

SERMON OUTLINE

In Leviticus 21 & 22 we are shown 6 areas in which priests are to be careful to not profane the name of the LORD who sanctifies them.

- I. Priests should not profane the name of the LORD in their uncleanness or their marriages (21:1-8).
- II. High Priests should not profane the name of the LORD in their uncleanness or their marriages (21:9-15).
- III. Blemished priests should not profane the name of the LORD by approaching the altar to offer sacrifices (21:16-24).
- IV. Priests should not profane the name of the LORD by eating the holy food while unclean (22:1-9).
- V. Priests should not profane the name of the LORD by allowing unauthorized people in his household to eat the holy food (22:10-16).
- VI. Priests should not profane the name of the LORD by receiving improper offerings from God's people (22:17-33).

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 3, 2019

Passage: Leviticus 21:1-22:33

Memory Passage: Leviticus 21:31-33

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Lev. 21:1-22:33.** We won't read both chapters every day this week, but as you do today answer these overview questions: (1) What phrase do you notice repeated 6 times (sometimes with slight variations)? (2) What does this repeated phrase tell you about the structure of the passage? (3) What do you learn from this repeated phrase about God's nature & character and man's nature & responsibility? (4) Who do these passages address?

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Lev. 21:1-24.** Summarize the requirements for priests (vs. 1-8).

(b) Summarize the added requirements for the high priest in these areas (vs. 10-15).

(c) Given what you have learned in Leviticus so far, why do you think men from Aaron's line with physical blemishes are forbidden from approaching the altar?

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Lev. 22:1-33.** 22:1-9 reiterate cleanliness regulations you have already learned in earlier chapters. Summarize the regulations concerning the priests' households concerning eating of the priestly portions of Israel's offerings (vs. 10-16).

(b) 22:17-25 reminds us of the requirements for animals to be sacrificed, but also explains further what constitutes a blemish in these animals. Make a list of the types of things that constitute a blemish and make an animal unworthy of being offered.

(c) Why is it important for both the offerer (21:16-23) and the offering (22:17-25) to be without blemish?

(d) Why do you think the regulations in 22:27-28 are given (Note: the "why" question is not answered in these verses, and scholars are divided on the answer, so I ask this only to force you to use your Biblically informed, sanctified imagination as you contemplate why God would give these requirements)?

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Eph. 5:25-27, Heb. 7:16, 20-28, 9:11-15, 1 Pet. 1:19, Rev. 19:6-8, & 21:2.** Though we have covered much of this ground before, our text requires we do so again (and we should never tire of being reminded of these truths!). Write a paragraph describing how Christ, through his work on behalf of His bride, has fulfilled the commandments you have studied in Leviticus 21 & 22.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

(a) **Read Tit. 2:11-14, 1 Pet. 2:4-12, Heb. 13:15-16.** Leviticus 21-22 dealt with the priests and their role in obedient service to God, and in the NT all believers are priests who are commanded to be obedient in their service to God as well. I have limited your reading, meditation, and study to only 3 passages. Write down at least 5 specific & personal applications that you will put into practice this week that the Holy Spirit will prompt through your study today of these 3 passages.

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"I Am the LORD Who Sanctifies"