

A MEANINGFUL STUDY OF A BOOK IN THE BIBLE THAT MOST PEOPLE SKIP OVER

PRAYING FOR OTHERS

- Pray silently for the prayer request printed in your worship guide.
- Our Preschool
- Our small group led by Hugh Payne
- Our North Katy Campus
- Neighboring church service this morning at Calvary Bible Church
- Our mission team returning from Ethiopia
- The Azer*baijani of Azerbaijan
- Conflicts in the Middle East, Africa and Eastern Europe

We ask all this for the glory of Your name.

Need Prayer? Prayer opportunities in the Community Prayer Center:

- Prophetic Praver 2nd Sundays, 10:30AM
- Healing Prayer 4th Sundays, 10:30AM
- Submit a Prayer Request WhatIsGrace.org/prayer-wall

Advent Prayer: This holiday season we invite you to slow down, to quiet your soul, in anticipation of the coming of our Messiah. Come into our Community Prayer Center, download the Advent prayer guide at WhatIsGrace.org/Prayer or join our weekly Advent prayer time on Mondays 11AM-Noon in the Prayer Center or Online at CommunityPrayerCenter.com

Scan the QR code for the full schedule of prayer opportunities.

Holiness

"Holiness as a Way of Life" Leviticus 26-27 – December 7, 2025

Our Sermon Series

HOLINESS					
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Date	Bible Text	Message Title			
Oct 5	Leviticus 1:1	Holiness			
Oct 12	Leviticus 1-7	Holiness Starts by Saying Please, Sorry, and Thanks	WAY TO HOLINESS		
Oct 19	Leviticus 8-10	Holiness is Serious Business!]		
Oct 26	Leviticus 11-15	Holiness Makes You a Good Kind of Different	ੋੜੇ		
Nov 2	Leviticus 16-17	The Key to Holiness	1 -		
Nov 9	Leviticus 18	Holiness and Sex			
Nov 16	Leviticus 19-20	Holiness, Love, and the Poor	OF SS		
Nov 23	Leviticus 21-22	When Leaders Aren't Holy	ᄀᆂᄬ		
Nov 30	Leviticus 23-25	Holy Celebrations	WALK OF HOLINESS		
Dec 7	Leviticus 26-27	Holiness as a Way of Life] -		

Today We Complete Our Study of Leviticus!!

- The theme of the Book of Leviticus =
- Leviticus tells us how to move from outside of God's Presence (outside of the tent – Leviticus 1:1) to in God's Presence (in the tent – Numbers 1:1). The Book of Leviticus tells us how God graciously provides a way for sinful, corrupt people to live in His holy Presence. That way is holiness.
- **Hebrews 12:14** Without holiness no one will see the Lord.
- Five times God says: "Be holy, for I am holy" (Lev. 11:44,45; 19:2; 20:7,26)

Outline of Leviticus 26-27

- **26:1-2** God's laws of Sabbath, no idols, and reverence.
- 26:3-13 Blessings for obedience to God's laws.
- **26:14-39** Punishment for disobedience to God's laws.
- **26:40-45** God's covenantal promise in response to confession.
- 26:46 Summary Mosaic covenant on Mt. Sinai.
- 27:1-29 Vows and dedications of people, animals, houses, land, crops.
- **27:30-33** Tithing.
- **27:34** Summary Mosaic covenant.

Motivation to Obey God's Laws (Leviticus 26:1-33,46; 27:34)

- Summary of the Mosaic covenant (old covenant): Blessings for obedience. Punishment for disobedience.
- When I read these verses from Leviticus, it highly motivates me to pull up my bootstraps and obey God's laws!!! As it did to the people of Israel.
- Exodus 19:8 All the people answered together and said, "All that the Lord has spoken we will do." (see also Exodus 24:3,7; Deut 5:27; Joshua 1:16-18).

- Yet, the people of Israel repeatedly failed to fulfill their promise of obedience to God's laws, and thus God fulfilled His promise to punish them with exile.
- Ezra 5:12 But because our fathers had angered the God of heaven (through their repeated disobedience), He gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house and carried away the people to Babylonia. (see also 2 Kings 17:7-23; 2 Chronicles 36:15-21).
- _____ have disobeyed God's laws just as the people of Israel did.
- Romans 3:23 We all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
- **Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.
- Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death (eternal separation from God).

