

*What is the LORD Setting Us Apart From & To?
Self-Denial to Self-Sacrifice*

Leviticus 22:31-33

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

- A. Children's Sermon: Saved from/to What?
- B. The Path to Holiness: The Gifts of Cleansing, **Consecration**, Communion
- C. The Importance of Christian Meditation

"Thomas Watson put it like this: 'A Christian without meditation is like a soldier without arms, or a workman without tools. Without meditation the truths of God will not stay with us; the heart is hard, and the memory is slippery, and without meditation all is lost.'"

Key Idea

God is graciously making His people fit for His holy presence. This "consecration" involves having sin and its corrupting consequences removed from us and a love for God and for our neighbor created in us.

- D. Consecration (17-22)
 - 1. One Altar for the Blood (17)

 - 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)
- E. Key Review Verses

Leviticus 18:3–5 (Shall not...Shall)

³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. *You shall not walk in their statutes.* ⁴ ***You shall follow my rules** and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God.*

Leviticus 18:21 (Cf. Lev. 20:2-5 - “Whoring”)

²¹ You shall not give any of your children to offer them to Molech, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:1–2 (Be Holy)

¹ And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, ***You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.***

Leviticus 19:17–18 (Cf. Love... - Lev. 19:33–34)

¹⁷ “You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸ You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but ***you shall love your neighbor as yourself.*** I am the Lord.

II. What the Gift of *Consecration* Looks Like

A. It Looks like Love...

1. Love is Obedience (e.g. 1 John 5:3)
2. Denying ourselves

Romans 13:8–10

⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “***You shall love your neighbor as yourself.***” ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore *love is the fulfilling of the law.*

B. It Looks Like Jesus: (Self-denial to Self-sacrifice)

Mark 8:34–35

...“If anyone would come after me, let him ***deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.***” ³⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel’s will save it.

1 John 3:16

By this we know love, that *he laid down his life for us*, and *we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers*.

3. Loving Neighbor to Love God

Matthew 22:37–39

³⁷ And he said to him, “You shall **love the Lord your God** with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸ This is the great and first commandment. ³⁹ And **a second is like it**: *You shall love your neighbor as yourself*.”

1 John 4:19–21

¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.

B. Why does God Give so much Attention to Sexual Immorality?

1 Corinthians 6:13–20

¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. *The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.* ... ¹⁵ Do you not know that ***your bodies are members of Christ***? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ... ¹⁸ ***Flee from sexual immorality***. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but *the sexually immoral person sins against his own body*. ¹⁹ 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, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So **glorify God in your body**.

III. Some Practical Applications

A. Saved through Knowing (Cf. 2 Pet. 1:3–4)

1. Created to glorify God
 2. Saved to glorify God
- B. Trust the Unstoppable Gift from God

Philippians 2:12–13

¹² 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,** ¹³ for **it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.**

Philippians 1:6

⁶ 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.

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.