priest could not have.

38. Explain why you think that God gave such strict requirements for the man that was the high priest.

39. Explain why you think that it is important to realize that both the father and the mother have a great influence on a child.

God said that no one that had a physical blemish could serve as a high priest. God gave many types of physical blemishes that would disqualify a man from serving as a priest. This included blemishes that could be seen from the outside such as blindness or being crippled. It also included blemishes that could not be seen such as broken bones. God did not allow any man to go into the holy of holies or offer sacrifices that had anything wrong with him physically. This was due to the fact that the priests were to be a picture of the fact that Christ is the perfect high priest.

40. Read Leviticus 21:9-24 and write what the priests were still allowed to eat even if they had physical blemishes.

41. Explain why God wanted the priests of Israel to be an example of the fact that Christ would one day be the perfect high priest.

42. Explain why the instructions that God gave to the priests of Israel remind you that your life also needs to be an example to others.

Now reread Leviticus 20:1-21:24 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 11
Leviticus 22:1-23:44

Today we will be studying some of the additional regulations that the Lord gave to the priests. These regulations emphasized the fact that the priests were to live holy lives. As the spiritual leaders of the people, they were to lead the people by example. God also said that the sacrifices that they offered were to be physically perfect. This is a picture of the fact that Christ was the perfect sacrifice because He had no sin. God also gave the people of Israel several feasts that they were to celebrate. The purpose of these feasts was to remind the people of the Lord. In this way they were reminded several times during the year of the importance of serving God.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain why God said that the priests were to be separate.
- Explain why God required sacrifices that were perfect.
- Explain the purpose of each of the different feasts.

The priests had been given the responsibility of caring for the holy things that were dedicated to the Lord. As a result, God wanted them to live holy lives. In addition, they were not to touch any of the holy things while they were unclean. If a priest touched any of the holy things while he was unclean, he was to be removed from serving as a priest. In the New Testament we learn that if we take communion while we have sin in our lives that God may bring sickness or even death to us because of our sin. This is why we are told to examine our lives and make certain that we are not allowing any sin to remain in our lives.

1. Read Leviticus 22:1-16 and write what a priest who was a leper or had a running sore was not to eat.
2. Explain why it was important for the priests not to touch any of the holy things while they were unclean.
3. Explain why it is important for you in your own life to examine yourself before you take communion.

As soon as a priest was clean, he was allowed to eat the holy things again. In the same way, as soon as we confess our sins to Christ, we are allowed to have communion. Christ forgives our sins and cleanses us immediately. We also read what a priest had to do to become clean again if he had touched something that was unclean. He was to be unclean until the evening. Then he was to wash himself. Once a priest had washed himself, he was considered clean once the sun went down. Here we see that it was not difficult for a priest to become clean when he had been unclean. The main thing that he had to do was be obedient to God.

4. Read Leviticus 22:1-16 and write what God said might happen to the priests if they did not keep His ordinances.
5. Explain why God made it easy for a priest that was unclean to become clean again so that he could continue to carry out his responsibilities as a priest.
6. Explain why you are thankful that as soon as you confess your sins that Christ both forgives and cleanses you from all unrighteousness.

Strangers were not allowed to eat the holy things that the priests ate as a part of their food. If a priest hired a person to work for him, the hired person was not to eat the food of the priest. However, if a priest bought a servant, then that servant was allowed to eat the holy food as long as he remained a servant of the priest. The daughter of a priest was no longer allowed to eat the food of the priests if she married someone that was not a priest. The only exception was if her husband died and she returned to live with her father. In that case she could again eat the food

of the priests.

7. Read Leviticus 22:1-16 and write what a person had to do if he ate the food of the priests accidentally.
8. Explain why God allowed a daughter of a priest whose husband had died to eat the holy things if she returned to live with her father.
9. Explain why you think that no outsiders were to be allowed to eat the food of the priests.

God also told the people what kinds of animals that they were to offer for their sacrifices. God said that the people were not to offer any animal as a sacrifice that was not physically perfect. There were several reasons for this requirement. The most important reason was the fact that every single sacrifice that the people offered was to be a picture of Christ. If a sacrifice had any form of a blemish, that sacrifice would not be a picture of the fact that Christ is our perfect sacrifice. God also wanted the people to offer sacrifices that cost the people something. If a sacrifice did not cost a person very much, that person might feel that it was not very important to offer a sacrifice to God.

