

Anticipated Power Points:

- **The Priest who Offers. Leviticus 21 – 22:16**
- **The Priority of the Offering. Leviticus 22:17-19**
- **The Perfection of the Offered. Leviticus 22:20-25**
- **The Perfect Purity of the Omnipotent. Leviticus 22:31-33**

LESSON OUTLINE

I. The Priest who Offers. Leviticus 21 – 22:16

Beloved, though the lesson this week excludes Chapter 21, we cannot. It focuses, along with Chapter 22:1-16, on the Priests of Israel and what God expected of them in their ministry before God on behalf of themselves and their people.

Dr. Warren Wiersbe says concerning all the priests: “The priests in general, and the high priest in particular, were to maintain the highest standards of character and conduct; and they were never to offer sacrifices that were below standard. In this, they pictured our Lord Jesus Christ, the perfect High Priest and the perfect sacrifice (Heb. 7:26-28; 10:1-14). They also challenged God’s people as priests (I Pet. 2:5, 9) and sacrifices (Rom. 12:1) to give their very best to God.” God’s Priests and people are to refrain from that which is defiled, profane, blemished; but be Holy.

II. The Priority of the Offering. Leviticus 22:17-19

Moses informs the people that God has a priority on what kinds of sacrifices could be offered. According to Union Gospel Press Expositor and Illuminator, “The animals for burnt offering and peace offering sacrifices were ones that people commonly ate: oxen, sheep, or goats. Israelites, as well as foreigners living among them, were to follow God’s guidelines for animal sacrifices. God required that sacrificial animals be perfect specimens, without defect. Broken or maimed animals were unacceptable.”

“Animals with defects were not acceptable as sacrifices because they did not represent God’s holy nature.” (Life Application Study Bible)

III. The Perfection of the Offered. Leviticus 22:20-25

This section reiterates that God only accepts the best, unblemished sacrifice that meets His requirements and declares that anything short of the best is not worthy to be brought before the Almighty. Israel was not only to practice this personally, but to demonstrate this to all who enters their gates! Now verse 23 declares that for perhaps the poor, a male bull, sheep or goat could be offered for a “freewill offering” only.

IV. The Perfect Purity of the Omnipotent. Leviticus 22:31-33

Who is the Omnipotent who requires nothing but the best? In verse 31, He says, “*I am the LORD.*” Verse 32, “*I am the LORD.*” In verse 33 again He proclaims, “*I am the Lord.*”

Because the Lord is our light and salvation, let us do as Paul determined in Romans 12:1-2, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*”

CLOSING

“All to Jesus, I surrender, All to Him I freely give; I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live. I surrender all, I surrender all. All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.”

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