

Leviticus 21-22 The False and the True

- Principle punctuation: I AM the LORD, who sanctifies (makes Holy) you X6
- Audience: The Aaronic Priests and High Priests
 - Aaronic Priests: Avoid being profaned 21:1-9
 - High Priest: Avoid being profaned 21:10-15
 - Physical imperfections that profane priests 21:16-24
 - Defilement and eating the priest's food 22:1-9
 - Entitlement: Who can eat the priest's food 22:10-16
 - Acceptable Offerings 22:17-33
- Principle lessons to the priests
 - God alone sanctifies (nothing of the priests)
 - Once sanctified, it's one's duty to avoid defilement
 - God will even tell us how to not to profane holiness
 - The focus here is external not internal
 - Holiness is not contagious but defilement is Haggai 2:10-13
 - God set them apart (in holiness) for a sacred task
 - They aren't special or better, just called, set aside
- NT Lessons
 - What of the priesthood in the first century?
 - Elitists (better and holier than others) John 7:44-49
 - Including Jesus Matt. 5; 19:4; 23
 - Externalism
 - Belief that holiness comes from external ceremonial cleanness
 - Keeping one's distance from defilement (sinners)
 - Mark 7:14-15, 20-23
 - Legalism (works righteousness)
 - Luke 18:9-11
 - High Priest
 - Only immediate family can enjoy the blessings that belong to the High Priest
 - Are you family?