10. Read Leviticus 22:17-33 and write why God told the people what would happen if they tried to offer an animal with a blemish.
11. Explain why every sacrifice that the people offered was to be without any blemishes when it was offered to God.
12. Explain why even though you do not offer animal sacrifices that it is important to you to give your best to the Lord.

God said that He would not accept a sacrifice that had cost the person nothing. If a person used an animal that was sick or diseased, such an animal would not really cost that person anything because that animal would probably die anyway. God wanted the people to realize that the cost of sin is a terrible price. It cost God the life of His only Son to pay the penalty for our sin. Salvation is a gift that is free to us but the Father had to pay a terrible price in order to make salvation free for us. Since Christ had not yet died in the Old Testament, by requiring a perfect animal, God was continually reminding the people of the greatness of their sins.

13. Read Leviticus 22:17-33 and write on what day the firstborn of an animals was to be offered as a sacrifice.
14. Explain why it is important to understand that the cost of any sin is a terrible price because it cost Christ His life as He died for us.
15. Explain why you are thankful that Christ was willing to pay the price for your sin so that He could freely forgive you.

The people of Israel were to offer the first, cow, sheep or goat that was born to a full grown animal. That oldest animal was to be dedicated to the Lord to remind the people of Israel that God had protected their oldest son when God brought Israel out of the land of Egypt. When the people offered a sacrifice of thanksgiving, they were to eat what they were allowed to eat on that day. No part of the animal was to be kept and used at a later time. Anything that remained was to be burned. God also warned the people of Israel not to speak evil or cause others to speak evil of His name. We also need to remember that God is a holy God and we should make certain that we do not cause others to speak evil of Him.

16. Read Leviticus 22:17-33 and write how God wanted to be treated by the people of Israel.
17. Explain why the people of Israel were to offer a perfect sacrifice and not an animal that was sick or crippled.
18. Explain why you think that God wanted the people to offer the firstborn of each cow, sheep or goat as a sacrifice.

God went on to tell the people of Israel about the various feasts that they were to remember during the year. However, He began by reminding the people of the importance of keeping the Sabbath every week. The Sabbath was to be a day that was set apart for the worship of the

Lord. No work was to be done on the Sabbath. God wanted the people to take a day every week to remember Him. Today we gather for worship on Sunday instead of the Sabbath because we are remembering the day that Christ rose from the dead. We also need to set this day apart for the worship and service of the Lord so that we remember Him every week.

19. Read Leviticus 23:1-14 and write what day the Passover was to be observed each year by the people of Israel.

20. Explain why it is important for all people in all different ages to set apart one day each week to worship the Lord.

21. Explain why you are thankful in your own life to be able to have one day each week as a time to worship the Lord.

The people of Israel began their year during our month of March. As a result the Passover comes between the middle of March and the middle of April. The purpose of the Passover was to remind the Israelites that God had protected their oldest son when He destroyed the oldest son of the Egyptians. A lamb had been substituted for the oldest son of the Israelites and the blood of that lamb had been placed on the top and two sides of the door of every house of an Israelite family. The Passover also gives us a picture of Christ. He was our substitute that paid the penalty for our sin. His death and resurrection made it possible for us to have life.

22. Read Leviticus 23:1-14 and write the name of the second feast that the Israelites were to remember each year.

23. Explain why God told the people of Israel that they were to celebrate the Passover throughout their generations.

24. Explain why you are thankful that Christ was your substitute that paid the penalty for your sin so that you could have eternal life.

The Feast of Unleavened Bread lasted for an entire week. It began the day after the Passover. During these seven days the people were not to eat any bread with yeast in it. Yeast or leaven is used many times in the Bible as a picture of sin. Here we see a beautiful order. The Passover speaks of the fact that Christ paid the penalty for our salvation. This is immediately followed by the Feast of Unleavened Bread that pictured the separation from sin. As soon as we place our trust in Christ, He gives us a new nature and our first desire is to separate ourselves from the sinful practices of our former life. We want our lives to be holy and set apart for God and His service.

