The Book of Leviticus Leviticus 1:1-2

Main Point:

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- 1. Despite its many challenges, Leviticus is an essential book of the Bible.
- 2. Leviticus is essential because it is (and is needed for) the Word of God.
- 3. Leviticus is essential because it teaches you how to be holy.

- 4. Leviticus is essential because it shows you how to properly worship.
- 5. Leviticus is essential because it uniquely reveals the gospel of Jesus Christ.

John Currid "One of the reasons that the book of Leviticus is so little studied in the church is a lack of understanding about the relevance of the literature to the New Testament Christian."

Exodus 40:33-34 33 And he raised up the court all around the tabernacle and the altar, and hung up the screen of the court gate. So Moses finished the work. 34 Then the cloud covered the tabernacle of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. (NKJV)

Leviticus 27:34 34 These *are* the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel on Mount Sinai. (NKJV)

Andrew Bonar "There is no book, in the whole compass of that inspired Volume which the Holy Ghost has given us, that contains more of the very words of God than Leviticus. It is God that is the direct speaker in almost every page ..."

Allen Ross "One idea informs all this vast and detailed cultic law and gives it a real glory even apart from its prophetic significance - holiness. Holiness is its goal. Holiness is its character: the LORD is holy; his sanctuary is holy; its vessels are holy; the garments of the priests are holy; the sacrifices are most holy to the LORD; and all who approach him whose name is "Holy" - whether the priests who minister or the people who worship - must themselves be holy."

Exodus 19:5-6 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth *is* Mine. 6 And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation ... (NKJV)

Leviticus 19:1-2 1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 "Speak to all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say to them: 'You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God *am* holy. (NKJV)

- **1 Peter 2:9** 9 But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation ... (NKJV)
- **1 Peter 1:15-16** 15 But as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, 16 because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." (NKJV)

John Currid "That is the purpose of the book of Leviticus: it is a document revealed by God that prescribes how formal worship will take place in Israel."

Leviticus 10:3 3 And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD spoke, saying: 'By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; And before all the people I must be glorified ... (NKJV)

Luke 24:44 44 Then He said to them, "These *are* the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and *the* Prophets and *the* Psalms concerning Me." (NKJV)