

The Bible Jesus Used

A Gospel-Centered Glance at the Old Testament

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Leviticus at a Glance

The Fuel for Living in the Light of Yahweh's Holy Presence	Chs. 1–10
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The Nature of Living in the Light of Yahweh's Holy Presence	Chs. 11–27
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The Five Offerings

Burnt Offering	Devotion
Grain Offering	Gratitude
Peace Offering (Fellowship)	Communion
Sin Offering (Purification)	Atoning contamination of holy objects
Guilt Offering (Reparation)	Atoning desecration of holy objects

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- ❖ **2 Cor. 5:21. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin (**purification**), so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (**consecration**).**
- ❖ **1 Cor. 6:11. And such were some of you. But you were washed (**purification**), you were sanctified (**+consecration**), you were justified (= **atonement**) in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.**

The Significance of Drawing Near to God (chs. 8–10)

- ❖ **The Consecration of the Priests (ch. 8; cf. Exod. 24:4–8)**
- ❖ **The Paradigm for Sacrifice (chs. 9–10)**
 - ❖ **The need for substitutionary sacrifice (9:4, 6): to encounter the glory of Yahweh as life, not death**
 - ❖ **The act of “drawing near”: move toward worship through repentance > sacrifice through substitution and representation (9:5, 7)**
 - ❖ **The encounter with God’s glory presence (9:23–10:3):**
 - ❖ **Atonement gained through the death of a substitute leads to spontaneous praise (9:24)**
 - ❖ **Atonement realized through one’s own death (10:2)**

❖ **Comparison:**

- ❖ Lev. 9:24. And the fire came out from before Yahweh and consumed the burnt offering....
- ❖ Lev. 10:2. And the fire came out from before Yahweh and consumed them, and they died before Yahweh.

❖ **Synthesis:**

- ❖ Lev. 10:3. Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified.
 - ❖ **In punishment:** Ezek. 28:22. Behold, I am against you, O Sidon, and I will manifest my glory in your midst. And they shall know that I am Yahweh when I execute judgments in her and **manifest my holiness** in her.
 - ❖ **In sanctification:** Ezek. 36:23. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am Yahweh ... when through you **I vindicate my holiness** before their eyes.

- ❖ Lev. 10:3. Among those who are **near** me I will be sanctified.

- ❖ Eph. 2:4–5, 13. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved....
¹³But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought **near** by the blood of Christ.

❖ Fuel for holiness (Lev. 10:3):

- ❖ *Knowledge*: Growth in holiness happens to those who recognize their sinfulness and turn to God in Christ.
- ❖ *Hope*: Growth in holiness happens to those who are confident that God is already 100% for them and that every promise is “Yes!” in Christ.
- ❖ *Power*: Growth in holiness happens to those in whom God ignites new, blood-bought desires for what he is passionate about.
 - ❖ “People can’t conquer what hasn’t been cancelled; the only sin we can conquer is forgiven sin” (John Piper)
 - ❖ Remembering the cross (brought about because of our sin) kills pride and generates Christ-exalting humility.
 - ❖ Remembering the cross (by which God showed his love for us) motivates us to love the sinful, the broken, the rejected.

❖ Rom. 6:6–7, 22. ⁶We know that our old man was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been justified free from sin.... ²²But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.

- ❖ **Summary: Through substitutionary atonement God's zeal for his holiness and his zeal against sin spark a similar zeal in our soul.**
- ❖ **We gain new godward desires, leading to a holy life and victory over sin.**
- ❖ **We are granted blood-bought power, which is the only kind that can conquer sin.**
- ❖ **God is displayed as holy in us because we have been brought near him in Christ.**