



Leviticus: The Way of Holiness

A Bible Study with the Francis Asbury Society

SESSIONS 9–10

Leviticus 18–20

1. Recall that we have said that chapters 16–17 are the centerpoint of the book with chapters 1–15 pointing up to it. What title did we give to chapters 1–15? Now survey chapters 18–27 quickly. What is the content here, and how does it relate back to chapters 16 and 17?
2. What is the content of chapters 18–20? What is it that unites the three chapters? (Look especially at Leviticus 19:2)?
3. Why do you think this section begins and ends with commands about sexuality? Look at Leviticus 18:1–5, 24–28; 20:22–24. What light do these statements shed on the question? Why would such behaviors have been found in Canaanite culture?
4. What sexual sins are particularly addressed in Leviticus 18:6–17? Why are these kinds of actions forbidden? Think about the possible significance of the repeated phrase “uncover the nakedness of”?
5. List the sexual sins mentioned in verses 18–23. (Notice child sacrifice in the middle.) What sexual activity is not prohibited in any way?
6. List the commands of chapter 19 in order. What are your observations? In this light what does being holy as God is holy mean?
7. There is a phrase that is repeated (with slight variations) frequently in chapter 19. What is it, and what is its significance?
8. How does all this apply to us today in a modern, urban civilization?