

## Introduction to Leviticus (from the Gospel Transformation Bible)

On the one hand, it is very natural to think of Leviticus in terms of the grace of the gospel. This is because of the many ways it speaks of ideas and concepts that find their ultimate fulfillment in the person and work of Jesus—sacrificial atonement, for example, or the priesthood. The book of Hebrews makes much of these connections, emphasizing again and again that Jesus is the Great High Priest (Heb. 4:14; 10:21), the one without any sin (Heb. 9:14; cf. 9:7), who offers himself as the ultimate sacrifice that cleanses all our sin (Heb. 1:3; 7:26-27; 9:12, 14, 26, 28; 10:10, 12, 14; 13:11-12) and therefore gives us confidence to draw near to God (10:19-22).

On the other hand, it is sometimes difficult to think of Leviticus in terms of the grace seen in the gospel. This is because Leviticus is primarily a collection of laws, and it is common to view these laws as being disconnected from grace. This is tremendously unfortunate and a very different view of the law than the Israelites held. For example, the longest psalm in the Bible—Psalm 119—is a celebration of the Lord's law, something the psalmist longs for (Ps. 119:20, 40, 131) and delights in (Ps. 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 143, 174). Significantly, the "law" he is speaking of included Leviticus!

The psalmist's love of the law should not surprise us. The law was given by the Lord to the Israelites in order to guide them in how to live as the "kingdom of priests and... holy nation" he had called them to be (Ex. 19:5-6). This in itself was actually an act of grace. In his kindness, the Lord gave his people these laws in order that they might know how to live properly in relationship with him, with one another, and with his world. No wonder the psalmist sings over it with joy! What is more, the law was given by the Lord after he had redeemed the Israelites, not before (cf. Exodus 1-19 with Exodus 20-24). As a result, they were not to follow these laws in order to earn salvation from the Lord, but as the appropriate response of reverential love and worship to the Lord who had already redeemed them. This should sound very familiar to Christians, who are exhorted to live lives of wholehearted obedience as the only appropriate response to the amazing mercies of God found in Jesus (cf. Rom. 12:1 with Romans 9-11).

In order to read Leviticus well we must therefore remember these two things: (1) the many ways that Jesus has become the far greater priest who intercedes for us on the basis of his perfect and far greater atoning sacrifice; and (2) that obedience to God's law is not meant to earn his salvation but to be an appropriate response to the salvation he has so richly provided.

Where is the gospel in Leviticus? On every page.



## Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at [www.slechurch.org.au](http://www.slechurch.org.au).

### This Week: The Whole in Our Holiness 1 — Fit Mediators for the Holy God

How can sinful and unholy people come into the presence of the Holy God? Only through God's appointed priesthood—fit mediators who are able to present the sacrifices on behalf of the people.



Next Sunday: Leviticus 11-15

## Today's Service

**Welcome and Singing**  
The Precious Blood  
Only a Holy God  
Come Praise and Glorify

### Holy Communion

### Offering

### Community News

**Bible Reading**  
Leviticus 8:1-9:7;  
Hebrews 5:1-6; 7:11-28

**Sermon**  
By Pastor Ben Ho

**Song of Response**  
Before the Throne of God  
Above

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Check out [slechurch.org.au/groups](http://slechurch.org.au/groups) to find a group that you can join.

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# Say hello

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Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.  
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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## Our Pastors

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## Financial Update

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Last Week	\$4,401.33
Weekly Required	\$5,750.00
Shortfall 2019	\$0.00

### Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

**A/C Name:** SLE Church  
**Bank:** National Australia Bank  
**BSB:** 084-424  
**A/C No:** 396558544

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## Prayer Points

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**PRAISE GOD THAT WE HAVE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE IN JESUS!** Praise God that the sacrifices in Leviticus point us forward to the ultimate and satisfying sacrifice of Jesus. Pray that we would continue to be living sacrifices: counting the costs and living sacrificially to the pleasure of God.

