

Family Worship Guide Week 21

Leviticus, Psalm 18

***Leviticus is one of the more difficult books in the Bible. If your children are mature enough to comprehend the purpose behind the book, we encourage you to read through it. There is great value in this book, even to Christians today. There are great lessons on the holiness of God, and our utter need for a Savior. If you have younger kids though we encourage you to follow through with this guide. We will take the major themes of the book and apply a few verses throughout to give your family an appreciation for this book of the law.**

Day One: The Divine Presence of God, Leviticus 26:12

- The book of Leviticus opens with the Spirit having filled the tabernacle at the end of Exodus. Throughout this entire book we have this understanding that God is now dwelling with the people. Moses summarizes this in Lev. 26:12, "And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people." Part of the reason for the law is the holy presence of God. Chances are we all act different when we are around other people. The Dutch people have a saying when there is an awkward silence, "The minister stopped by." Their meaning is that every time a minister stops by people get quiet because all the fun is over. Holiness disturbs us because it interrupts our sinfulness. God didn't want to just stop by. He wanted his people to know that he was always present. He was present then and he is present today. There is never a moment that you do not have the presence of God with you.
- **Bottom Line:** God is with you.
- **Questions:** Will it change your behavior, knowing that God is always watching and is always with you?

Day Two: The Holiness of God, Lev. 11:45

- "You shall therefore be holy as I am holy." Take time to flip through and let your kids read some of the laws of Leviticus. (I would avoid Leviticus 18 if you want to avoid a conversation you may not be ready for.) These laws sound strange to us, but they find their purpose in Lev. 11:45. We are to be holy as God is holy. There is no way we could ever fully keep these laws. In fact, God knew that we could never keep the laws when he gave them to Moses. Instead, he needed us to learn just how Holy he is. Holy means to be separated. God is different from us, which means he is holy. These laws show just how far away we are from being like God. When read properly, Leviticus should create in us an awe of how great God is. Holiness is the single greatest characteristic of God. In the Hebrew language repetition is used to show emphasis. Is. 6 says that God is holy holy holy. No where else in scripture does it repeat another characteristic of God like this. The Bible never says that God is love, love, love, or justice, justice, justice. His holiness influences everything else about God, and Leviticus paints a wonderful portrait of what that looks like for us.
- **Bottom Line:** God is holy
- **Questions:** What does it mean for God to be unique? Why can't you be like God? How does this point to Jesus?

Day Three: Atonement, Lev. 4:1-3.

- Leviticus teaches the idea of animals being sacrificed on our behalf. Instead of sacrificing themselves when they sinned, God told them to substitute themselves with animals instead. This idea of atonement was made perfect with Jesus. Leviticus teaches us that every sin was worthy of punishment. The only problem was the needed to sacrifice an animal every time they sinned. This was not sustainable. Instead, Jesus become the lamb of God and was an eternal sacrifice for all who believed.
- **Bottom Line:** Jesus paid for our sins.
- **Questions:** Why did we need sacrifices for our sin? How was Jesus a better sacrifice than the animals?

Day Four: The Gospel Connection, Romans 7:6, 3:21-26

- We have been freed from the Law of Leviticus because of Jesus. We no longer have to keep up with what meat we do or do not eat, or what we sacrifice for each sin. Instead we experience freedom by serving the Holy Spirit instead of the written code. We are saved by grace through faith and not by works lest any man should boast. How awesome is that! I don't know about you, but I am grateful for Jesus. Leviticus points to the need, and Jesus answers it.
- **Bottom Line:** Jesus fulfilled the law of Leviticus.
- **Questions:** How would the church be different if we still had to keep all of laws in Leviticus? How are you thankful for Jesus?

Day Five: Psalm 18

- How appropriate of a psalm to read with your family at the conclusion of this week. In Psalm 18 David is thanking God for delivering him. The Lord is both our rock and our refuge. In him we find solace that he will rescue us from our enemies. For us he has rescued us from our sin, the greatest enemy. It separated us from God, but because of Jesus we have been rescued. He is the reason for our praise!
- **Bottom Line:** God is our deliverer
- **Questions:** Take time to share how Jesus has changed your life. Take time to share your testimony with your children. Allow them time to ask any questions that would like about salvation etc.

Pray

- ❖ Pray for our church as we search for a new music minister. Pray that God would lead us to the right man. Pray for the church as we seek to grow spiritually over this next year, and as we seek to reach the lost world.

Memorize

Psalm 18:3 “I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.”