

The Importance of Being Holy

Leviticus 6:14-30

Read Leviticus 6:27-29

Big Idea: Holiness Is Really Important.

1.) Holiness Is Really Important Because Holiness Is a Distinction.

A.) Holiness implies Ownership.

B.) At the heart of holiness is Relationship.

C.) People and things were made holy through covenants and rituals.

D.) Holiness is contingent and dependent.

"In his being, God is altogether different from the people he has made and so separate from them. He alone is immortal in nature, all-powerful in majesty, all-knowing in wisdom, all-present in creation and, without exception or qualification, morally pure. God's revelation of himself in the words 'I am holy' is the fundamental premise on which Leviticus is built." —Derek Tidball

Read Leviticus 6:16-18.

2.) Holiness Is Really Important Because Holiness Is a Temptation.

Read Leviticus 6:19-23

A.) Holiness tempts us:

i.) To think too low of others and too high of ourselves.

ii.) To Fall into hypocrisy.

B.) The lesson for the priests was to:

i.) Acknowledge their need

ii.) Cultivate humility

iii.) Honor the Lord

3.) Holiness Is Really Important Because Holiness Is a Threat.

Read Leviticus 6:24-30

A.) God's Holiness Is a Threat to Sinful, Impure, Morally Culpable Creatures.

B.) God Cannot, by his Very Nature, Tolerate Sin and Ungodliness.

Application: Concern for Holiness Does Not Diminish Under the New Covenant.

Read 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

1 Peter 1:14-16

1 Peter 1:22

1 Peter 2:1

Hebrews 12:14