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MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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SCRIPTURE READING: **LEVITICUS 26:27-46**

Leviticus 26:43-44, *The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they despised my judgments, and because their soul abhorred my statutes. 44: And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, **I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God.***

1. BACKGROUND

- a. Great Bible scholars have considered the **Book of Leviticus** to be one of the greatest books in the Bible.
 1. It was written by Moses from 1450 to 1400 B.C.
 2. It is written primarily to the Nation Israel; however, it is very profitable for learning how to worship our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
 3. I believe a clear and concise study of the **Book of Leviticus** will enlighten every person attempting to be religious.
 4. Knowledge of this book would eliminate all of the cults, isms and different thoughts people have about how to worship God.
- b. We find the geographical location of the children of Israel at Mount Sinai where God tells them how to worship Him.
- c. In the **Book of Exodus**, the Israelites were told how to build the tabernacle.
- d. In **Leviticus** we find the tabernacle is already built and God is speaking to them from the tabernacle rather than from Mount Sinai.
- e. **Leviticus 1:1** tells us, **And the Lord called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation...**
 1. Applying that to the church today, the Lord is calling people for His name. **Acts 15:14** *Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.*
 2. He tells us in **John 10:27-28**, *My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. 28: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.*

- f. **Leviticus** contains an array of things in God's program, to include worship, sacrifice, ceremonies, rituals, liturgy, instructions, washings, convocations, holy days, observance, conditions, and warning the crowd about things in this book.
1. These things are valuable to us as Paul says in **1 Corinthians 10:11**, Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples; and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.
 2. **1 Corinthians 10:6** says, Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.
- g. **Romans 15:4**, For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope. These Old Testament lessons are very important for us.
- h. Peter tells us in **1 Peter 1:10-11**, Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you. 11: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow.
- i. **Hebrews 11:13**, These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.
- j. **Leviticus** also has some important things to say about worship. We understand worship today is no longer about rituals or a specific place to worship. We maintain our local church to excellence so we can have a place to worship God.
- k. This is in line with Jesus instructions in **John 4:21-24** where He was talking to the Samaritan woman, and it says, Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when ye shall neither in this mountain, nor yet at Jerusalem, worship the Father. 22: Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23: But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24: God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. This gives us our blueprint for worship today.
- l. **Leviticus** teaches that the way to God is by sacrifice.
1. The word "atonement" appears forty-five times in this book alone. Atonement means "to cover."
 2. In the Old Testament the blood of bulls and goats did not actually take away sin. **Hebrews 10:4**, For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
 3. Most of you have heard me make the statement God saved on credit in the Old Testament. He would roll sins forward every year as a High Priest went in to atone for the sins of the people.
 4. That is the same thing **Romans 3:25** says, Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.
 5. If Christ had never gone to the cross, shed His precious blood, been resurrected, and ascended into heaven, the blood of bulls and goats would have been no good.

- m. **Leviticus 17:11**, *For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.*
- n. **Leviticus** tells us the way to God is by sacrifice, and *without the shedding of blood there is no remission from sin.*
- o. **Leviticus** also teaches us that *the walk with God is only by sanctification.*
- p. Justification is instant and sanctification is progressive as we feed the new nature with the Word of God.
- q. God truly desires us to be holy. The word "holy" is mentioned eighty-seven times in the **Book of Leviticus**. **Leviticus 20:26** says, *And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the Lord am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine.*
- r. God's plan is for us to be saved by grace and not live under the law. We are saved by grace. We grow in grace as we feed the new nature with the Preserved Word of God, in our adoration and worship of Him.
- s. Our access to God is secured by the precious blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ that He shed for us on Calvary. **Hebrews 9:25-26** says, *Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others: 26: For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.*
- t. Those who are redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb are expected to live a holy life as we are continually filled with the Holy Spirit.
- u. **Hebrews 13:20-21**, *Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant. 21: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ: to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*
- v. **Leviticus** is a remarkable book. There is much information about offerings, guides, consecrations, etc. which we will not attempt to explore in detail today.
- w. This book starts off with five offerings which are clear-cut pictures of the Lord Jesus Christ.
1. The sweet-savor offering- the person of Christ. **Leviticus Chapter 1-3**. Composed of 1. Burnt offering- Christ is our substitute **Chapter 1**. 2. Meal offering- The loveliness of the Lord Jesus Christ **Chapter 2**. 3. Peace offering; - Christ our peace. **Chapter 3**
 2. The non-sweet savor offering - the work of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross. **Leviticus chapter 4-5**. Composed of 1. The sin offering – to deal with the nature of sin. **Chapter 4**. 2. The trespass offering – offering sin as an act. **Chapter 5**.
 3. The law of the offerings – **Leviticus Chapter 6-7**.
 4. A careful study of these offerings will help us preclude private interpretation and guard against error concerning the Scriptures.
 5. **Leviticus Chapter 8-10** reveals the consecration of the priest, which should give us a hint with respect to our own Christian consecration.
 6. **Leviticus Chapter 11** God provides a diet for His people and also contains much spiritual food for the soul.
 7. **Leviticus Chapter 12** is God's thinking with respect to motherhood.

