

# LEVITICUS 1-6

## WEEK IN REVIEW + FAMILY GUIDE



### WEEK IN REVIEW

We have seen throughout the story of Scripture that God desires to dwell with His people. However, sin keeps getting in the way. God is holy, which means He is special and set apart from everything that has ever existed. There are no flaws in Him. The Israelites are called to be holy just as God is holy. But how can a holy and perfect God walk with a sinful people? That is what the book of Leviticus answers for us! This is accomplished primarily through the sacrifices, feasts, and the priests. We left off in Exodus with the Tabernacle being built, and the glory of the Lord filling it. The tabernacle was the tent where God's presence would live with His people as they headed towards the Promised Land. As a result of the sin of the people and the broken covenant, Moses was unable to enter into the tent to meet with God.

The book of Leviticus begins with God giving Moses instructions on the five different sacrifices, which were types of offerings given to God. A sacrifice means giving up something you value. Two of these offerings were a way of saying "thank you" to God, and the other three were apologies to God. The purpose of the Burnt Offering was devotion to God and it was voluntary. The purpose of the Grain Offering was thanksgiving for God's daily provision and it was voluntary. The purpose of the Peace Offering was fellowship with God and it was voluntary. The purpose of the Sin Offering was for purification to atone for sins committed unknowingly and it was mandatory. Lastly, the purpose of the Guilt Offering was to offer restitution for sins committed unknowingly and it was mandatory. Each of these offerings involved the offerer, the offering, and the mediator.

The book of Leviticus lays out the gospel message for us clearly. There are laws that tell the people how they must approach God. However, they fail to do so perfectly, so forgiveness is necessary through substitution. Then from that place of forgiveness, they are called to live holy lives. We see glimpses of Jesus in the book of Leviticus, as He is our ultimate sacrifice. Hebrews 7:27 tells us that "Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day ... He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself." Christ was the perfect lamb slain on our behalf.

## FAMILY GUIDE

<b>BIG IDEA:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Our God is holy!</li></ul>
<b>KEY STORIES:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● The Burnt Offering</li><li>● The Grain Offering</li><li>● The Peace Offering</li><li>● The Sin Offering</li><li>● The Guilt Offering</li></ul>
<b>KEY VERSE:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Leviticus 1:4</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ “You are to lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on your behalf to make atonement for you.”</li></ul></li></ul>
<b>PEOPLE/ WORDS TO KNOW:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Holy</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Special and set apart</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Sacrifice</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Giving up something you value</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Substitution</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ In place of another</li></ul></li><li>● <b>Atonement</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ To make up for wrongdoing</li></ul></li></ul>

## Reflection Questions

<b>1.</b>	What does it mean that God is holy?
<b>2.</b>	What prevented people from walking perfectly with God?
<b>3.</b>	What were the five offerings in the book of Leviticus?
<b>4.</b>	What was the purpose of these offerings?