

*How God Moves Us beyond Self-Denial to Self-Sacrifice*

Leviticus 22:31-33

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**Sermon Outline**

Notes:

**I. Introduction**

A. Children's Sermon

1. When is it easy to obey? Why?
2. When is it hard to obey? Why?
3. What does this teach us about ourselves?
4. Why is this good news?

B. The Law Reveals Our Self-Commitment

1. Secular morality
2. We are also rebels!

**Matthew 10:37-39**

<sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> And **whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me**. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

3. This is "good news" for us

C. Consecration (Lev. 17-22)

**Key Idea**

*God is graciously making His people fit for His holy presence, training us to deny ourselves and to give our lives away.*

1. One Altar for the Blood (17; Death)
2. **Undivided Love**
  - a. Keep from Sexual Impurity (18)
  - b. Love Your Neighbor (19)
  - c. Cut off the Sexually Impure (20)
3. The Lord who Sanctifies: Holy Priests & **Holy Meal (21-22)**

D. Key Review Verses

## Leviticus 17:11

**For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar** to make atonement for your souls, *for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.*

## Leviticus 22:31–33

<sup>31</sup> “So you shall keep my commandments and do them: ***I am the Lord.*** <sup>32</sup> And you shall not profane my holy name, that I may be sanctified among the people of Israel. ***I am the Lord who sanctifies you,*** <sup>33</sup> who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God: ***I am the Lord.***”

## II. How is a NT Person Sanctified?

A. It is a Gift from God (We Plead for Mercy)

### James 4:1–10

<sup>1</sup> *What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?* <sup>2</sup> You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. *You do not have, because you do not ask.* <sup>3</sup> You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. <sup>4</sup> ***You adulterous people!*** Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? ...<sup>5</sup> Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, “He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us”? <sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “**God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.**” <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. **Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.** <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> **Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.**

- B. It is an Unstoppable Gift (No one can snatch us from God's hand)

### Philippians 1:6

<sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that *he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion* at the day of Jesus Christ.

### C. Some Practical Applications

1. Saved through knowing (2 Pet. 1:3–4)
2. Action is required

### Philippians 2:12–13 (Action because you trust God)

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,* <sup>13</sup> for *it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

### Romans 13:11–14

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us ***cast off the works of darkness** and **put on the armor of light.*** <sup>13</sup> Let us ***walk properly*** as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> **But put on** the Lord Jesus Christ, and *make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.*

- a. Put off (Repent; **Deny yourself**)
- b. Put on Christ (**Self-Sacrifice**; Fulfill your purpose: Be who you are!)

### Key Idea

*Our Heavenly Father sent his Son **to be our holiness and to make us holy.** God has set us apart for himself, so be of good courage and set yourself apart for Him.*