25. Read Leviticus 23:1-14 and write what the people were to do with a sheaf of their wheat.

26. Explain why it was important for the people of Israel to be reminded each year that their lives were to be separated from sin.

27. Explain why you are thankful that Christ gave you a new nature with new desires so that you have a desire to live a godly life.

The barley harvest began about the time of the Passover. As a result, the people were to bring a sheaf of their barley to the priest the day after the Sabbath following the Passover. This was called the Feast of Firstfruits. This also happens to be the day that Christ rose from the dead. In this way this sheaf provided a very real picture of the resurrection. People plant their seeds in the ground. Those seeds die but they produce new life and the crops are eventually harvested. In the same way, Christ died but He also rose again. His death and resurrection also gives life to all who trust in Him.

28. Read Leviticus 23:1-14 and write how long Israel was to observe this feast.

29. Explain how each of these feasts give us a real picture of what Christ did by coming to this earth, dying and rising again.

30. Explain why the Feast of First Fruits actually gives a good picture of the resurrection of Christ.

Fifty days after the Feast of First Fruits was a feast known as the Feast of Weeks (Pentecost). In this feast two loaves of bread were waved before the Lord. Here we see that the loose

kernels of grain of the Feast of First Fruits were put together and became one in the loaf of bread. This loaf was also baked with yeast. This feast was observed on the Day of Pentecost which was the day that the Holy Spirit came and baptized the Christians with the Holy Spirit. It was the day that the church began. Just like the bread, all Christians become one in the body of Christ.

31. Read Leviticus 23:15-44 and write what feast the people were to have on the first day of the seventh month.

32. Explain why the fact that Pentecost came on the same day as the Feast of Weeks shows that God wanted us to understand that we are one body in Christ through the Holy Spirit.

33. Explain why you are thankful that all Christians become a part of the body of Christ at the moment of salvation.

This feast that was held in the seventh month was called the Feast of Trumpets. The books of Isaiah and Joel teach us that these trumpets picture the regathering of the nation of Israel. Because of the sins of Israel, the people were scattered all over the world. However, God promises that He will regather the nation of Israel from all of the places where it has been scattered. This is happening today as Jews are returning to the land of Israel from many parts of the world. Most of the Jews are still living in other countries and have not been regathered yet but God is regathering them.

34. Read Leviticus 23:15-44 and write what feast was held on the tenth day of the seventh month.

35. Explain why it is important to know that God will keep His promises to Israel by regathering them from all of the nations where they were scattered.

36. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that God always keeps the promises that He makes.

The Day of Atonement was the day that the high priest took the blood into the holy of holies and placed the blood on the mercy seat. On that day the entire nation of Israel was to fast and pray. In this way this feast also gives us a picture of the future. Today God is regathering the people of Israel. However, very few have placed their trust in Christ yet. Soon the day will come when they will be completely regathered. At that time the entire nation will also turn to Lord according to Romans 11. On the Day of Atonement all of the people fasted and prayed. The day is coming when the Jews will all fast and pray again.

37. Read Leviticus 23:15-44 and write the name of the final feast that is mentioned in this chapter.

38. Explain how some of these feasts give us a picture of what Christ is going to do for the nation of Israel in the future.

39. Explain why you are thankful for the fact that God says that the day will come when all of the Jews will turn to the Lord.

The final feast of the people of Israel was the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast lasted for one week. Its purpose was to remind the Israelites how they had lived in tents for forty years in the wilderness. For this week the people were to live in small booths (brush arbors) to remind them of the fact that they had lived in tents as they traveled toward the land that God had promised to them. In the past as well as in the present and the future, all of those who have placed their trust in Christ are just travelers here on this earth. In fact Christians are called sojourners and pilgrims in I Peter 2:11, a book that was originally written to Jews that had become Christians. One day we will reach heaven which is the real land of promise for all those who have turned to the Lord both Jews and Gentiles.

40. Read Leviticus 23:15-44 and write what the people were to do during those seven days.

41. Explain why the fact that Christians are called sojourners and pilgrims here on this earth means that our focus should be on spiritual things and not physical things.

42. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to focus on what Christ wants to do

through your life while you are here on this earth.

