MORE BIBLE INFORMATION

(Leviticus)

The book of Leviticus, written by Moses and covering a period of one month, is not so much a book of the Law, as we know law, as it is a guidebook for the priests. It has been called "The Book of Law". Some scholars prefer to call it "A Manual of the Priests". This latter title best fits the book.

In Leviticus the Tabernacle is symbolic of the place where God dwells and speaks with His people. In Exodus God spoke from Mount Sinai. In Leviticus He spoke from the Tabernacle which suggests nearness to His people.

Holiness is the theme of the book of Leviticus. Verse 2 of chapter 19 is the key to the book—"Be ye holy: for I the Lord your God am holy." This command and requirement was to be practiced by God's people. To achieve this highest good, sacrifices were instituted for God's people. Chapters 1-7 deal with these offerings or sacrifices. There was the Burnt Offering, (Chapter 1), Meal Offering (Chapter 2), Peace Offering (Chapter 3), Sin Offering (Chapter 4) and the Trespass Offering (Chapter 5). Chapters 7 and 8 give directions as to how these offerings were to be made.

All of these offerings were designed to reveal God's forgiveness of sin. Their chief significance lay in what they symbolized. They symbolized the atoning work of Christ. While the High Priest went into the Holy of Holies once a year to make atonement for the sins of the people (Chapter 16), Christ offered Himself once for all people and became our High priest forever.

The best interpretation of the book of Leviticus is found in the book of Hebrews in the New Testament. Some people have called the book of Hebrews a commentary on the book of Leviticus.

It was in reference to the Old Testament system of sacrifices that Paul wrote in Hebrews, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin". And, because of Christ's sacrifice of Himself we can not only walk in newness of life; but we can also walk before God in right-eousness and true holiness each day of our life.

Editor

YOUR CHURCH COVENANT

(A Questionnaire)

- 1. What does the word covenant mean?
- 2. Have you ever made a covenant? (Are you keeping it?)
- 3. Does your church have a covenant?
- 4. Do you know that your church covenant is your covenant?
- 5. Have you read your church covenant this month? Last month? In the last three months? (Don't you think you should read it more often?
- 6. How many articles are there in your church covenant?
- 7. How many works of grace are referred to in your church covenant?
- 8. Are you practicing your church covenant every day?
- 9. What does each article of your church covenant require of you?
- 10. Do you constantly strive to act toward others in the church as brethren in Christ?
- 11. Do you contribute of your substance to the church as the Lord has prospered you?
- 12. Do you hold communion together with others in the weekly worship of God . . . ?

EXAMPLES OF THE SECOND BLESSING

ABRAHAM: "And he believed the Lord; and He counted it to him for righteousness."—Gen. 15:6

Not that the righteousness of God was imputed to him, but his faith was accounted to him, and he was justified.

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before Me and be thou perfect."—Gen. 17:1.

This was 12 or 14 years after his justification. Here is a specific call to moral perfection subsequent to conversion.

JACOB: "And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest, and will bring thee again to this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of".— Gen. 28:15.

Here Jacob is adopted a child of God, and a covenant is given him.

And He said, "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked Him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And He said, wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And He blessed him there, And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved."—Gen. 32: 28-30.

Here self is crucified—his nature cleansed and empowered twenty years after adoption.

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WORDS OF WISDOM

Most people would succeed in small things if they were not troubled with great ambitions.

-Longfellow

Success is full of promise till men get it; and then it is last year's nest from which the bird has flown.

- H. W. Beecher

Be charitable before wealth makes thee Covetous.

- Sir Thomas Brown

Every day should be distinguished by at least one particular act of love.

- Lavater

Daily Prayer pays even though it is sometimes costly.

W.G.

The end of learning is to know God, and out of that knowledge to love Him and imitate Him.

- Milton

- 13. Are you endeavouring to maintain true plety in your heart?
- 14. Are you using your influence to advance the principles of temperance?
- 15. Are you helping to sustain the benevolent enterprises of the day ...?
- 16. Do you love all those who love our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ . . . ? (And your enemies?)
- 17. Are you pressing on to perfection in order that you might receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit?
- 18. Do you agree to the Declaration of Faith and Advisory Rules of your church?
- 19. Are you eagerly expecting the glorious return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ?
- 20. Are you ready for His return?

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