8. **Leviticus Chapter 13-15** gives us a prominence of leprosy and its treatment. It deals with the cleansing of the leper and finds fulfillment in the death and resurrection of Christ and is typified in the two birds in these chapters.
 9. **Leviticus Chapter 16** is the Great day of Atonement. We will look at the sacrifice of Christ and what He provided for us.
 10. The importance of the burnt offering is discussed in **Chapter 17** and highlights the essential characteristics of the cross.
 11. To close out the **Book of Leviticus**, we find several other things; emphasized in **Chapter 18-22**, how God reveals and intends for the human family to be involved with Him to include our business, our family life, our social life and every other aspect once we have come to know Jesus Christ as Saviour.
 12. **Chapter 23** lists the feasts furnished by the prophetic program of God.
 13. **Chapter 24-27** closes out the book by given the laws governing the land of Palestine. God talks about Israel and the promised land and how they are intertwined. We must understand that Israel and the land go together, they cannot be separated.
- x. For summary: In **Genesis** we see man ruined; In **Exodus** man is redeemed and in **Leviticus** man worships God. It is all about these three things that allow our salvation to come plainly into focus.
 - y. Dr. Mc Gee gives us a comparison of the **Book of Exodus** and **Leviticus**.
 1. In **Exodus** there is the offering of pardon. **Leviticus** offers purity.
 2. **Exodus** is God's approach to man. **Leviticus** is man's approach to God.
 3. In **Exodus** is Christ is the Saviour. In **Leviticus** Christ is the sanctifier.
 4. In **Exodus** man's guilt is prominent. In **Leviticus** man's defilement is prominent.
 5. In **Exodus** God speaks out of the mouth. In **Leviticus** He speaks out of the tabernacle.
 6. In **Exodus** man is made nigh to God. In **Leviticus** man is kept nigh to God.
 - z. With that Background, let's turn now and see what we can glean from God's precious Word today.

2. INTRODUCTION

- a. Please refer to the March 7, 2021 Morning Message for the Background.

3. SEVEN POINTS TO THE MESSAGE

m. **And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me.**

1. **Leviticus 26:27-29**, **And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; 28: Then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. 29: And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat.**
2. First off one might conclude that this is harsh punishment.
3. **The purpose of this message is to heighten our awareness in Christian circles that there is a wrath side of God.**
4. Get your eyes off the love-side and have a balanced approach to God.
5. He reminds us through this nation and all the judgments that are being passed and many that will come during the Tribulation Period, that God is real; He is balanced concerning love and His wrath.

