

Moving from Deliverance to Holiness

EXODUS

- Pardon
- God's Approach
- Savior
- Bondage
- Mount Sinai
- Brought out

LEVITICUS

- Purity
- Our Approach to God
- Sanctifier
- Defilement
- Tabernacle
- Brought Near

The “Logic” of Leviticus

Becoming Holy
Way to God
Curing Unholiness

At-one-ment Initiated

Remaining Holy
Walk with God
Offering Holiness

The One-ment Enacted



Offerings Priests Purity Atone
1-7 8-10 11-15 16

People Priests Feasts Bless/Curse
17-20 21-22 23-25 26-27

1. The Logic of Holiness

- Chaps 1-16 Means Chaps 17-27 End
Dealing with Unholiness Delineating Holiness
- Cause (4 specific commands) Effect
Holiness 65 t. Holiness 85 t.
I am Holy *You be Holy*
- Two Climax points
Day of Atonement (16) Blessings/Curses (26-27)
Source of Holiness Consequences

A “Basic” Structure

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| 1. <i>Sacrifice</i> 1-7 | Worship |
| 2. <i>Priesthood</i> 8-10 | Mediator |
| 3. <i>Cleanness</i> 11-15 | <i>Real</i> Purity |
| 4. <i>Atonement</i> 16 | <i>Real</i> Rightness |
| | No Rebellion |
| 5. <u>Holy Living</u> 17-27 | Walking with
the Holy One |

The Holiness He Is and Desires

- The Word that describes God's essence

11:44-45 I am Yahweh
I am Holy

'sanctify' yourselves
be (like Me) Holy

Character of Holy God

Seen in Holy People

To be His

is to be Holy

Why so much blood?

1. No fellowship without atonement
2. Requires a mediator
3. Grace is defined by the Holy One
4. Only the perfect is acceptable
5. Atonement meets every need
6. Atonement issues in holy living

17:11 and a philosophy of salvation

The Life is in the Blood- profound to Israel
Foundational to Life
Shedding = Death
Sacrifice = One life for another
Deepening sense of One who
would come to offer Himself in
our place

Why a Sacrifice and Blood?

- Substitution is a major factor in salvation

Sin – substitutes *self* for God
produces death

Jesus- substitutes *Himself* for us
gives His life

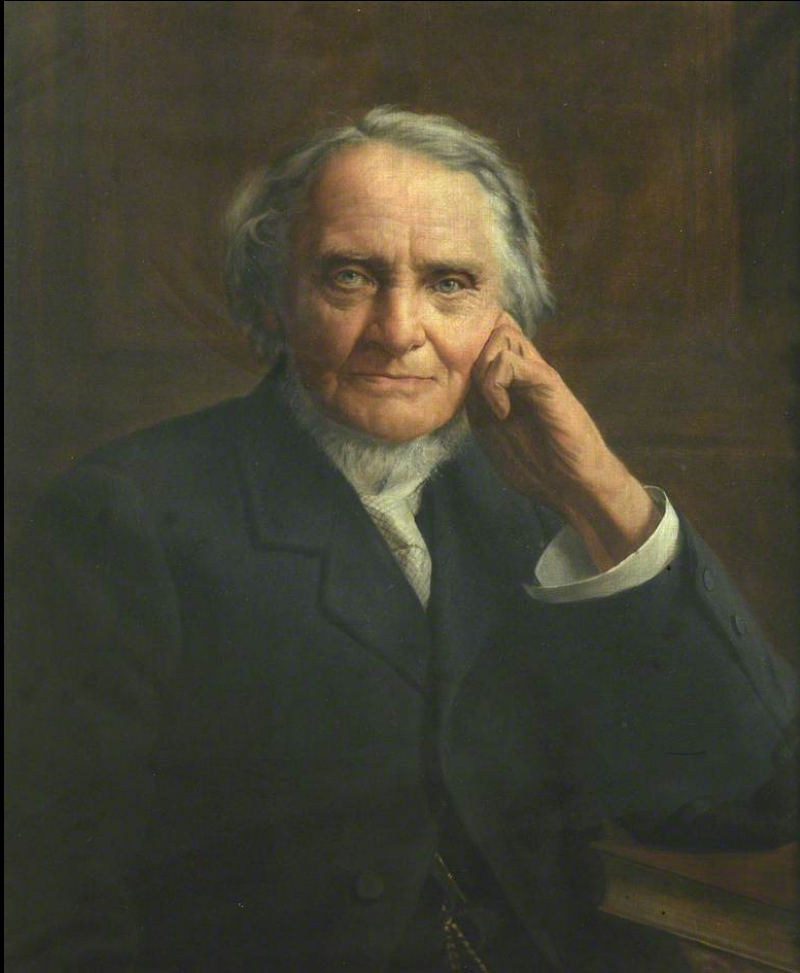
What results if we understand His self-giving?

