

# *Holy Food: Jesus is Our Life & Death*

Leviticus 22:1-33

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## Sermon Outline

Notes:

### I. Introduction

#### A. Children's Sermon

1. All roads lead to Rome
2. All of the Bible leads to Jesus
3. A priest, a sacrifice and a meal

#### **Key Idea**

*Jesus is the true priest and the true sacrifice. He has purchased us into His household so that we may enjoy eating the life-giving holy meal with God.*

#### B. The Path to Holiness (Birds Eye View)

1. The Gift of Cleansing (Sin; 11-16)
2. The Gift of Consecration (Burnt; 17-22)
3. The Gift of Communion (Peace; 23-26)
4. Whole-Hearted Dedication to God (27)

#### C. Consecration of Priests (21-22)

1. Undeclared (Death, Marriage)
2. Unblemished (See below)

### II. Consecration: The Undeclared Meal (21:16-22:30)

#### A. Blemished Priests (21:16-24)

#### **Leviticus 21:17, 21-23**

<sup>17</sup> "Speak to Aaron, saying, None of your offspring throughout their generations who has a blemish may approach to offer *the bread of his God*.

<sup>21</sup> No man of the offspring of Aaron the priest who has a blemish shall *come near to offer the Lord's food offerings*; since he has a blemish, he shall not come near to *offer the bread of his God*. <sup>22</sup> He may eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy and of the holy things, <sup>23</sup> but he shall **not go through the veil or approach the altar**, because he has a blemish, that

he may not profane my sanctuaries, for **I am the Lord who sanctifies them.**”

B. Unclean Priests (22:1-9)

**Leviticus 22:3, 9**

<sup>3</sup> Say to them, ‘If any one of all your offspring throughout your generations approaches the holy things that the people of Israel dedicate to the Lord, ***while he has an uncleanness***, that person shall be cut off from my presence: **I am the Lord.**

<sup>9</sup> They shall therefore keep my charge, ***lest they bear sin for it and die*** thereby when they profane it: **I am the Lord who sanctifies them.**

C. Holy Food for Priests & Priests Family Alone  
(22:10-16)

**Leviticus 22:10–11**

<sup>10</sup> “*A lay person shall not eat* [lit. No stranger shall eat] of a holy thing; no foreign guest of the priest or hired worker shall ***eat of a holy thing***, <sup>11</sup> **but if a priest buys a slave as his property for money, the slave may eat of it**, and anyone born in his house may eat of his food.

1. A priest’s daughter...
2. Unintentional eating... (20%)

**Leviticus 22:15–16**

<sup>15</sup> *They shall not profane the holy things* of the people of Israel, which they contribute to the Lord, <sup>16</sup> and so cause them to bear iniquity and guilt, by eating their holy things: for **I am the Lord who sanctifies them.**”

D. Acceptable Sacrifices (22:17-30)

1. Burnt Offerings (male, unblemished)
2. Peace offering for **vows & freewill** offering (unblemished; especially vows)

**Leviticus 22:22–25**

<sup>22</sup> Animals blind or disabled or mutilated or having a discharge or an itch or scabs you shall not offer to the

Lord or give them to the Lord ***as a food offering on the altar.*** <sup>23</sup> *You may present a bull or a lamb that has a part too long or too short for a freewill offering, but for a vow offering it cannot be accepted. ...* <sup>25</sup> neither shall you offer ***as the bread of your God...***

3. Offerings must be at least 8 days old
4. Mother & calf must not be offered together
5. **Thank Offerings** Must be eaten on the same day

### III. Do not Profane Yahweh who Sanctifies You (22:31-33)

#### 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.***”

### IV. This Holy Meal gives us Gospel Categories

- A. It is a Picture of the Consecration of Jesus
  1. Jesus is the Priest (Mediator)
  2. Jesus is the Sacrifice (Our Death)
  3. Jesus is qualified to Eat the Holy Food (Our Life)

#### Revelation 5:9–10

<sup>9</sup> And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to ***take the scroll and to open its seals,*** *for you were slain,* and ***by your blood you ransomed people for God*** from every tribe and language and people and nation, <sup>10</sup> and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

- B. In Jesus Yahweh is Sanctifying Us!

1. Jesus Purchased Us into His Household
2. A Seat at God's Table!

### **1 Corinthians 6:19–20**

<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for *you were bought with a price*. So glorify God in your body.

### **Galatians 4:4–6**

<sup>4</sup> But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to *redeem* those who were under the law, so that we might receive *adoption as sons*. <sup>6</sup> And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!”

3. Living Sacrifices

### **Romans 12:1–2**

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, *by the mercies of God*, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

#### **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.*