

CELEBRATION BIBLE STUDY NOTES 'GREAT LESSONS FROM THE LESS KNOWN'

Some lesser knowns in the Bible...

Bartimaeus, Nabal (Abigail), Ittai the Gittite, Shiprah & Puah, Og, Ehud, Shamgar, Korah, Jethro, Elishama, Bezalel, Priscilla.

'LEVITICUS' "relating to the Levites"

"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

76 things banned in Leviticus

WHY I DO NOT READ LEVITICUS

1. We are no longer under the law

Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13. First, *Thou shalt not lie with a man, as with a woman: it is abomination.* Second, *If a man lie with a man, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.*

2. Return to the Law = Return to Slavery to Sin

3. You Cannot Observe the Law and Walk in the Spirit Simultaneously

4. The Bible Does Not Teach a "Ceremonial Law" and a "Moral Law"

For whoever keeps the whole Law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. (James 2:10)

5. If You Obligate People to Obey the Law, You Bring them Under a Curse

WHY I DO READ LEVITICUS

1. The Bible isn't just helpful to one generation, but to all generations.

Psalm 119

2. Because we have Leviticus, we can be sure that God really cares about humankind.

3. Leviticus teaches me to 'keep the space pure.'

The importance of routine...

Acts 2:42 says the early church, *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."*

Keeping the space pure at church and at home...

- Not all of Leviticus is as "unpractical" as you might think. Look at Leviticus 19.

I want to hit some highlights:

1 The LORD said to Moses, 2 "Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them: 'Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy.

3 " 'Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths. I am the LORD your God.

9 " 'When you reap the harvest of your land, do not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 Do not go over your vineyard a second time or pick up the grapes that have fallen. Leave them for the poor and the alien. I am the LORD your God.

11 " 'Do not steal.

" 'Do not lie.

" 'Do not deceive one another.

18 " 'Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.

32 " 'Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.

33 " 'When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. 34 The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

