

The Book of Leviticus  
Holiness Seen by Love  
Leviticus 19:1-37 (page 81)

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We are to conform to God's holiness :

- by obeying His Word (vs 1-10)
  - Receiving His principles of holy living (vs 2-4)
  - God looks for proper worship today (vs 5-8)
  - We are to care for the less fortunate (v 9-10)
- by relating to our neighbors in love (vs 11-18)
  - We are to be honest with others (vs 11-12)
  - We are not to take advantage of others (vs 13-14)
  - We are to preserve justice (vs 15-16)
  - We are to cultivate love in our relationships (17-18)
- by being distinctive from the world (vs 19-31)
  - Culturally (v 19)
  - Behaviorally (vs 20-22)
  - Devotionally (vs 23-25)
  - Remaining separate from worldly customs (26-31)
- by extending kindness and justice to others (vs 32-37)
  - To the elderly and the foreigner (vs 32-34)
  - By being upright in dealing with others (vs 35-36a)
  - The reason (vs 36b-37)

Leviticus 19 - What does it mean for me?

It is important because:

- there is a distorted perception of holiness among Christians.
- there is a desperate need for holy living in our culture.
- holiness is more than a matter of observing religious rituals, it is to be part of one's everyday living.
- holiness is costly - it involves sacrifice.

Seeing Jesus in Leviticus 19

- Jesus taught and lived a life of holiness that revealed the holiness of God to people (Lev 19:2, 18; Matt 5:43; 19:19; 22:37-39; Mark 12:31,33; Luke 10:27; Rom 13:9; Gal 5:14; James 2:8; 1 Peter 1:15-16)
- Both the positive and negative dimensions of God's holiness can be seen in the two comings of Jesus Christ (John 3:17; 8:11; Rev 19:11-21)