

# Sermon Handout

## Purity & Civil Law

### Leviticus 11-18

- I. Overall narrative structure** Exodus 19:3 – Numb 10:10
  - A** Giving of the Ten Words Ex 19:3-20:21
    - B** Civil standards – application of the Ten Words Ex 20:22-24:11
    - C** Instructions concerning sacrifice Ex 24:12-34:28
    - D** Completion of the Tabernacle Ex 34:29-40:38
    - C<sup>1</sup>** Instructions concerning sacrifice Lev 1-10
    - B<sup>1</sup>** Purity standards – application of the Ten Words Lev 11-18
    - A<sup>1</sup>** Reiteration of the Ten Words Lev 19:1-Numb 10:10
  
- II. Elements of Leviticus 11-18**
  - a. Distinction of clean & unclean animals Lev 11 (daily cleansing)
  - b. Purification after childbirth Lev 12 (33 & 66 days cleansing)
  - c. Rules governing skin disease Lev 13-14 (seven day review/cleansing)
  - d. Rules governing bodily fluids Lev 15 (daily & seven day cleansing)
  - e. Rules for the priest approaching God Lev 16 (annual cleansing ritual)
  - f. Sacrifice apart from Tabernacle prohibited Lev 17:1-9
  - g. Prohibition on eating blood & dead animals Lev 17:10-16
  - h. Summary – turning from false religion (Egypt & Canaan) Lev 18
    - Sexual purity is essential in serving God Lev 18, esp. vv. 4, 30
  
- III. Correlation w/ Book of the Covenant** Ex 20-24 and Lev 11-18
  - a. Equity in dealing with others in the community
    - i. Death & injury to others Ex 21:12-32
    - ii. Property loss Ex 21:33-22:15
    - iii. Sexual immorality Ex 22:16-17
    - iv. Widows, orphans, strangers, the poor Ex 22:21-27
    - v. Consecration of things belonging to God (blood, fat for sacrifice)
  - b. The annual feasts – cleansing, atonement and expressing gratitude to God
  - c. Setting forth the terms of the covenant
    - i. In summary – Ex 20-24 (first presentation of case laws)
    - ii. In greater detail – Lev 11-18 (more case laws)
      - cf.* Ex 22:31 w/ Lev 17:15; Ex 23:14ff w/ Lev 16:29-34;
      - Ex 22:19 w/ Lev 18:23