

## Leviticus 1-15 Reflection

### ? Starting Questions:

- What do you think the original author was trying to get across?
- What does the passage say about God/man?
- How does the passage inform my response to God?

**These are some of our starting questions, but when we approach Scripture we are often left with additional questions of our own. This is a good thing! Here are a few questions we had while reading. Feel free to answer them, or come up with a few of your own:**

? What if we read God's intention of everything He tells Moses, not as ends within themselves but as means that were always meant to point to Jesus? How would this change our desire to radically submit to him?

? Uncleaness, cleanness, and holiness seem to act as ritual states that can increase and decrease in quantity as well as transfer from person to person. When do these ritual states reflect a deeper call to moral states?

### ! Literary Elements (Themes and Repetition):

! **Priests:** The Levitical priests play an extremely important role in the atonement of all Israelite's sins because they act as mediators. This means they represent the Lord to the people AND the people to the Lord. Keep note how this foreshadows Jesus as our Great High Priest who represents us to God through the lens of his own righteousness, and represented God to us through his incarnation! Also, keep note how the high call to holiness for the priests reflects every believer's call as a "kingdom of priests and a holy nation" to reflect God to the rest of the world (Exodus 19:6)!

! **Fat:** Fat was considered the best portion of the animal. Note how repeated elements of the sacrificial system, like offering fat, aim to worship God for who He is and what He is worthy of, such as the most valuable and costly parts of what we have to offer Him.

➔ **Prayer:** God, like Eve who believed the false narrative that there was a way to living that You couldn't provide in full, sometimes it is difficult to remember that You are the only true source of life. Thank You for doing whatever it took to remind us that You alone are holy and You alone are the source of true life. Thank you that even though this ritual system could not transform our hearts, it did radically point to the one who would- Jesus Christ. Thank you that in every single aspect of the Israelites' life, this system made a way to remind them to look to you as sovereign, as holy, as true life!