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October Sermon Series

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ALL I REALLY NEED TO KNOW... (R. FULGHUM)

Share everything. | Play fair. | Don't hit people. | Put things back where you found them. | Clean up your own mess. | Don't take things that aren't yours. | Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. | Wash your hands before you eat. | Flush. | Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. | Live a balanced life—learn, think, draw, paint, sing, dance, play, & work some daily. | Take a nap every day. | Watch out for traffic, hold hands, & stick together. | Be aware of wonder (like the seed in the Styrofoam cup). | Remember the first word learned from *Dick & Jane* books:
LOOK.

1. BODY & BLOOD

LEVITICUS 17, 18, 20

LEVITICUS 17:1-16 | SACRIFICES & BLOOD

All animal slaughter for sacrifice must be brought to the tabernacle entrance, **ending the practice of offering to “goat demons” in open fields**. The chapter forbids eating blood, explaining that **the life of a creature is in the blood** & that God has given it on the altar to make atonement. This **applies to both native Israelites & resident foreigners**. Anyone who eats an animal that died naturally or was torn by beasts must wash & **remain unclean** until evening.

1. BODY & BLOOD

LEVITICUS 17, 18, 20

LEVITICUS 18:1-30 | REGULATING SEXUAL RELATIONS

God instructs Israel not to follow the practices of Egypt, where they lived, **or Canaan, where they are going**. The chapter lists prohibited incestuous relationships, adultery, child sacrifice to Molech, same-sex intercourse, & bestiality. These practices are said to have **defiled the land so that it “vomited out” its previous inhabitants**. Israel is warned that the same fate awaits them if they imitate these behaviors.

1. BODY & BLOOD

LEVITICUS 17, 18, 20

LEVITICUS 20:1-27 | PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS

Chapter 20 revisits many offenses from previous chapters & attaches penalties, **often death or being “cut off” from the people**. These include child sacrifice to Molech, consulting mediums, cursing parents, adultery, incest, and other sexual sins. It **reiterates that obedience keeps Israel in the land God promised**. God has set Israel apart from the nations, so they must distinguish between clean and unclean animals as well.

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LEVITICUS 17-22

1. BODY & BLOOD: Sacred Sanctions

Leviticus 17, 18, & 20

These chapters frame holiness as a matter of boundaries: Israel must keep body & blood sacred (17), avoiding pagan sexual & religious practices of Egypt & Canaan (18), or face dire consequences (20), since these pagan practices defile both the people & the land.

FAITHFULNESS TO GOD MEANS LIVING DISTINCTLY FROM THE
TYPICAL PATTERNS OF THE UNFAITHFUL WORLD.

2. HOLY HABITS

LEVITICUS 19

LEVITICUS 19:1-37 | HOLINESS IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Opening with the command *“YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I THE LORD YOUR GOD AM HOLY”* (v.2), this chapter weaves ritual & ethical laws together. It includes honoring parents, keeping the Sabbath, leaving gleanings for the poor, & prohibitions on theft, lying, & slander. It also commands impartial justice & forbids hatred or vengeance, culminating in *“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF”* (v.8). This love is also extended to the foreigner. Pagan practices such as divination & mixing certain materials are banned.

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HOLY & HEALTHY

LEVITICUS 17-22

2. HOLY HABITS: Sacred Servants

Leviticus 19

Real holiness is lived out in ordinary life, grounded in God's nature. God's people are to imitate God's character in their ritual, ethical, & social obligations & interactions (i.e. care for the poor, honest dealings, impartial justice, love of neighbors & foreigners) to show that imitating God's character shapes how Israel treats everyone around them.

GOD'S CHARACTER SHAPES GOD'S PEOPLE. WE ARE TO REFLECT
GOD—MADE IN HIS LIKENESS & ENLIVENED BY HIS SPIRIT.

3. PRIESTLY PROTOCOLS

LEVITICUS 21-22

LEVITICUS 21:1-24 | HOLINESS OF THE PRIESTS

Because priests handle sacred things, they face stricter standards than other Israelites. They are **limited in which dead relatives they may mourn, must avoid certain marriages, & must not engage in pagan mourning customs.** The high priest has still tighter restrictions, including not approaching any dead body. This chapter also **bars priests with physical blemishes from offering sacrifices, though they may still eat the priestly food.**

3. PRIESTLY PROTOCOLS

LEVITICUS 21-22

LEVITICUS 22:1-33 | CARE FOR SACRED OFFERINGS

Chapter twenty-two regulates who may eat the holy offerings and under what conditions. **Priests who are ceremonially unclean must wait until they have been cleansed**, & outsiders, including a priest's hired servants or guests, may not eat the sacred portions. **Members of a priest's household**, such as purchased slaves & a widowed or divorced daughter without children, **may eat them**. The chapter closes by requiring that animal sacrifices be unblemished & by setting rules for freewill offerings & the age of sacrificial animals, all grounded in the principle that **God's Name must not be profaned**.

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LEVITICUS 17-22

3. PRIESTLY PROTOCOLS: Sacred Sacrifices
Leviticus 21-22

Those who serve closest to God's holy things must meet a higher standard of purity in their personal lives, marriages, mourning, & physical being (21), and in their handling of, and leading others in, holy worship unto Him.

GOD'S SANCTUARY IS FILLED BY & REFLECTS GOD'S SPIRIT.
WORSHIPPERS & WORSHIP MUST BE SET APART AS HOLY.

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