Now reread Leviticus 22:1-23:44 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 12
Leviticus 24:1-25:55

The final chapters of Leviticus gave several other instructions to the nation of Israel. The people were given instructions thirty-five hundred years ago that caused them to have better crops than anyone else as long as they obeyed God. However, the people became greedy and no longer obeyed the commandments of the Lord. As a result, their crops became poorer. In recent years people have finally learned the reason why God told the people of Israel that they were to let their land rest during the seventh year. God said to let the land rest for a year so that it could produce better crops during the next six years after the land had rested.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God told the nation of Israel about the sin of blasphemy.
- Explain the purpose of the Sabbath year and the Year of Jubilee.
- Explain how the people redeemed their land.
- Explain how God provided for the poor and needy.

As we begin our study today, we see that God gave instructions about the oil and the bread that the priest were to use in the tabernacle. The people were to bring pure olive oil to burn in the lamps on the Golden Lampstand. This oil was to be placed in the lamps every morning and every evening so that the lamps would be kept burning continually. Each week on the Sabbath day the priests were to bring twelve fresh loaves of bread and place them on the Table of Showbread. When the fresh bread was placed on the table, the bread that had been on the table for the entire previous week was to be eaten by the priests.

1. Read Leviticus 24:1-23 and write what the son of a woman that was an Israelite and whose father was an Egyptian did.
2. Explain why God told the people of Israel that they were to keep the lamps on the Golden Lampstand burning continually
3. Explain why you think that the priests were to eat the bread that was taken off of the Table of Showbread when fresh bread was placed on the table.

A woman of Israel had married a man of Egypt. Their son was not taught to love and worship God. Probably the father had worshiped and served the gods of Egypt. As a result, the son did not have a love and respect for God. When the young man got into a fight, he spoke evil of the name of the Lord and cursed God. Here we see a real picture of what often happens when a Christian marries a person that is not a Christian. Because the parents have different beliefs, the children often learn little or nothing about the true God. In fact they may have no use for God. They may even speak evil of God and curse His name.

4. Read Leviticus 24:1-23 and write what the people did with the man while they were waiting to see what God wanted done with this young man.
5. Explain why the actions of this young man show the danger of what often happens when a follower of God marries an ungodly person.
6. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to help your children grow to know and love the Lord at an early age.

Then the Lord spoke to Moses and told him what should be done with the man that had blasphemed the name of God. They were to take the man out of the camp. Then everyone that heard him curse and speak against God was to lay their hands on the head of the man. Following this all of the people of Israel were to stone the man until he died. Here we see that God required a severe judgment for those who blasphemed His name. God also gave the people of Israel several other instructions about how sin was to be judged.

7. Read Leviticus 24:1-23 and write what God said should be done to a person that murders another person.
8. Explain why it was necessary for the people to understand that the penalty for sin under the Law pointed to the fact of the need for a Savior.
9. Explain why you think that God gave such a severe judgment for a person that blasphemed God.

If a man was guilty of murder, he was to be put to death. If he killed an animal, he was to replace it and give the owner another animal. If a man injured a neighbor, he was to receive the same injury. If a man put out the eye or the tooth of another man, he was to have his own eye or tooth put out. Whatever a man did, he was to receive the same punishment. Here we see that the people were to learn that sin has consequences and that what the people did would bring the same judgment on themselves. After God had given these instructions, Moses obeyed the Lord. He took the man that was guilty of blasphemy outside of the camp and the people stoned him to death.

10. Read Leviticus 24:1-23 and write whether it made any difference whether the crime was committed by a person of Israel or a foreigner.
11. Explain what you learn about the seriousness of blasphemy against God from these verses.
12. Explain why the law said that the consequences for sin should be as severe as the sin itself.

God knew the importance of rest for people. That is why He rested on the seventh day to give us an example to follow. Here we see that rest is important for the fields as well as being important for people. God said that every seventh year the people were to allow their land to rest for a year. During this seventh year, the people were not to plant any crops. They were not to prune or trim their vineyards or their fruit trees. The people were not to eat anything that grew in their fields. Instead God said that He would supply enough in the sixth year so that there would be plenty of food for the seventh year as well.

13. Read Leviticus 25:1-22 and write what God said the seventh year would be for the land.
14. Explain why God said that the land as well as the people all needed to have a time of rest.
15. Explain why you think that God chose to show the importance of rest by resting Himself on the seventh day.

