

Pentateuch Overview: Leviticus

[#12] *The Gift of Communion* – Leviticus 23-25

Sermon Outline – June 11, 2017

Children's Sermon: Why Did Jesus Save Us?

Q: What is the chief end of man?

A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

John 17:24

²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, *may be with me where I am*, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.



Leviticus: Meditations on the Gospel

Notes:

Be Holy for Yahweh is Holy! (17-22)

(We are treasured by God, so treasure Him!)

Q: What is our only hope in life and death?

A: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Our Joyful, Secure Life with God

Life, Food & Time (23-25)

- Life is more than just mere existence.
- We spend our time where we think we will get life.
- God alone provides the food we need to live.

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Jesus is our life, our food and therefore, rules our time.



Leviticus 25:18–19

¹⁸ “Therefore you shall do my statutes and keep my rules and perform them, and then **you will dwell in the land securely**. ¹⁹ The land will yield its fruit, and you will eat your fill and **dwell in it securely**.”

Overview:

1. The Appointed “Times” for Holy Convocations (23)
2. The Need for the God’s Appointed Priests (24)
3. Sabbath Year & Jubilee (25)

Colossians 2:16–17

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of *food and drink*, or with regard to *a festival* or a new moon or a *Sabbath*. ¹⁷ **These are a shadow** of the things to come, but **the substance belongs to Christ**.

Working, Stopping & Feasting

1. The Appointed “Times” of Holy Convocation (23)
 - a. Sabbath (Cf. Exodus 31:12-17)
 - b. Spring Special Days & Feasts
 - 1) **Passover & Feast of Unleavened Bread**
 - 2) Day of Firstfruits (barley harvest)
 - 3) **Feast of Weeks** (wheat harvest)
 - c. Fall Special Days & Feasts (7th month)
 - 1) Day of Trumpets
 - 2) Day of Atonement
 - 3) **Feast of Booths/Ingathering** (fruit harvest)

Leviticus 23:39–41

³⁹ “On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the Lord seven days. On the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. ⁴⁰ And you shall take on the first day the fruit of *splendid trees*, branches of palm trees and boughs of leafy trees and willows of the brook, and *you shall rejoice before the Lord your God* seven days. ⁴¹ *You shall celebrate it as a feast to the Lord* for seven days in the year. It is a statute forever throughout your generations; *you shall celebrate it* in the seventh month.

God supplies the food for life, God is our life

1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and *with the sound of the trumpet of God*. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, ***and so we will always be with the Lord***.

In Him we move..., He is our joy, purpose...

Secure in Our Inheritance

3. Sabbath Year & Jubilee (25)

- a. Rights of Redemption: property
- b. Rights of Redemption: people

God owns the promised land & God owns us.
Therefore, we cannot lose our inheritance!

1 Corinthians 7:22–23

²² For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. ²³ ***You were bought with a price***; do not become bondservants of men.

We Need Jesus... and the Church

2. The Need for the God's Appointed Priests (24)

- a. Pure Oil to keep the lamps lit each night
- b. Fine Flour for 12 loaves of bread (Eaten by the priests)
- c. Man with Egyptian Father Executed for Blasphemy
 - 1) Same law for everyone
 - 2) The punishment matches the crime

John 8:12

¹² Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, ***"I am the light of the world.*** Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but *will have the light of life.*"

With specific reference to the oil that kept the lamps burning, the meaning is the power of the Holy Spirit (see Zech. 4:6). In a spiritual sense, the way to God is lit by the word, and that illumination is empowered by the Spirit.ⁱ

Do you see the life, joy and security that is only
found in Jesus?

Light, Life, Food & Time
(For Further Study & Meditation)

...Fired at our Life & Heart
How do you spend your time?
What do you think about most?



- Get life & give life in Jesus:
Keep the light shining through the night & eat the holy bread of Christ Jesus... all the time.
- Jesus has ushered in the true **Jubilee** (Cf. Lk. 4:17-21)
- With Jesus in us we are God's lampstands (Cf. Revelation 1:20; Matthew 5:14-16)
- We eat the true **bread** by believing and obeying God's word (Cf. Deut. 8:3-4; Matt. 4:4; Luke 4:4; John 4:34)
- **We give our time & trouble for food that is really food and life that is truly life!**

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a **royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, **that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.**

John 6:27-29

²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the **food that endures to eternal life**, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

²⁸ Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” ²⁹ Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

1 Timothy 6:17-19

¹⁷ As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of **that which is truly life.**

Jesus is the truth, the life & the way! (Jn. 14:6)

ⁱ Ross, A. P. (2002). Holiness to the Lord: A Guide to the Exposition of the Book of Leviticus (p. 441). Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Academic.