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LEVITICUS: THE BOOK OF ATONEMENT

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B. Title: From the tribe of Levi, the priestly tribe

C. Theme: The holiness of God requires that sinful humanity have their sins covered before they can approach God.

D. Outline:

a. THE WAY TO GOD (LEVITICUS 1-16)

1. By Sacrifice (1-7)

1-Burnt Offering	Bull or Dove	<i>Atoning Sacrifice</i>
2-Grain Offering	Grain/Cereal	<i>Thanks for Firstfruits</i>
3-Peace Offering	Cow/Sheep/Goat	<i>Fellowship Meal</i>
4-Sin Offering	Bull/Goat/Dove	<i>Substitutionary</i>
5-Trespass Offering	Perfect Lamb	<i>Reparation for Wrong</i>

2. By Priestly Consecration (8-9)

- Purification
- Clothing
- Anointing

3. By Avoiding Priestly Violations (10)

- V. 1- Profane Fire (improper incense or coals; unholy)

4. By Observing Purification Laws (11-15)

- Foods that are prohibited (11)
- Rituals after childbirth (12)
- Laws concerning Leprosy and Bodily Discharges (13-14)

5. By Annual Atonement (16)

- The Scapegoat (8-10)
- Blood on the Mercy Seat (14)

b. THE WAY OF HOLINESS (LEVITICUS 17-27)

1. By Separation from Sin (17-22)

- The Sanctity of Blood (17:11)
- Laws of Sexual Morality (18)
- Moral and Ceremonial Laws (19)
- Penalties for Breaking the Law (20)
- Regulations for Conduct of Priests (21-22)

2. By Observing Religious Festivals (23)

- Passover & Unleavened Bread
- Feast of Firstfruits
- Feast of Weeks (Pentecost)
- Feast of Trumpets
- Feast of Tabernacles

3. By Obedience in Worship (24)

- Caring for the tabernacle lamps and bread

4. By Observing the Sabbatic Year and Jubilee (25-26)

- Every Seventh Year was a Sabbath
- Every 50th Year was a Jubilee
 - Return property
 - Debts are repaid

5. By Keeping Vows and Paying Tithes (27)

- The tithe is Holy to the Lord (27:30)

E. Real Life Lessons from Leviticus:

a. God Is Holy and Worthy of Our Praise

b. We Are Unholy and Need a Sacrifice for Our Sin

c. Jesus Fulfilled the Old Testament Law & Festivals

d. Jesus Sets Us Free, not the Sabbath or Jubilee

e. Giving to God Is a Responsibility and Privilege