In addition to allowing the land to rest in the seventh year, the people were to allow the land to rest an extra year at the end of seven groups of seven years. This year was called the year of jubilee. It came every fiftieth year. The people were not to plant any crops during this year either. Instead God supplied enough food to last for three years. Here we see that the Lord is able to supply all of our needs. He said He would cause the fields of the nation of Israel to produce so much food before the year of jubilee that the food would last for three years.

16. Read Leviticus 25:1-22 and write what every man was to do in the year of jubilee.
17. Explain why God promised to provide enough food to last for the entire three years at the time of the year of jubilee.
18. Explain why it is important in your own life to learn to depend on the Lord to supply your needs.

Two things are actually included in these instructions here about what should happen in the land during the year of jubilee. If a man had sold his land or had his land taken away from him to pay for his debts, his land was to be returned to him in the year of jubilee. In this way the land always returned to the family that originally received the land from God. A second thing also happened in the year of jubilee. In the year of jubilee any men who had become slaves were allowed to go free. Both the land and the people were given freedom in the year of jubilee. God said that if the people would keep these commandments that then they would live in safety from their enemies and God would give them good crops.

19. Read Leviticus 25:1-22 and write to whom the Lord said that the land really belonged.

20. Explain in your own words the purpose of the Sabbath year and the year of jubilee.
21. Explain why you think that God told the people of Israel that the slaves were to go free in the year of jubilee.

God was going to give a portion of land to every family and that land was to belong to that family forever. This was the reason that the land was not to be sold permanently. The land actually belonged to God so the people were to return the land to the family that God had appointed to care for that portion of land. God also said that a man or the brother of a man could buy back the land at any time without waiting for the year of jubilee. When the people redeemed (bought back) their land, they were to count the number of years until the year of jubilee and then buy back the land according to the number of years until the year of jubilee.

22. Read Leviticus 25:23-34 and write how long a man had to redeem a house that was inside a walled city.
23. Explain why God said that the land belonged to Him and that the families were to return to care for the land that God had given their families.
24. Explain why it is important for you to understand that everything that you have belongs to God but He has given you the responsibility to care for some of what belongs to Him.

The area inside the walled cities was not going to be divided among the people. As a result, the houses that were sold inside a walled city belonged to the person that bought them. Such a house did not return to the original owner in the year of jubilee. However, the original owner did have a year in which to redeem (buy back) his house in the city. In this way God was protecting the home of a person that had to go into debt temporarily. Here we see that God had a great concern for the poor and needy that might lose what they owned because of debt.

25. Read Leviticus 25:23-34 and write what God said about the houses in the unwalled villages.
26. Explain why God made a provision that a person could buy back a house within a walled city any time during the first year after it was sold.
27. Explain why it is important for you in your life to follow the example of the Lord and have a love for the poor and needy.

Here we see that the houses in the unwalled villages were just like the land. They returned to the original owner when they were redeemed or in the year of jubilee. These were the houses that the people lived in as they worked their land. If these houses did not return with the land, the poor people would have had no place to live. God also protected the houses of the Levites in the walled cities. Their houses could be redeemed at any time. In addition, their land was not to be sold. The Levites had responsibilities that kept them in those cities and so God provided for them.

28. Read Leviticus 25:23-34 and write how long the Levites had to redeem their houses or lands.
29. Explain why the houses of the people in the unwalled villages were treated just like the land and returned to the owners in the year of jubilee.
30. Explain why you think that God wanted the land to return to the original owner in the year of jubilee.

God also provided in another way for the poor people of Israel. The people of Israel were told to lend food or money to the needy. Then they were not to charge interest on this money that they loaned. In this way a poor person could pay his bills without the interest becoming so high that he could never pay the money back to the person from whom he had borrowed. God also said that one Israelite was not to make another Israelite a slave. Instead God said that an Israelite that worked for another Israelite was to be treated in a different way.

31. Read Leviticus 25:35-55 and write what an Israelite was to be rather than a slave.
32. Explain why God said that the people of Israel were not to charge interest for the things that the people loaned to the poor and needy.

33. Explain why you think that it was the plan of God that the poor and needy would not be kept in debt continually by having to pay interest.