The Purpose of the Old Covenant

	covenant) it he knew that we were not capable of obeying them?			
•	Answer: So that we would press into Him in			
	and			
•	Andrew Murray: "The old covenant was indispensably necessary to			
	awaken man's desires, to call forth his efforts, to deepen his sense of			
	dependence on God to convince him of his sin and spiritual impotence			

Key question: Why would God give us all of these laws (the Mosaic

- awaken man's desires, to call forth his efforts, to deepen his sense of dependence on God, to convince him of his sin and spiritual impotence and thereby prepare him to feel his need for salvation by Christ. It is only when a person realizes the impossibility of doing what God demands that he becomes capable of appreciating the New Testament promise and is made willing to wait on God to do all in Him. The law cannot work out its purpose unless it brings a man to lie guilty and helpless before the holiness of God. There the New (Covenant) finds him, and reveals that that same God accepts him and makes him a partaker of His holiness through Jesus Christ."
- Galatians 3:23-24 Now before faith came, we were held captive under the law, imprisoned until the coming faith would be revealed. So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith.
- "guardian" = paidagogos = tutor; custodian, guardian. The guardian was a slave employed by Greek or Roman families, whose duty was to supervise a boy (ages 6-16) on behalf of his parents. The tutor took his young charges to and from school, made sure they studied their lessons, and trained them in obedience. Tutors were strict disciplinarians. The role of this tutor was never permanent, and it was a great day of deliverance when a boy finally gained freedom from his paidagogos. His purpose was to take care of the child only until he grew into adulthood. At that time the relationship was changed. The paidagogos no longer had authority or control over the child.
- The Mosaic covenant (old covenant law) was a temporary _____
 to show us our need for Christ.

- Galatians 3:24-26 So then, the law was our guardian until Christ came, in order that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.
- Romans 7:6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code.

Today's Message is One Sentence

The key to living holiness as a way of life is by living in the
– living in the new covenant
as a relational faith walk.

- Illustration: The story of Hagar and Sarah (Genesis 16 & 21; Galatians 4:21-31)
- There are 2 ways that I can approach life:

TWO WAYS TO APPROACH LIFE				
The Hagar Way	The Sarah Way			
According to the flesh	According to the promise			
Mt. Sinai (old covenant)	Mt. Zion (new covenant)			
Slavery	Freedom			
Taking matters into my own hands	Placing matters into God's hand			
Faith in my plan	Faith in God's plan			

Application #1 – There are 2 ways that I can approach my eternal salvation. Which will I choose?
☐ Old covenant: I choose to attempt to secure my own eternal
salvation through strict obedience to all of God's laws and
commands.
☐ New covenant: I acknowledge that I cannot save myself. God, I am
sorry for my sins, and I turn from them to You. I repent. Please save
me. I receive Your free gift of the forgiveness of all my sins and of
eternal life through Your Son Jesus Christ. I receive Your new
covenant. I choose to walk in the new way of Your Spirit.
Ephesians 2:8-9 – For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith

- and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God not by works, so that no one can boast.

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- Application #2 There are 2 ways that I can approach my current situation and all of my problems. Which will I choose?
 - ☐ THE OLD WAY: I choose to solve my problems myself relying on my plans and my solutions.
 - ☐ THE NEW WAY: I surrender my problem to God. Lord, please bring Your solution. I will wait on You.
- Video: "Pictures of Grace" [1:57]

Holiness as a Way of Life

- Larry Crabb (book The Pressure's Off): "The Bible offers a radically different approach to life called "The New Way" where the goal is not to try and earn blessings but rather to pursue intimacy with God Himself. Rather than performing to get what you want, you surrender everything to God. You trust God and rest in His Presence and in His amazing grace."
- Application #3 By God's grace and with His help, I choose to walk in the new way of the new covenant pursuing an intimate relationship with God through...
 Relational dependence on Jesus for my eternal salvation.
 Relational dependence on Jesus through surrender.
 Relational dependence on Jesus through prayer.
 - ☐ Relational dependence on Jesus through church attendance.☐ Relational dependence on Jesus through financial giving.
 - ☐ Relational dependence on Jesus through Bible reading. (QT Journal)
- The story of John Newton and "Amazing Grace"





We invite you to experience God together with us on Christmas Eve. We will set our eyes on the true meaning of Christmas as we slow down and focus on the birth of God's Son, Jesus. Come and join us for a memorable Christmas Eve Celebration at Grace Fellowship, filled with music, a meaningful message, and candlelight.

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- 10:00AM Family Christmas Service
- 2:00, 4:00, or 6:00PM Candlelight Services

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• 5:00PM – Candlelight Service



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- Stoney Creek Ranch
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 New Ulm, Texas 78950

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- 2. CHURCH CENTER APP In the Church Center App, login with your phone number, and click "Give". It's super easy. Choose ACH to avoid fees.
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