

MURPHY ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 4th, 2017

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Study at the Quinns June 23rd

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jenny Spradlin

Gloria Ferrell

Millie Broussard

Leola Weathers

John Cash

Austin Wilburn

Donna Meeks

Pat Andress

SHUT IN

Bess Pollock

Iva Williams

Travelling

The Morton's

The Barkoh's

Meeting Times:

Sunday: 9:30 Worship

Sunday: 10:30 Bible Class

Sunday: 5:00 Worship

Wednesday 7:30 PM Bible Class

Looking for opportunities to serve?

- Talk to an elder about teaching a Bible Class.
- Ask an elder about specific needs that can be met.

Interested in further Bible study?

- Speak with our full time evangelist. Nathan Quinn can be reached at (402) 304-5699.

*"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God;
and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."*

1st John 4:7



Reading Your Bible Series
Leviticus
By Nathan Quinn

The third book of the Bible is named Leviticus. The word Leviticus simply means the “book of the Levites”. The Levites were the tribe set apart by God to offer the priestly functions for Israel. Leviticus describes the sacrificial system and regulations for the priesthood. For many, this book can be more challenging to read than Genesis or Exodus due to the infrequency of narrative events and the amount of detailed instructions regarding worship, the Mosaic priesthood, and other matters. It is easy to get lost in this book. Interestingly, no book uses the word “holy” more than Leviticus! One writer described Leviticus as a two-part book. “The way to the Holy God” and “the way to holiness”. These two subjects addressed to the children of Israel are just as important and beneficial for the child of God. Also, Jesus quotes the book of Leviticus when He speaks of the second greatest command “you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Leviticus 19:18).

When considering worship and holiness, the book of Leviticus demonstrates how important the word of God is for the one concerned about these matters. In fact, 20 of the 27 chapters begin with the words “the Lord said to Moses.” Statements like this are found in many other places as well. If one is interested in worshipping a holy God and becoming holy, they will listen to what the Lord has said. In Leviticus 10:1-3, Nadab and Abihu offered strange fire to the Lord instead of what the Lord had commanded. The Lord saw this as a sign of contempt towards Himself, and made an example of them showing the importance of regarding Him as holy. Therefore, we learn that only by God’s plan, guidance, and mercy can we be holy as He is Holy.

In Leviticus 16, we read of the events that were to take place on the Day of Atonement, a day where Israel would be “clean from all [their] sins before the Lord” (Leviticus 16:30). Studying a chapter like this sheds light on the necessity of an appropriate sacrifice needed for the atonement of sins. In Leviticus 17:11, we learn that the life of the flesh is in the blood, and for that reason, it was given to make an atonement for their souls. Here God established a clear shadow of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ and the need for shed blood in order to provide forgiveness (Hebrews 9:22).

The book of Leviticus can be difficult to read, but if you take your time and consider the subject of holiness, we learn that holiness does not happen on accident. We begin to realize how necessary the sacrifice Jesus Christ is to mankind. He is the fulfillment and the completion of what Leviticus is all about.
