

The God Who Requires Obedient Awe, Feb. 19 - 22, 2026

WHY LEARNING COMMUNITIES? *Circle Two Opportunity...*

To become better and better disciples of Christ TOGETHER so we can face **anything** through...

1. Deeper learning of Biblical truth and 2. Stronger “iron sharpening iron” relationships

Ephesians 4:12–16 (ESV)

IMPORTANT: PRIORITY – look for the ways God moves “His-Story” forward as you read each day.

From The Bible Recap Bible, Day 44, Lev 1-4, p. 222 “Leviticus is about a perfect, holy God who wants to draw near to His depraved, sinful people. It walks us through the messy process that makes that possible.”

From The Bible Project, the end of Leviticus video, “to see how Leviticus works, we look at Numbers 1 to find Moses is able to enter the Tent of Meeting to meet with God because he followed God’s instructions to become clean given in the book of Leviticus.”

GROUP: What are the major themes, ideas, truths you notice in this week’s chapters?

Daily Reading Chapters Discussion - Scan the chapters – what insights and questions do you have?

† **Leviticus 1 – 6:7**, Laws for Offerings

3 primary states: unclean, clean, holy. Rituals & laws are to move people from unclean to clean.

Atonement: “to cover.” An animal is a temporary covering for sin.

Distinction between committing a sin and an act that makes a person unclean. Uncleanness requires purification; sin requires sacrifice. These rituals led people to draw close to God for relationship.

† **Leviticus 6:8 -9**, The Priests

God’s holiness required purified mediators who served to connect Him with people. They offered sacrifices to God on behalf of the people and taught the people on behalf of God.

† **Leviticus 10**, The Death of Nadab and Abihu

† **Leviticus 11-15**, Clean and Unclean; Laws of Purification

What God started in the Garden of Eden is being renewed in the wilderness.

God declares some foods detestable and forbids = Kosher laws.

God meets people where they are so there are different requirements for the affluent and the poor.

Through health and cleansing practices God provides physical care.

Sacrifices and offerings are about 1. giving something that costs you; 2. substitution, something else covering the debt of sins; 3. drawing near to God to face sin and receive reconciliation.

† **Leviticus 16**, Day of Atonement (Foreshadowing of Christ)

Day of covering for sins and purging impurity, and the people are told to fast and rest.

The ONE day the high priest enters the Most Holy Place. He offers a bull as a sin offering to make atonement for himself and his family, he offers the goat for the sin offering for the people and then confess the people’s sins over the head of the 2nd goat, then sends it away into the wilderness as a scapegoat.

† **Leviticus 17-18**, The place of sacrifice; laws against eating blood & unlawful sexual relations

† **Leviticus 19**, The Lord is holy, love for God and neighbors

Vertical laws to honor God as holy and exclusive as the way to love Him

Horizontal laws to love others which will build a stable society.

Civil laws, ceremonial laws and moral laws.

† **Leviticus 20**, Punishments for child sacrifice and sexual immorality

God’s standards in a culture where these were common, accepted practices.

† **Leviticus 20:22 – 22**, Being holy, Acceptable Offerings

Israelites commanded to actively keep themselves set apart, peculiar, distinct representatives by keeping all God’s statutes and rules. It came with a warning that if they fail to do so, “the land will vomit you out.”

Priests must be specially set apart to fulfill the high calling of being mediators.

From Sunday's message, "The God Who Requires Obedient Awe" – Getting serious with God

Hebrews 10:28–31 (ESV) ²⁸Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know him who said, "Vengeance is mine; I will repay." And again, "The Lord will judge his people." ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

1. The Awesome God.

Proverbs 1:7 (ESV) The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

Deuteronomy 10:12 (ESV) "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul,

- ➔ God is holy – awe inducing "other-ness"
- ➔ God is jealous – possessive of what belongs to Him.

2. Three accounts of God killing people.

- ➔ Nadab and Abihu – failing to follow specific instructions

Exodus 24:1-2, 9-11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 64)

Leviticus 10:1-3, 8-11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 88)

- ➔ Uzzah – doing God's work man's way
2 Samuel 6:1–7 (ESV) (pew Bible page 258)
- ➔ Ananias and Sapphira – arrogant, selfish defiance of God
Acts 5:1–11 (ESV) (pew Bible page 913)

3. Living in Awe of God is strict obedience.

Hebrews 12:28 (ESV) Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

Matthew 7:21–23 (ESV) ²¹"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²²On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

BIG QUESTION: How do we know if God's Presence is no longer with us?

The devil works to incrementally pull us off trajectory over time

- ➔ Evaluate in the Throne Room – *how* are we being flippant, overly familiar with God and His ways... rewriting His instructions... obeying partially... others?
- ➔ Learn God and His ways with top priority intensity
- ➔ Obey immediately and completely – familiarity can breed contempt

Chronological Guide: pages p. 24-25– Ritual Uncleaness, Animals that Carry Away Sin, Seeking Divine Knowledge, Israel's feasts, Sabbath Years and Year of Jubilee

Takeaways:

