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Welcome to the Good News Bible

Welcome to this dyslexia-friendly edition of the book of Leviticus, using text from the Good News Bible.

If you are dyslexic, you may find most Bibles very difficult to read, because of their small type, long paragraphs and thin paper. This book has been specially designed with the British Dyslexia Association's style guide in mind, so it has the following features:

- Thicker paper, so that type does not show through
- Cream-coloured paper
- Matt paper
- Plain font
- Larger type
- Wider line spacing
- Short paragraphs
- Bold headings

The Good News Bible is a clear, easy-to read translation of the Bible. It uses ordinary, everyday language so that as many people as possible can read and understand it. This has made it a very popular translation, selling over 150 million copies in the UK alone.

The book of LEVITICUS

The holiness of God

What's it about? Leviticus describes rules and guidelines to help God's people worship him and say sorry for the wrong things they have done.

Who wrote it? Tradition has it that Leviticus was written by Moses, but we really don't know for certain.

Why read it? Leviticus reveals much about the holiness of God, and how his people fall short of his standards.

What's it to me? Although we do things wrong and mess things up, Leviticus shows us that God is ready and willing to forgive us.

Chapter 1

Sacrifices Burnt Whole

¹The LORD called to Moses from the Tent of the LORD's presence and gave him the following rules ²for the Israelites to observe when they offer their sacrifices.

When anyone offers an animal sacrifice, it may be one of his cattle or one of his sheep or goats.

³If he is offering one of his cattle as a burnt offering, he must bring a bull without any defects. He must present it at the entrance of the Tent of the LORD's presence so that the LORD will accept him.

⁴The man shall put his hand on its head, and it will be accepted as a sacrifice to take away his sins.

⁵He shall kill the bull there, and the Aaronite priests shall present the blood to the LORD and then throw it against all four sides of the altar which is at the entrance of the Tent.

⁶Then he shall skin the animal and cut it up, ⁷and the priests shall arrange firewood on the altar and light it.

⁸They shall put on the fire the pieces of the animal, including the head and the fat.

⁹The man must wash the internal organs and the hind legs, and the officiating priest will burn the whole sacrifice on the altar. The smell of this food offering is pleasing to the LORD.

¹⁰If the man is offering one of his sheep or goats, it must be a male without any defects.

¹¹ He shall kill it on the north side of the altar, and the priests shall throw its blood on all four sides of the altar.

¹² After the man cuts it up, the officiating priest shall put on the fire all the parts, including the head and the fat.

¹³ The man must wash the internal organs and the hind legs, and the priest will present the sacrifice to the LORD and burn all of it on the altar. The smell of this food offering is pleasing to the LORD.

¹⁴ If the man is offering a bird as a burnt offering, it must be a dove or a pigeon.

¹⁵ The priest shall present it at the altar, wring its neck, and burn its head on the altar. Its blood shall be drained out against the side of the altar.

¹⁶ He shall remove the crop and its contents and throw them away on the east side of the altar where the ashes are put.

¹⁷ He shall take hold of its wings and tear its body open, without tearing the wings off, and then burn it whole on the altar. The smell of this food offering is pleasing to the LORD.

Chapter 2

Grain Offerings

¹ When anyone presents an offering of grain to the LORD, he must first grind it into flour. He must put olive oil and incense on it ²and bring it to the Aaronite priests. The

officiating priest shall take a handful of the flour and oil and all of the incense and burn it on the altar as a token that it has all been offered to the LORD. The smell of this food offering is pleasing to the LORD.

³The rest of the grain offering belongs to the priests; it is very holy, since it is taken from the food offered to the LORD.

⁴If the offering is bread baked in an oven, it must be made without yeast. It may be thick loaves made of flour mixed with olive oil or biscuits brushed with olive oil.

⁵If the offering is bread cooked on a griddle, it is to be made of flour mixed with olive oil but without yeast.

⁶Crumble it up and pour the oil on it when you present it as an offering.

⁷If the offering is bread cooked in a pan, it is to be made of flour and olive oil.

⁸Bring it as an offering to the LORD and present it to the priest, who will take it to the altar.

⁹The priest will take part of it as a token that it has all been offered to the LORD, and he will burn it on the altar. The smell of this food offering is pleasing to the LORD.

¹⁰The rest of the offering belongs to the priests; it is very holy, since it is taken from the food offered to the LORD.