Sacrifices = all of *Himself* for all of our need

Priests = full, personal, yielded *self*
Unhampered obedience

We are called to watch any form of *self*
Idolatry 17/19
Sexuality 18/20
Occult 20

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Every step on the
pathway of spiritual
progress will be
marked by the
bloody footprints
of wounded
self-love

Things we don't talk about

- Maleness and Femaleness
- Sex
- Blood
- Death
- Demonic - Hell

II. The Location of Holiness

“I am Holy (and I want you to be)”

“I am the Lord” 24 times

- 11:44-45 In a list of clean/unclean foods
- 19:2 After a list of sexual perversions
- 20:7 After warning against occult acts
- 20:26 After a list of perversions
- 23:32 After final instructions to priests

Holiness is Moral and Ethical

- Deliverance and Atonement result in a Walk
- Holiness is not an ideal, position - behavior
- The Holy One describes Holy Living
 - Lev 18-20 Holy Behavior
 - Lev 21-22 Holy Priesthood
 - Lev 22:17-33 Holy Offerings
 - Lev 23-25 Holy Feasts

Lev 17-20 Holy Behavior

- 17 Diet – where to kill animals for food
on the issue of eating blood
- 18 Sexual Sin – “you shall not” Negative
- 19 The ‘horizontal’ law – Commandments
“you shall” Positive

Nature of Holiness 1-4

“All” aspects of life – *miniature Leviticus*
Justice, Righteousness, Propriety

- 20 Penalties for Occult Activity and Sexual Sin

Holiness is Actual Love

- c. 17 Adultery = Idolatry to Yahweh in the covenant
- c. 18 Sexuality can be expressed in the covenant or used for mere gratification which is perversion
- c. 19 Heart 19:17, Love is only used 2x 19:18, 19:34
- c. 20 Holy Love is “the” distinctive in an immoral world (26)

Sex and Sanctification

- The end of control
- He is my Good and all that comes from Him is good – “yes” and “no”
- A depth of love that makes my heart a place where someone else is of greater worth than my pleasure

III. The Lines of Holy Sex (which NT presupposes)

Absolutes (Moral Law in all Scripture)

- No intercourse outside of marriage
- No sexual worship
- No prostitution
- No homosexual sex
- No bestiality
- No incest
- No pedophilia
- No sexual violence

The Lines of Holy Sex (cont.)

- No Intentional Gender Confusion
- No Lustful Sexual Desires
- Strong opposition to divorce
- Strong opposition to spiritually mixed marriage
- Strong opposition to sexual immodesty
- Opposition to polygamy
- Opposition to close fellowship with the sexually immoral who claim to be Christians

The present darkness

- Disconnect of sexuality and:
Procreation

Marriage

Gender difference

The body

Elements of Holy Sex

- Personal To know and to be known
 - Exclusive Shared in faithful covenant
 - Intimate More than Physical
 - Fruitful 'Potential' of producing life
 - Selfless Self-giving at the core
 - Complex Multidimensional
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- All prohibitions are set against the positives

What are these lines for?

- Intended it only for our good
- Not limitations to our “freedom” but boundaries for our joy
- Sin is a privation of the good – will always go outside the lines of God

What to do?

- Omit all 'unclean' entertainment – all media
Remove cable, TV, tablets, phones, watches...
- Commitment to all biblical standards
Confess all illicit sexual activity
Receive forgiveness
- Radical Accountability with implications

Decentralizing Self

- Always a struggle – fallen world
- Holiness is all of the self going to the Cross
- On-going sanctification all self-love
- Each of us needs to sacrifice even legitimate self-life