In that day a master could do anything that he wanted to a slave. However, a man would not do evil to a hired servant because a hired servant could quit at any time. Even though a man might buy an Israelite in the same way that he bought a slave, he was still to treat that man as if he were a hired servant. The Israelite was also to be freed at the end of seven years or in the year of jubilee whichever came first. The only servants that remained permanently with a family were those who were from foreign countries or those who chose to remain with their masters because of love.

34. Read Leviticus 25:35-55 and write who could redeem a family that had been sold to a stranger or a foreigner that lived among the people of Israel.

35. Explain why the people of Israel were to treat their slaves as hired servants and not as slaves like the nations around them did.

36. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to treat every person with respect and kindness.

Strangers that lived among the people of Israel were not allowed to make the Israelites slaves forever either. They were also not allowed to keep the land of an Israelite past the year of jubilee. At any time an Israelite that was a servant of a stranger could be bought back by a person that was a close relative. This close relative was called a Kinsman-Redeemer when he bought back the one that had become a slave or bought back the land of a relative. This is a beautiful picture of what Christ did for us. We were slaves to sin. Then Christ came and bought us back with His blood that He shed on the cross to pay the penalty for our sin.

37. Read Leviticus 25:35-55 and write where God reminded the people of Israel that they had been servants.

38. Explain how Christ is like a Kinsman-Redeemer to all those that have placed their trust in Him.

39. Explain why you are thankful that Christ became your Kinsman-Redeemer and bought you out of your slavery to sin.

When a close relative bought an Israelite or his land back from a stranger, the relative and the stranger would decide on the amount to be paid by the number of years until the year of jubilee. If it was many years until the year of jubilee, the relative would pay a larger price. If it was only a short time until the year of jubilee, then the price was smaller. If no relatives paid the price to redeem a man of Israel, that person would work until the year of jubilee. Then that man would go free and be able to begin a new life as a free person instead of a slave.

40. Read Leviticus 25:35-55 and write who would also be freed with the man in the year of jubilee.

41. Explain why the price to redeem a relative or his land was based on the length of time until the year of jubilee.

42. Explain why it is important to you to know that God provided a way for the people of Israel to be able to go free from slavery so they could begin a new life.

Now reread Leviticus 24:1-25:55 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.

Survey of Leviticus
Lesson 13
Leviticus 26:1-27:34

Today we come to our final lesson in our study of the book of Leviticus. During our study of this book we have seen that the Lord gave His people many instructions. Then God also gave His people a promise. Today we will see that God promised His people great blessings if they would obey Him. God also warned that judgment would come if the people failed to obey the Lord. We will be learning about the six kinds of judgment that Israel was promised for disobedience. However, God promised the people that He would not forget them even if they were scattered by judgment. God said that the land would belong to the people even if the people were scattered by judgment.

As you study this lesson, you should use the following objectives to guide you in your study. By the time you complete this lesson, you should be able to:

- Explain what God promised the people about blessing.
- Explain what God said when He warned His people about judgment.
- Tell what God said about the covenant that He had made with Abraham.
- Explain what God said about things that are dedicated to the Lord.

God began the chapters that we are studying today by warning the people that they were not to set up any idols or images. They were not to worship any other gods. Instead they were to worship and serve the true and living God. They were to keep the day of rest that the Lord had given to them. They were to show respect for the tabernacle that God had given them as a place to offer their sacrifices. These were the commandments that the people were to obey. Then God gave the people of Israel some wonderful promises if they would obey these commandments.

1. Read Leviticus 26:1-20 and write what God promised the people about the rain.
2. Explain why God made it clear to the people of Israel that they were to worship and serve Him only and not any idols or false gods.
3. Explain why it is important in your own life to only serve God and not to let anything else because an idol in your life.

God promised that He would send rain to the land of Israel if the people followed Him. Crops will not grow if they do not have water. God promised that He would send the rain to water the crops if the people chose to be obedient to Him. He also promised that their fruit trees and their fields would produce wonderful crops so that the people would never be hungry. In addition, there would be peace in the land and the people would not need to worry about their enemies. The wild animals would not be in the land either. God even promised the people of Israel that they would have great power over their enemies if the enemies did come to fight against them.