¹¹None of the grain offerings which you present to the LORD may be made with yeast; you must never use yeast or honey in food offered to the LORD.

¹²An offering of the first corn that you harvest each year shall be brought to the LORD, but it is not to be burnt on the altar.

¹³Put salt on every grain offering, because salt represents the covenant between you and God. (You must put salt on all your offerings.)

¹⁴When you bring to the LORD an offering of the first corn harvested, offer roasted grain or ground meal.

¹⁵Add olive oil and put incense on it.

¹⁶The priest will burn that part of the meal and oil that is to serve as a token, and also all the incense, as a food offering to the LORD.

Chapter 3

Fellowship Offerings

¹When anyone offers one of his cattle as a fellowship offering, it is to be a bull or a cow without any defects.

²The man shall put his hand on the head of the animal and kill it at the entrance of the Tent of the LORD's presence. The Aaronite priests shall throw the blood against all four sides of the altar ³and present the following parts of the animal as a food offering to the LORD: all the fat on the internal organs, ⁴the kidneys and the fat on them, and the best part of the liver.

⁵The priests shall burn all this on the altar along with the burnt offerings. The smell of this food offering is pleasing to the LORD.

⁶If a sheep or goat is used as a fellowship offering, it may be male or female, but it must be without any defects.

⁷If a man offers a sheep, ⁸he shall put his hand on its head and kill it in front of the Tent. The priests shall throw its blood against all four sides of the altar ⁹and present the following parts of the animal as a food offering to the LORD: the fat, the entire fat tail cut off near the backbone, all the fat covering the internal organs, ¹⁰the kidneys and the fat on them, and the best part of the liver.

¹¹The officiating priest shall burn all this on the altar as a food offering to the LORD.

¹²If a man offers a goat, ¹³he shall put his hand on its head and kill it in front of the Tent. The priests shall throw its blood against all four sides of the altar ¹⁴and present the following parts as a food offering to the LORD: all the fat on the internal organs, ¹⁵the kidneys and the fat on them, and the best part of the liver.

¹⁶The priest shall burn all this on the altar as a food offering pleasing to the LORD. All the fat belongs to the LORD.

¹⁷No Israelite may eat any fat or any blood; this is a rule to be kept for ever by all Israelites wherever they live.

Chapter 4

Offerings for Unintentional Sins

¹The LORD commanded Moses ²to tell the people of Israel that anyone who sinned and broke any of the LORD's commands without intending to, would have to observe the following rules.

³If it is the High Priest who sins and so brings guilt on the people, he shall present a young bull without any defects and sacrifice it to the LORD for his sin.

⁴He shall bring the bull to the entrance of the Tent, put his hand on its head, and kill it there in the LORD's presence.

⁵Then the High Priest shall take some of the bull's blood and carry it into the Tent.

⁶He shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it in front of the sacred curtain seven times.

⁷Then he shall put some of the blood on the projections at the corners of the incense altar in the Tent. He shall pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar used for burning sacrifices, which is at the entrance of the Tent.

⁸From this bull he shall take all the fat, the fat on the



“He shall bring the bull” (4.4)

internal organs, ⁹the kidneys and the fat on them, and the best part of the liver.

¹⁰The priest shall take this fat and burn it on the altar used for the burnt offerings, just as he does with the fat from the animal killed for the fellowship offering.

¹¹But he shall take its skin, all its flesh, its head, its legs, and its internal organs including the intestines, ¹²carry it all outside the camp to the ritually clean place where the ashes are poured out, and there he shall burn it on a wood fire.

¹³If it is the whole community of Israel that sins and becomes guilty of breaking one of the LORD's commands without intending to, ¹⁴then as soon as the sin becomes known, the community shall bring a young bull as a sin offering. They shall bring it to the Tent of the LORD's presence; ¹⁵the leaders of the community shall put their hands on its head, and it shall be killed there.

¹⁶The High Priest shall take some of the bull's blood into the Tent, ¹⁷dip his finger in it, and sprinkle it in front of the curtain seven times.

¹⁸He shall put some of the blood on the projections at the corners of the incense altar inside the Tent and pour out the rest of it at the base of the altar used for burning sacrifices, which is at the entrance of the Tent.

¹⁹Then he shall take all its fat and burn it on the altar.

²⁰He shall do the same thing with this bull as he does with the bull for the sin offering, and in this way he shall make the sacrifice for the people's sin, and they will be forgiven.