"The Pentateuch" Leviticus 21-22 Wednesday April 14, 2010

Lev 21:4

Leviticus 1-7 Holy Offerings

Leviticus 8-10 Holy Priesthood

Leviticus 11-17 Holy Nation

Leviticus 18-27 Holy Land; How to Live; Sanctification and Holiness:

Leviticus 21-22 Holiness In Our Priestly Service:

Leviticus 21:1-15 Personal Conduct:

Leviticus 21:1-8 The High Priests Sons: Lev 21:1

The privilege of leadership brings with it the responsibility of maintaining a life that's above reproach.

Lev. 21:4-6 The Lord Regulated the Manner of Their Grief:

1 Thess. 4:13

Lev 21:6

In ministry our focus should be on the privileges of ministry and not on the burdens and sacrifices.

Lev 21:7-8

for I the Lord, who sanctifies you (Makes you holy); This phrase is used 6X in these 2 chapters.

Leviticus 21:9 The Priest's Daughter:

Leviticus 21:10-15 The High Priest:

If we want to have God's blessing on our ministry, we must keep ourselves, our marriages, and our families pure and dedicated before God. Leviticus 21:16-24 Physical Characteristics:

- 1. The sacrifices that the people brought to the Lord had to be perfect; it was only right that those who offered the sacrifices at the altar also be without defect.
- 2. The priests exemplified that great High Priest who was to come, and there is no defect in Him.

Leviticus 22:1-33 The Danger of Priestly Practice:

Lev 22:1-2

The phrase "to be careful with the holy gifts," (v. 2) sets the theme for the chapter. It means "to treat with regard and respect" or "to be careful in handling."

Leviticus 22:3-9 Unclean Priests: Lev 22:3

Heb. 4:13

Lev 22:4-6

All of these things would defile a man. They were God's standards of purity. They were not up for debate.

Lev 22:7-13

A faithful priest had to have the honesty and courage to say no both to himself (Lev. 22:1-9) and to others (Lev. 22:10-16).

Lev 22:14-16

Leviticus 22:17-32 Unacceptable Sacrifices: Lev 22:17-20

We can choose to offer a freewill offering but the offering must be without defect.

2 Sam 24:24

Mal 1:8

Lev 22:21-30

God gives 3 reasons to honor and respect:

Lev 22:31

1. These are God's commandments, and they must be obeyed. God never commands anything that isn't the best for us.

Lev 22:32

2. This is the way we glorify God's great name and sanctify Him before His people.

Lev 22:33

3. The Lord who commands us also redeemed us from slavery, and He's the one who has set us apart to be His special people. We owe everything to Him!

Application:

- 1. Obedience must take precedence over affection.
- 2. In ministry our focus should be on the privileges of ministry and not on the burdens and sacrifices.
- 3. If we want to have God's blessing on our ministry, we must keep ourselves, our marriages, and our families pure and dedicated before God.
- 4. A faithful priest had to have the honesty and courage to say no both to himself and to others.
- 5. The Lord who commands us also redeemed us from slavery, and He's the one who has set us apart to be His special people. We owe everything to Him!