

# Jesus, the Holy Obedient One

HOLY GOD, WHOLLY GIVEN · LEVITICUS 11-15; 17-20; MATT. 5:17-20; 22:34-40; ROM. 5:19; 13:9; GAL. 5:14; HEB. 4:15; 10:10, 14; JAMES 2:8; 1 PETER 1:14-15 · MARCH 30, 2025 · PASTOR MATT ERICKSON

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*"I am the Lord, who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God;  
therefore be holy, because I am holy." (Leviticus 11:45)*

## A Holy God Calls His People to be Holy (Leviticus 11-15; 18-20)

God is holy

God's people are called to be holy

The meaning of clean and unclean

Holiness touches every area of life

Two aspects of holiness:

- Living with a holy God
- Reflecting a holy God

## Jesus the Holy Obedient One

The meaning of clean and unclean by Jesus' day

Jesus as the fulfillment of God's law

Jesus is the only holy One who can fully live with a holy God

Jesus is the only holy One who can fully reflect a holy God

## Living with Jesus the Holy Obedient One

Live with our holy God by relying upon the faithfulness of Jesus

Reflect our holy God in the world by relying upon the power of the Holy Spirit

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think of when you hear the word "holy"? What do you think it really means?
2. This week we continue our Lenten sermon series entitled, "Holy God, Wholly Given: Lent in Leviticus." This six-week series explores key themes of Leviticus seen through the life

and work of Jesus the Messiah. Whether on your own or with others, begin your study in prayer, asking God to speak to you through this study.

3. *Background: The word "holy" occurs more times in the book of Leviticus than any other book of the Bible. It is a word that means something is set apart for special purpose or, in the case of God, that God is completely different than human beings.*
4. Read Leviticus 11:44-45. What do these verses tell us about the starting point for any discussion of holiness?
5. Along with reflecting who God is as holy, God's people are also supposed to be different than those around them in how they relate to one another and the world. Read Leviticus 18:24-28. How does what we read there inform our understanding of the holiness codes in Leviticus?
6. The New Testament book of Hebrews picks up key themes about the priesthood and how Jesus fulfills that calling and role. Read Hebrews 4:14-5:10. What stands out to you about Jesus' ministry as the true and final high priest?
7. What is one thing God speaking to you personally through this week's study? If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and then pray about what you shared. If you are on your own, write it down, pray about it, and consider sharing your thoughts with someone this week.

## THIS WEEK DIG DEEPER IN ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- Consider memorizing 1 Peter 1:14-16
- Read through Leviticus 18:24-19:18. Pause in silence after reading it. Let God search your heart in relation to these words. Lent is traditionally a time to turn from sin, so is there something in these guidelines that leads you into repentance?
- This week, set aside 30 minutes to prayerfully read and reflect on these two verses of Scripture: "we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10) and "by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy" (10:14). What stands out to you from these verses? What is God speaking to you personally through them?
- Explore some or all of these resources:
  - The Bible Project video "Holiness": [bibleproject.com/explore/video/holiness/](https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/holiness/)
  - J. I. Packer, *Rediscovering Holiness: Know the Fullness of Life with God*
  - Jerry Bridges, *The Pursuit of Holiness*

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