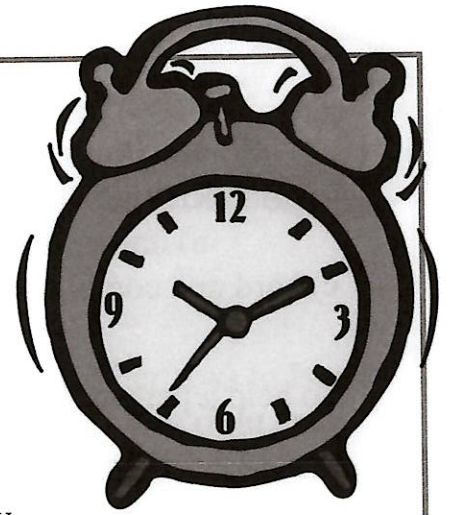


Take Time to Be Holy



Lesson 4

Laws for God's People

Theme: Obedience—Respecting God's laws for living as His holy people

Memory Verse

"I am the Lord. I brought you up out of Egypt to be your God. So be holy, because I am holy."

Leviticus 11:45

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Leviticus 11:1-15, 44-47
- 2 Leviticus 14:1-11
- 3 Leviticus 17:1-7, 11-14
- 4 Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18
- 5 Leviticus 26:1-13

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Name "blood" as the atoning part of a sacrifice
- Identify that God's laws were for the good of the people

God gave laws to His people to guide them to live for Him and to help them be holy. By giving these laws, God was not making it hard for people. Instead, He was trying to show them a right, good, and healthy way to live in the land He would give them. His laws would protect them from wrong and sinful things and guide them to be holy as He is holy.

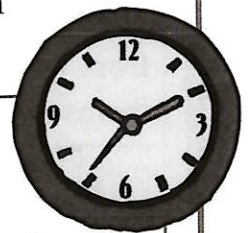
Laws about Clean and Unclean

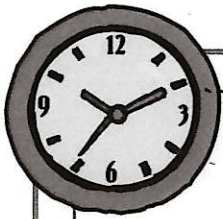
God gave laws to His people so they would know the difference between what was clean and unclean. The laws explained which

Leviticus 11:1-15, 44-47

Matching:

Clean land animals	have fins and scales
Clean water animals	do not chew cud, do not have divided hooves
Unclean land animals	do not have fins and scales
Unclean water animals	chew cud, have divided hooves





Leviticus 14:1-11

Getting clean from leprosy was

- a) impossible,
- b) simply and easy,
- c) hard and complicated.

To help a person get clean from leprosy a live bird was used to sprinkle _____ on the leper.

animals were clean and could be used for food and which animals were unclean and should not be eaten. The laws also explained some conditions of the body that were clean and others that were unclean. Clean food and conditions helped people be holy and able to come close to God.

Israel’s priests were to teach people the laws about what was clean and unclean and help them obey the laws.

People lived in the world where there were many unclean things and conditions. God’s laws helped people live so they could come close to a holy God to worship and serve Him. The laws reminded people of how far they were from God and that God helps people come near and be right with Him.

It was not sin to be unclean. But when a person became unclean, he or she needed to take the right actions to be clean again. A person put himself in danger if he tried to come close to God while he was unclean. The people of Israel were to learn the difference between things that were clean and unclean so they could be set apart to be God’s people—to be holy as God is holy.

Laws about Blood

Sin separates people from God. This separation from God is a kind of death. God told people that sin results in death. Remember that God told Adam and Eve not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. He said if you eat of this tree “you will surely die.” Adam and Eve ate the fruit of the tree and separated themselves from God. They brought a kind of death to themselves, as all people do by their sin.

But God is kind and loving, and He helps people with sin. He gave Israel sacrifices so people’s sins could be forgiven. The sacrifices were usually animals that were killed so that blood no longer flowed in their bodies. God explained that blood is what makes people live. When an animal was given as a sacrifice, it was killed so that its blood came out. This blood was to be respected and used in a careful way. God said that the animal’s death would stand for

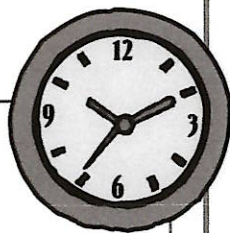
Leviticus 17:1-7, 11-14

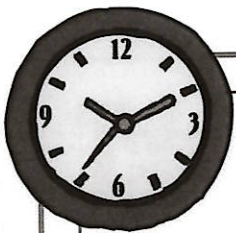
True or False?

To help prevent people from making sacrifices to other gods, God commanded that all sacrifices be made at least twenty feet outside the tent of meeting.

What part of an animal sacrifice did God assign to make atonement?

- a) head,
- b) blood,
- c) teeth





Leviticus 19:1-4, 9-18

These laws are about a) making sacrifices, b) treating mothers and fathers in the right way, c) clean or unclean animals.

In teaching people how to treat others, God kept reminding them of who He is. What four words about Himself did God repeat several times?

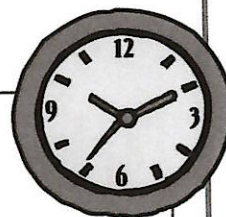
God knew His people would be tempted to do these bad things, so He gave laws to guide them. God said, "Thus you are to keep My charge, that you do not practice any of the abominable customs which have been practiced before you, so as not to defile yourselves with them; I am the Lord your God."

God also gave laws that taught people how to treat each other. His people were to be kind, good, and fair toward others. God said, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the Lord." Many years later, Jesus called this command the second greatest commandment. God guided His people to live good, clean, right, and holy lives so they would be His people and would enjoy His great and rich blessings.

the sinner's death and would provide forgiveness. Now, God provides forgiveness through Jesus' blood—because He died for sins.

Other Laws

God gave many other laws to Israel to guide them in what was right and good, and to keep them from what was wrong and bad. He knew His people would have many temptations in their new land. The people who lived in the land before them worshiped idols and did many other wrong things.



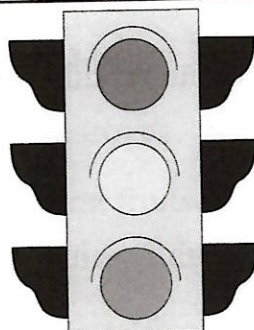
Leviticus 26:1-13

True or False?

If God's people obeyed His laws, their lives would be hard and their blessings few.

God helped the people of Israel be
a) like other nations, b) big and strong,
c) His holy people.

I try to stay "clean" in God's sight.

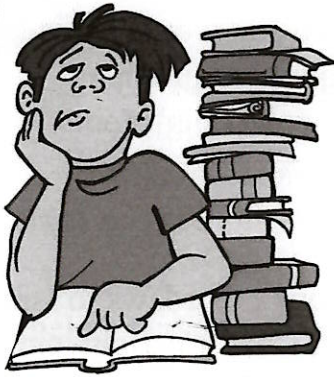


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red—not often

Yellow—sometimes

Green—all the time



Think About It...

Do your parents ever talk to you about who you hang out with? Why do they do this?

If you hang out a lot with kids who use bad language, what will probably happen to your language? Can kids who do bad things start making us “dirty” in God’s sight?

Take Time for Bible Facts

Using numerals in the blanks, put in the proper order the major stages of Bible history:

- ___ Punished by Captivity
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Salvation in Jesus Christ
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Law at Mount Sinai
- ___ Wilderness Wanderings
- ___ Living in the Promised Land



Which book of the Old Testament is about rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem?

On a map inside the back cover, trace lightly with a pencil the way Israel left Egypt.