

A Holy People before a Holy God (I) - Overview of Leviticus (Broader Context)

What characterises vs. what should characterize the church (& Christians)?

(...in terms of the methods, message or character)

Generally, man-centred & happiness vs. God-centred & holiness

(Leviticus is one of the most neglected, misused, misunderstood yet **most important**)

All Scripture is inspired by God; Leviticus is also central to the understanding of the Old Testament & the person & work of Christ (as seen in the book of Hebrews)

Biblical context:

People were being prepared into being a nation (Exod) & move into the Promised Land (Num). They were a large number of people & wandered in wilderness due to their rebellion & ungodliness

Historical context:

Transition from a family, group of tribes, into a nation & Fulfilment of God's promise to Abraham (Note that the Tabernacle (which is at the centre & means dwelling & God's presence) is of key significance)

Themes: The Presence, Revelation & Holiness of God