

The Essential Components of the Christian Life

An Exposition of Leviticus 19

Introduction to Leviticus 19

The Importance of Leviticus 19 to Biblical Praxis

- It Helps Define the Law
- It Informs the Message of the Prophets
- It Provides a Foundation to New Testament Praxis

The Book of Leviticus

- The Background of the Book
- The Structure of the Book

- I. The Way to Worship: The Sacrifices (1:1-16:34)
 - A. The Laws Regulating the Sacrifices (1:1-7:38)
 - B. The Establishment of the Priesthood (8:1-10:20)
 - C. The Laws Regarding Uncleanness (11:1-15:57)
 - D. The Day of Atonement (16:1-34)
- II. The Life of Worship: Holiness (17:1-27:34)
 - A. The Laws Regulating the Sacrifices and Eating Meat (17:1-16)
 - B. The Laws Regulating Sexual and Neighborly Relationships (18:1-19:37)
 - C. The Laws Regulating Capital Crimes (20:1-27)
 - D. The Laws Regulating the Priest's Holiness (21:1-22:33)
 - E. The Laws Regulating Required Festivals (23:1-44)
 - F. The Laws Regulating the Tabernacle and Blasphemy (24:1-23)
 - G. The Laws Regulating the Sabbatical and Jubilee Years (25:1-55)
 - H. The Rehearsing of the Covenant Blessings and Curses (26:1-46)
 - I. The Laws Regulating Votive Gifts (27:1-34)

The Message of Leviticus 19

- The Law Reflects the Character of God
- The Attainability of Holiness
- The Comprehensive Nature of Holiness
- The Law as an Expression of Love

The Design of the Chapter

The Structure of the Chapter

- I. Prologue: God Calls Israel to Fidelity to Him (19:1-2)
- II. Expressed through Faithfulness to the Divine Covenant (19:3-10)
- III. Expressed through Loyalty to the Divine Community (19:11-18)
- IV. Expressed through Adhering to the Divine Distinctions (19:19-31)
- V. Expressed through Reflecting Divine Protections (19:32-37)
- VI. Epilogue: God Reminds Israel of Her Covenant Call for Faithfulness (19:37)