**PRAISE GOD THAT WE HAVE THE ULTIMATE PRIEST IN JESUS!** Praise God that the priesthood in Leviticus points us forward to the ultimate priest in Jesus: who perfectly represents us before God.

**PRAY FOR COMFORT FOR CHRIS OOI, AUNTY MEELAN AND UNCLE PHILIP OH.** Pray that in the wake of the sad loss of Chris's father, Aunty Meelan's brother, that the family would be comforted in their grief. Pray that Chris, Meelan and Philip would be able to be shining lights to the gospel, and pray for God to use their witness to draw members of Chris's family into His Kingdom.

**THANK GOD FOR THE BEAUTIFUL WEDDING OF MATTHEW AND HELEN.** Pray that as they begin their married lives they would lovingly serve each other as they grow in their relationship with God and each other.

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## Community News

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### BARNABAS FUND EVENT | 24 OCT

SLE Church partners with Barnabas Fund, an international Christian aid agency, which provides hope and aid to persecuted Christians around the world. They are organising an Australia-wide Tour speech on the topic of "Hated without a reason" by Dr. Patrick Sookhdeo. The Queensland speech will be at St. John's Anglican Church in Wishart. Registration \$20 per person. For details, refer to the poster above the Mission Spot world map or obtain a flyer from the foyer of the North Hall.

### BLOOM | SATURDAY 26 OCT | 2-4PM

At our last Bloom session for the year, we will gather to hear from women in our church, who will share their struggles and experiences to find their significance, security and satisfaction in Christ alone. The afternoon will include a Q&A session to deal with the questions we have as we seek to practically and personally apply all that we learnt. Registration closes 20 Oct.

### VISIT OF MSI PRESIDENT

Dr David Leung, President of MSI Professional Services, will be in Brisbane as part of his tour of Australian cities. There are a number of opportunities for those interested in Christian professional services in China to hear him speak, including:

- 7pm Friday 25 Oct, 83 Ryans Rd
- 3pm Saturday 26 Oct, Gold Coast
- 3pm Sunday 27 Oct, 83 Ryans Rd

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## Serving

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	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Chair</b>	Bryan	Mervin
<b>Prayer</b>	Dan <i>Mervin</i>	Mervin <i>Jolene</i>
<b>Preach</b>	Ps Ben	Ps Steven
<b>Bible Read</b>	Simeon <i>Ps Steven</i>	Andrew <i>Ps Ben</i>
<b>M.Tea</b>	Georgie, Gen	Muriel, Cecilia
<b>Wash Up</b>	SOS Randy	SOS West
<b>Welcome</b>	Richard Georgie Amy <i>Sarah</i> <i>Sean</i> <i>James</i>	Richard Georgie Amy <i>Sarah</i> <i>Sean</i> <i>James</i>
<b>Stewards</b>	Philip Simeon Meng Yin <i>Josh</i> <i>GengHao</i> <i>Edwina</i>	Philip Simeon Meng Yin <i>Josh</i> <i>GengHao</i> <i>Edwina</i>
<b>Piano</b>	Joanna	Liesl
<b>Guitar</b>	Jabez	Shaopeng / Mark
<b>Bass</b>	Ethan	Kevin
<b>Drums</b>	John	Nigel
<b>Vocal</b>	Hui Ming	Shaun/ Amanda
<b>PA</b>	Matt T. / Matt C.  <i>Stan</i>	Chris  <i>Daniel</i>

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## Fit Mediators For The Holy God [Leviticus 8-10]

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### 1. Introduction

#### A. Progressive Revelation

#### B. Holy God... unholy people... how?

### 2. The Ordination of the Priesthood (8)

### 3. The Word of the Priesthood (9)

#### A. Sacrifices for themselves and the people

#### B. God is present!

### 4. The Danger of the Priesthood (10)

### 5. Implications

#### A. The Holiness of God

#### B. Jesus: Our Great High Priest

#### C. Jesus: the Only Mediator