

The Book of Leviticus
The Sanctity of Blood
Leviticus 17:1-16 (page 80)

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We are to worship God a lone and no o ther (Lev 17:1-9)

- We are not be involved in idol at ry (Lev 17:1-7)
- We are to pre serve the uni ty of our wor ship (Lev 17:8-9)

God pro tects the san ctity of blood
(Lev 17:10-16; Gen 4:10; 9:1-6)

- Man is not to eat the blo od of any animal - whether domestic or wild game (v 10, 13-16)

The re as ons for this include:

- The life of the creature is in the blo od (v 11)
- The fun ction of shed blood is di vine ly appointed for the at o ne ment of mankind (v 11)

The sig ni fi can ce of the blood in verse 11 is founda tional to the ulti mate atonement provided by the blood of Christ (Heb 9:22)

The blood of Christ was su pe ri or to the past sacrifices because:

- it alone could take away sins (Heb 9:28; 10:3-10)
- His blood provides re demp tion and forgiveness (Eph 1:7); justi fi ca tion (Rom 5:9); reconciliation and pe ace (Col 1:20)
- It is the only means of salvation (1 Peter 1:18-19; Acts 4:12)
- Jesus Himself em pha sized this truth (John 6:53-59)
- We are to tre as ure the blood of Christ and not pro fa ne it (1 Cor 11:23-32; Heb 10:28-31)