4. Read Leviticus 26:1-20 and write how many men five men of Israel would be able to chase.
5. Explain why God promised Israel that the reward for obedience would be great blessing upon the land.
6. Explain why you know that the Lord blesses you in your own life when you choose to be obedient to Him.

By saying that five of the men of Israel were chase a hundred, God was promising that the people would win great victories over their enemies. Only a few men would be able to defeat a great army. God also promised the people of Israel that they would be fruitful and multiply. They would have plenty of food. God then promised that His tabernacle would remain among them. The Lord would also walk among His people. He would be their God and they would be His people. Here we see that God promised the nation of Israel many blessings.

7. Read Leviticus 26:1-20 and write what God said that He had broken of the people of Israel when they came out of Egypt.
8. Explain what these promises teach about the fact that when people are obedient to God that He will provide them with blessings.
9. Explain what lessons you learn for your own life from the promises that God made to the people of Israel.

After giving Israel these promises, God went on to warn His people that there would be several kinds of judgment if the people failed to obey the commandments of the Lord. First, God promised that their lives would be filled with fear. This fear would be caused by several things. Sickness would fill them with fear. Fever would cause them to be filled with fear. Loss of sight would leave them in darkness and in fear. They would also be filled with fear because the enemy would come and take their crops. God also said that He would allow their enemies to kill them if they turned away from the commandments of the Lord.

10. Read Leviticus 26:1-20 and write how many more times God said He would punish them if they refused to listen to Him.
11. Explain how this chapter showed the people of Israel that if they made good choices that they would have blessing but if they made evil choices that they would suffer.
12. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to make good and wise choices if you want to enjoy the blessing of the Lord.

God warned the people of Israel that He would punish their rebellion by not allowing their fields or their fruit trees to produce any crops. God said that He would do this by causing their ground to become hard like metal. This is what happens to the ground when God stops the rain. God also said that He would send wild animals to judge the people. God said that these wild animals would kill some of the children. These animals would also kill many cattle. Because of this form of judgment, God said that the people would become few in number and those few would be afraid to travel.

13. Read Leviticus 26:21-39 and write the next thing that God promised to bring on the people if they continued to live in sin and rebellion.
14. Explain how the stopping of the rain would bring many different kinds of suffering to the people.
15. Explain how these verses help you to understand that there are serious consequences when any nation of people turns away from the Lord.

God said that sin and rebellion would produce another kind of judgment. God said that He would cause their enemies to come against them if the people continued to rebel against Him. As a result, they would be forced to hide inside their cities. While they were gathered together inside the cities, God said that diseases would spread through the cities. Such disease would have a great effect on the lives of many of the people. God also warned that there would be another consequence if they fled and gathered inside the cities. There would be great hunger because the enemies would prevent them from bringing any food into the cities. The bread that they were able to make would not be enough to satisfy them.

16. Read Leviticus 26:21-39 and write what the people would finally be forced to eat in such situations.
17. Explain why God warned the people that even if they fled to the walled cities for protection that they would still suffer.
18. Explain why the things that God promised would happen to Israel are common results in any nation where the people do not follow the Lord.

These verses show us how desperate the people would become in their hunger. They would even eat their own children. God also said that the people would be killed in front of their idols. Their cities would be destroyed and become empty. Then God said that the people would be

scattered among the nations. The land would be given the rest that the people had failed to give to the land. Many of the people would be killed in these foreign nations. Those who were not killed would die of old age in a foreign land and be buried there.

19. Read Leviticus 26:21-39 and write what God said the people would experience in their hearts in the lands of their enemies.

20. Explain what kinds of judgment God warned would happen to the people of Israel if they failed to obey Him.

21. Explain what you know about how the people of Israel have suffered over the past 2500 years that they have been out of their land.

God warned that He would judge sins in the nation of Israel with great judgments if they failed to obey His commandments. However, we also see that God is a God of mercy because God promised that He would not completely forget His people. God said that as soon as the people confessed their sins that He would remember His promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Here we see that God is reminding His people that the promises that God made to Abraham did not have any requirements that had to be kept by Abraham or his descendants. Instead all of the promises that God had made to Abraham would one day be fulfilled.