6. He is a terrible God. **Psalms 47:2**, *For the LORD most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.*
 7. He is also a God of love. He gave us His precious Son. **John 3:16**, *For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*
- n. And I will destroy your high places.**
1. **Leviticus 26:30-33**, *And I will destroy your high places,* and cut down your images, and cast your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and my soul shall abhor you. **31:** *And I will make your cities waste, and bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savour of your sweet odours. 32:* *And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it. 33:* *And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.*
 2. God pronounces this judgment and we see the fulfillment and we will also see it again.
 3. The results of warfare in the cities. It was fulfilled in Samaria. **2 Kings 6:28-29**, *And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to day, and we will eat my son to morrow. 29:* *So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son.*
 4. We also see the seizure of Jerusalem by the Babylonians and Nebuchadnezzar recorded in **Lamentations 2:20**, *Behold, O LORD, and consider to whom thou hast done this. Shall the women eat their fruit, and children of a span long? shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord? Lamentations 4:10*, *The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children: they were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.*
 5. Titus the Roman attacked Jerusalem in 70AD and it is recorded in **Leviticus 26:33**, *And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.*
 6. God says what He will do. No wonder men and women want to spiritualize the Word of God. I want you to know the Word of God is to be **taken literally in every respect**. God **does not** need our help; He has laid it out for us. I am reminded of **Acts 28:24**, *And some believed the things which were spoken, and some believed not.*
 7. We either believe the Book or we don't. There is a love side and a wrath side of God and they must be balanced.
- o. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths.**
1. **Leviticus 26:34-35**, *Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths,* as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths. **35:** *As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.*

2. One of the things that got Israel in trouble, the reason for the Babylonian captivity, the reason for the 490 years is that Israel failed to give the land its Sabbath.
3. The land missed 70 Sabbatical years and as a result of that Israel got into serious trouble.
4. The Lord finally said enough is enough; I will give the land the rest it needs and as a result of that they were kicked off the land.
5. The Babylonian captivity lasted for 70 years. **2 Chronicles 36:21**, *To fulfil the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years.*
6. We preached a message on this some time ago. 483 of the 490 years have literally been fulfilled.
7. There is a seven year period left called the Great Tribulation Period.

p. And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness.

1. **Leviticus 26:36-39**, *And upon them that are left alive of you I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies; and the sound of a shaken leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from a sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 37: And they shall fall one upon another, as it were before a sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 38: And ye shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 39: And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.*
2. This is a portrayal of the Jews since the Babylonian captivity.
3. They are scattered throughout the land. Anti-Semitism is almost everywhere you look; even among Christian circles.
4. However, we must understand to the Jews were committed the oracles of God. **Romans 3:2**, *Much every way: chiefly, because that unto them were committed the oracles of God.*
5. We must understand many of our brothers and sisters in Christ are members of the church – the Bride of Christ is composed of both Jew and Gentile.

q. Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob.

1. **Leviticus 26:40-42**, *If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; 41: And that I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 42: Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.*
2. We see both the people and the land go together.
3. We know there were past iniquities on the part of Israel. God, at one time said they were a stiff-necked people.

4. I also want you to know that because they were disobedient, **God did not** nullify His promises.
5. We must remember this truth as members of the body of Christ.
6. **God does not un-save us because of disobedience.**
7. When we get this truth in our heart, it is amazing what we can do for God. **Exodus 2:24-25, And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25: And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto them.**
8. God tells them to stay in the land they must be obedient and everything will be fine. We know they did not obey God.
9. Daniel turns to God in prayer when he went to Babylon and asks for Jerusalem's confession of their sins. But God sent a messenger to tell him that they would return to the land one of these days.
10. Does God have a future purpose for this nation? Can it be nullified on the basis of disobedience? **Absolutely not. Roman 11:1-25** which we preached this past Sunday, lays that out in vivid detail.
11. **Jeremiah 31:31-34, Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34: And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.**

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2. Here, God emphatically tells us that Israel has NOT been cast away. **Romans 11:1-2, I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. 2: God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elias? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,**
3. However they have turned against God but He will never turn against us. Notice the assurance in the next point.

s. **But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors.**

1. **Leviticus 26:45-46, But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I am the LORD. 46: These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.**
2. The nation Israel has brought judgment upon Palestine just as Adam brought judgment upon the entire world. **Romans 5:12, Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**
3. He has promised if we trust the Lord Jesus Christ as personal Saviour, He will bring us to heaven.
4. The plan of salvation has been given to us, it is there, it is firm and it is perfect.
5. We find God looks down through the ages at the repeated failures of this nation, but His faithfulness will come through as a final victory. **John 1:17, For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.**

4. CONCLUSION

- a. My Friend, do you know the Saviour? If you do not know Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, today needs to be your day of salvation.
- b. **Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**
- c. **Romans 3:10, As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:**
- d. **Romans 10:9-10, That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10: For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**
- e. Would you please stand?

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