

**Introduction:**

- The ceremonial laws were for the Jews alone (Lev. 15:31). There was a high standard for the nation of Israel to be set apart from the nations of this world. This standard was set up for failure so that Israel would cry out for the Messiah, their deliverer.
- The ceremonial laws have been abolished through the shedding of the blood of Jesus. So why are we going over them?
- It is not so that we can try to follow the law but rather it is that Christ can reveal the goodness of what we have in Him.
- The law was the shadow to lead to Christ now we have the reality. So the shadow is now used to help us understand the reality of the Christ who resides within those who believe.
- In Leviticus chapter 15 we see the ceremonial law regarding bodily discharges for both male and females. For the male it was the result of disease for the female it was the natural monthly cycle as well as a disease. Leviticus 16 is about the day of the atonement which we now understand in Christ is a finished work. Jesus is our scapegoat. Leviticus 17 is about the law concerning eating of blood.

**Bodily Discharges (Leviticus 15)****Leviticus 15:1-3**

1. Disease: Running of the Reigns
  1. A very grievous and loathsome disease.
    1. The result of living an immoral life in one's youth. (Romans 6:20-21)
  2. Punishment for sin
    1. Until one get's right with God they will suffer the consequences of their sins. (Galatians 6:7-8)
    2. Out of an evil heart comes evil things (Matthew 12:34-35)
  3. Stay away from sin. (Psalms 1:1-3)
    1. Resist the Devil (James 4:7-10)
      1. Humble yourself before God
      2. Repent of your sins
      3. Let God lift you up.
2. How can the unclean be made clean? The Blood of Jesus (1 John 1:7-9)
  1. Come into the light, as sin is exposed, confess and be washed clean.
  2. If the sin is a habitual struggle then you need to seek deliverance.
    1. We wrestle not against flesh and blood. (Eph. 6:12-17)
    2. We can have a challenge to get free from certain sins because of unbelief.
      1. Fasting and prayer will be needed.

**Atonement (Leviticus 16)****Leviticus 16:1-2**

1. We can approach God just as we are. (Eph. 3:12, Heb. 10:19, Heb. 4:15-16)
  1. We can not get right with God without Jesus.
2. Spiritual Leaders and their families should be right with the Lord. (Leviticus 16:11)
  1. People will follow the leaders example either for good or evil.
  2. Spiritual leaders stand on behalf of the people they lead. (Leviticus 16:15)
    1. Yet each individual must choose for themselves. (Joshua 24:15)
3. Holiness is a process. (Leviticus 16:16-19)
  1. Renewing of the mind. (Romans 12:2)
  2. Truth must replace lies. Righteousness must replace wickedness.
    1. Holy Spirit is the person of God assigned to do this work.
      1. As truth is applied Christlikeness forms.

4. Jesus is our scapegoat and our sacrifice. Leviticus 16:20-22
  1. Our nature is like a stubborn goat.
    1. Without Jesus taking the initiative we would still be lost in sin.
  2. We confess our sins Jesus takes them away. (Psalm 103:12)
    1. Jesus will only take what we give Him.
      1. Jesus wants to give us a new wardrobe. (Lev. 16:23-24)
      2. We are changed in God's presence. (Lev. 16:26-28)
        1. Sin is burned off and we are cleansed from unrighteousness.
5. It Is Finished! (Leviticus 16:29-34)
  1. Atonement was done once and for all through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
    1. We can be reminded and celebrate what Jesus has done during Yom Kippur.
    2. We need to confess our sins and celebrate what Jesus has done daily.
    3. We are no longer being made right once a year but every day as we draw near.

#### The Law Regarding Blood Sacrifice

1. Bull, Lamb, or Goat Sacrifices Must Be Presented At the Temple. (Lev. 17:1-9)
  1. If they were killed in an open field or anywhere else the person would be guilty of murder.
  2. The Master of the Family was priest of his own household.
    1. Some Israelites were sacrificing to Demons.
  3. Rules had to be enforced to stop unfaithfulness towards God.
    1. The Israelites could not be trusted.
2. Because of the Atonement Believers are now the Temple of God. (1 Cor. 6:19)
  1. Each believer is the living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1)
3. Blood Cannot Be Eaten (Lev. 17:10-16)
  1. The life of the body is in the blood.
  2. The blood is what purifies someone.
  3. Every animal before eaten must have it's blood drained.
4. Christ Sacrifice Was One For All. (Hebrews 10:1-18)
  1. The law of Moses was a dim preview.
  2. The sacrifices had to be done year after year, time after time, but it was never enough for the guilt remained.
  3. The day of atonement continued to remind the children of Israel of their wrong.
  4. Christ was the only worthy sacrifice that could cover the sins of mankind.
  5. Believers sins are now covered once for all eternity, never to be brought back up.
  6. Believers are now made perfect as they are being made holy.
  7. The law is now written in the heart and mind.
5. We Can Now Boldly Come Before The Throne OF Grace (Hebrews 10:19-22)
  1. Your guilty consciences have been made clean.
  2. We can come to God with sincere hearts trusting in Him.
  3. Let us not trample on the Son of God, insulting and disdaining the Holy Spirit by continuing in sin. (Hebrews 10:29)