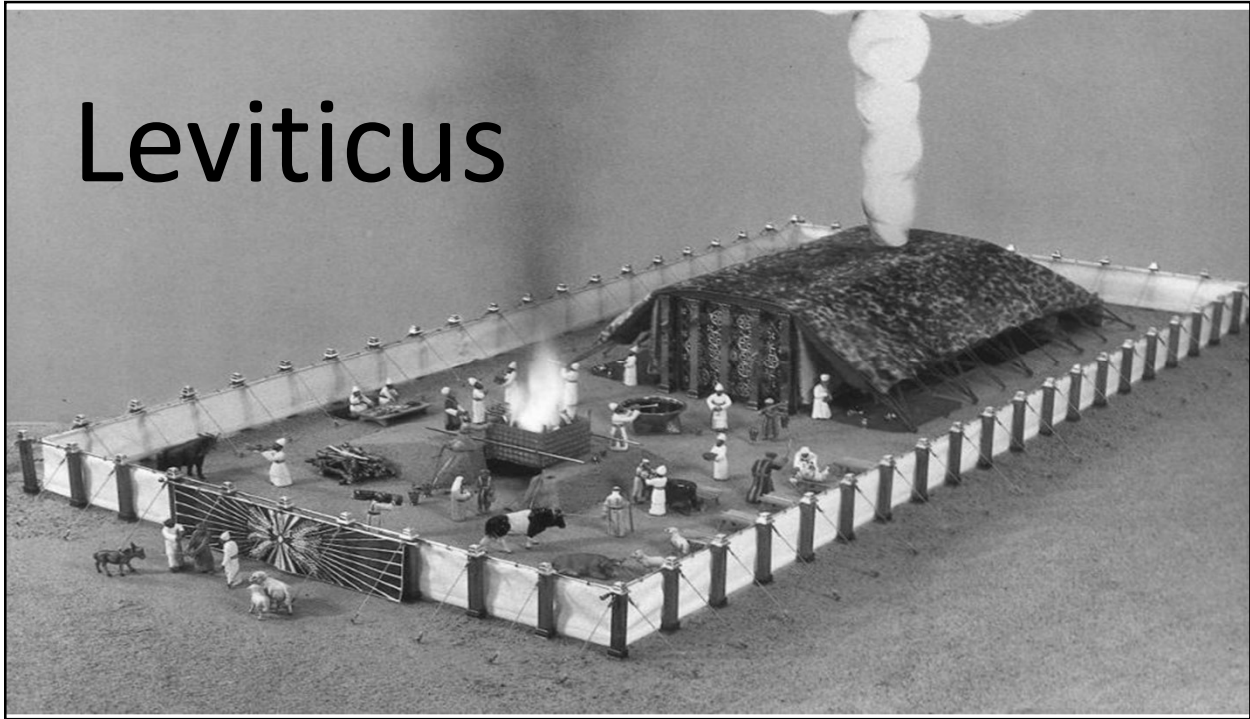


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## Reflecting God's holiness 19:1-37

- Treatment of other people
  - Respect for personal dignity vs 13-14; 20-22; 32; 33-34
  - Practice justice vv. 15-16; 35-36
  - Act in love as you interact with others vv.17-18
    - Love confronts for the good of all involved
    - Love is never purely punitive but is always restorative in intent.

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## Reflecting God's holiness 19:1-37

- Practice purity v19
- Practice patience v23-24
- Do not assimilate the practices of the world around you. vv. 26-31

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## Dealing with threats to holiness. 20:1-21; 27

- The threat of idolatry
  - Specific prohibition of child sacrifice to the false god Molech
    - Despite this warning this was an area in which the Israelites failed badly yet provided occasion for expression of God's righteousness, judgment, faithfulness and grace.
      - 1 Kings 11:4-8
      - Jeremiah 32:33-35
      - 2 Chronicles 33
      - 2 Kings 23:10

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## Dealing with threats to holiness. 20:1-21; 27

- The threat of false teaching
  - Medium: One possessed by or consulting a ghost or spirit of the dead, especially for information about the future. (Holman Bible Dictionary)
  - Literally, one who chirps or mutters. Isaiah 8:19
  - Seeking supernatural insight from a source other than Yahweh v6 also 19:26,31
    - This opens a person to all sorts of deception ranging from the person who is delivering the message to the demonic deception designed to ultimately destroy. (John 10:10)

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## Dealing with threats to holiness. 20:1-21; 27

- The threat of disrespect for authority v9
  - The severity of the penalty for cursing father or mother reveals the importance of the home to establish respect for any and all authority.
- The threat of sexual immorality vv10-21
  - Sexual immorality is always an assault on the truth that a person is one made in the image of God.

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## Appeal for holiness 20:22-26

- God's statutes give the standard of holiness v22
- The sinful behavior identified in the preceding chapters detail the hazards of unholy living. v23
- God's people are to be a discerning people when it comes to right and wrong. vv. 24-26