



Christianity is not a
religion, it's a relationship
with God through Christ.

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Symmetry



1-7

8-10

11-15

16-17

18-20

21-22

23-27

Ritual
Sacrifices

Priest
Ordination

Ritual
Purity

Day of
Atonement

Moral
Purity

Priest
Qualification

Ritual
Calendar

Adapted from "The Bible Project"

Where have we been so far...

- Live a life demonstrating God is in our midst
- Live a life revealing Jesus is our sacrifice
- Live a life of obedience, which is a life of love
- Life of love is a life with God
- Immense is the cost of the life with God
- Life of love is a life of holiness

Leviticus 18:1-3

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying ² Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan...

- Authority, not an authoritarian statement

Leviticus 18:4-5

You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD.

- Not salvation - John 10:10 life
- Not contractual

Leviticus 18:6-18

None of you shall approach any one of his close relatives...

- Incest
 - Families lived together
 - Protected family unity
 - Psalm 133

Leviticus 18:19-23

- Contrary to God's purposes
 - Sex during menstrus – death mixed w/life
 - Child sacrifice – life mixed w/death
- Adultery, homosexuality, bestiality
 - Sex designed to foster oneness

Leviticus 18:24-25

...the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

- Sin of the Canaanites – immensely grievous
- “Rabbit trail” – destruction of Canaanites, not divine favoritism, but deserved judgement

Leviticus 18:26-30

30 So keep my charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to make yourselves unclean by them: I am the LORD your God.

- Our identity is fundamentally tied to God's

Leviticus 19:1-2

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy.

- “Your character / behavior reflect who we are”

Leviticus 19:4-8

- Revere your mother and father
- Keep the Sabbath
- Do not worship manmade things
- Eat the fellowship offering as prescribed

Leviticus 19:9-18

- Provide for the poor
- Do not steal, lie or oppress your neighbor
- Do not manipulate employees
- Do no injustice in court or slander others
- Do not bear a grudge or take vengeance

Love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord

Leviticus 19:19-26a

- Don't mix cattle or seed
- Don't take advantage of slaves
- Let a tree take root before harvesting its fruit
- Don't eat flesh with blood
- Contrary to God's purposes

Leviticus 19:26b-31

- Don't tell fortunes / read omens
- Don't cut your hair / tattoo like pagans
- Don't sell your daughter into prostitution
- Don't go to mediums / necromancers
- Demon related religious practices

Leviticus 19:32-37

- Honor the elderly
- Protect strangers
- Be fair in business

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt

Leviticus 20

1-5: Child sacrifice – really bad

6: Using mediums/necromancers – really bad

7 Consecrate yourselves, therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God. ⁸ Keep my statutes and do them; I am the LORD who sanctifies you.

9: Cursing your mother or father – really bad

Leviticus 20

10-12: Adultery – really bad

13: Homosexuality – really bad

14: Incest – really bad

15-16: Bestiality – really bad

17: Incest – really bad!

18: Sex during menstrus – really bad

19-21: Incest – really bad!!

Leviticus 20:22-26

I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from the peoples... You shall be holy to me, for I the LORD am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.

- Separate, distinct, special and a part of Him

Leviticus 20:27

27: Mediums / necromancers – really bad

Summary

- Ritual purity – our relationship to God
- Moral purity – our relationship to others
- Acts are a reflection of who we are
 - We are not holy b/c of what we do/don't do
 - We are holy b/c God has declared us holy
 - We “do” b/c we are - indicative / imperative

Who are you?

What words describe you?

What do you tell yourself... “Self – Talk”

- I am fat / ugly
- I am stupid / boring
- I am unimportant / worthless
- I haven't accomplished anything / “has been”
- I am a loser
- I am a sinner

But God says...

I am the Lord your God...

- Author of Life
- The Creator
- Holy - unique, powerful, beautiful and true

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

(John 8:31-32)

Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth.

(John 17:17)

Listen to the truth...

The Gospel

- Jesus gave His life on the Cross to free us from
 - The penalty of sin
 - The power of sin
 - The presence of sin
- Jesus did what sacrifice could never do
- He came that we might be who are

Be holy

Because He who is in us all is holy