22. Read Leviticus 26:40-46 and write what God said about the land.

23. Explain why these verses show that God is a God of great mercy that will never forget the promises that He made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

24. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that God is a God of great mercy especially when you sin.

One of the main promises in the covenant that God made with Abraham was the fact that the land of Israel would belong to the family of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob forever. God said that this would be true even though there would be long periods when the people were not living in the land. The land would still belong to them. Here God is telling the people of Israel that He will never forget His promises to Abraham about the land. This would be true even when the land was empty and the people were in the lands of their enemies.

25. Read Leviticus 26:40-46 and write what God promises His people even though they would be taken to the lands of their enemies.

26. Explain why the fact that many Jews have returned to the land of Israel in the last one hundred years is a reminder of the fact that God will keep His promises to Abraham.

27. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to know that God still has a future for the people of Israel.

In spite of the sin and rebellion of the people of Israel, God promised that He would never forget the covenant that He made with them. God will always remember that He has chosen the people of Israel. Even though people may become very sinful and forget to serve God, He will never forget His promises. It is necessary for God to judge sin because He is holy but then God will remember His promises after the sin has been judged. God told His people all of these things so that they would know what to expect whether they did what was right and received blessings or chose to do evil with the consequences that God mentioned here.

28. Read Leviticus 26:40-46 and write where the people were when God spoke these words about both blessing and judgment.

29. Explain why God said that He will never forget His promises regardless of whether people are good or evil.

30. Explain what you learn about the promises of God from this chapter.

The final instructions in the book of Leviticus are about the things that are dedicated to God. First we read about special vows that a person made to God. If a person made a vow to God, then he was to give a certain amount to God. Several things caused this amount to vary. One thing was the age of the person. The amount was also different for a man than it was for a woman. God also gave special instructions for the poor. The amount was made very low for

the poor so that everyone could afford to make a vow to the Lord.

31. Read Leviticus 27:1-34 and write how much a person was to add to the value of an animal if he wanted to redeem it.
32. Explain why God made special provisions for the poor so that they could also make vows to God even though they were poor.
33. Explain why you think that God provided the people with the opportunity to make vows to Him if they chose to do so.

Animals and fields that were dedicated to the Lord were to be redeemed by adding one fifth more to the value of the animal or field. The fields were also to have their value judged by how long it was until the year of jubilee. Since the fields all returned to their original owner in the year of jubilee, nothing could have any effect on the land past the year of jubilee. As a result, the priests were given the responsibility to determine how much the land was worth until the year of jubilee.

34. Read Leviticus 27:1-34 and write what God said about the first born of the animals.
35. Explain why if a person vowed to give the value of his land to the Lord that the value was based on how many years it was until the year of jubilee.
36. Explain why it is important to understand that a vow was to be kept if a person made a vow even though it was voluntary.

The first ox or the first sheep that was born to an ox or a sheep was to be offered to the Lord as a sacrifice. The people were not to keep the first born animals for themselves unless they were unclean animals. Then they could only keep the unclean animals if they redeemed them. The people could redeem the unclean animals by giving the value of the animal plus one-fifth more to the Lord. The offering of the first born animals gives us a picture of the fact that we should make the Lord first in our giving. This means that the Lord must be the most important person in our lives.

37. Read Leviticus 27:1-34 and write what God said was true about everything that was dedicated to the Lord.
38. Explain why the Lord said that to redeem the first born of an unclean animal the person was to add one-fifth more to the value of the animal.
39. Explain why you think that God told the people to dedicate the first born of their animals to the Lord.

God said that everything that the people dedicated to the Lord was to be given to the Lord. The people were not to promise something to the Lord and then keep it for themselves. Anything the people promised to the Lord was to be given to the Lord. The people were also told to give a tithe of everything that they received to the Lord. A tithe is one tenth. The first tenth of all that the people received from their crops was to be given to the Lord. The people were to put the Lord first in everything that they did including their giving.

40. Read Leviticus 27:1-34 and write where these commandments were given to the people of Israel.
41. Explain why the Lord said that the people were to put the Lord first in their giving and not give Him what was left over.
42. Explain why it is important to you in your own life to make certain that you also place the Lord first in your giving.

Now reread Leviticus 26:1-27:34 and write down the three most important lessons that you learned from these chapters.