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HOW TO GLEAN FROM THE BIBLE

T – Then (Author, History, Geography, Customs)

E – Eternal (The Principle or Truth that Stands Forever)

N – Now (Application of the Truth in the Present)

Approach the text prayerfully

Expect to work hard (Prov 2:1-22; Job 28)

Consider why the Spirit of God placed this text for you?

KEYWORD: *Holiness*

PURPOSE: To instruct the nation of Israel how she must live and worship as God's chosen people in response to his holiness and in order that He might dwell among them.

Holiness of GOD

1. Jonathan Edwards – “Holiness is more than a mere attribute of God – it is the sum of all His attributes, the outshining of all the God is.”
2. Stephen Charnock wrote, “Holiness is God’s beauty and glory. When God would be drawn—as much as He can be—He is drawn in this attribute of holiness. Power is in His hand; omniscience in His eyes; mercy in His bowels; but holiness is His beauty!”
3. Demand of Holiness – our Worship “We dare not worship Him as we please, but rather as He ordained.” John H. Armstrong, “What Makes God So Totally Different?” *Reformation and Revival* 4, no. 2 (1995): 11.

Holiness of GOD

“When God led Israel out of bondage in Egypt and made them a special nation, He set them apart. He called them His chosen people and gave them a special commission. He said to them, “Be holy, because I am holy” (Leviticus 11:44).

This special call to Israel was really not new. It did not begin with Moses or even with Abraham. The call to holiness was first given to Adam and Eve. This was the original assignment of the human race. We were created in the image of God. To be God’s image meant, among other things, that we were made to mirror and reflect God’s character. We were created to shine forth to the world the holiness of God. This was the chief end of man, the very reason for our existence.”

R. C. Sproul, *The Holiness of God*, 2nd ed. (Carol Stream, IL: Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 1998)¹²¹⁰³⁰²³₁₅₆

OUTLINE

1. The Way to God Through Appropriate Worship (1-16)
 - i. Enjoying God's Presence (1-7)
 - ii. Entering God's Service (8-10)
 - iii. Encountering God's Design (11-15)
 - iv. Ensuring God's Forgiveness (16)
2. The Walk with God Through Obedient Lifestyle (17-27)
 - i. Enacting God's Word (17-26)
 - ii. Enamored by God's Grace (27)

ABCs for WORSHIP

Leviticus 11

- Mammals - w/ cloven hoof & chewing cud
- Water Creatures - with fins and scales
- Birds - no scavengers
- Insects - only grasshoppers
- Reptiles - forbidden

The Reason?

THE REASON

“Be HOLY as I am HOLY”

Leviticus 11:44-45

Other issues of uncleanness and purity

- Purification following childbirth
- Laws about leprosy
- Contaminated houses
- Bodily discharges

The Reason?

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Leviticus 11:44-45

ABCs for WORSHIP

Then the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling or a scab or a bright spot, and it becomes an infection of leprosy on the skin of his body, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. "The priest shall look at the mark on the skin of the body, and if the hair in the infection has turned white and the infection appears to be deeper than the skin of his body, it is an infection of leprosy; when the priest has looked at him, he shall pronounce him unclean. "But if the bright spot is white on the skin of his body, and it does not appear to be deeper than the skin, and the hair on it has not turned white, then the priest shall isolate him who has the infection for seven days. (Lev 13:1-4)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“The priest shall look at him on the seventh day, and if in his eyes the infection has not changed and the infection has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall isolate him for seven more days. “The priest shall look at him again on the seventh day, and if the infection has faded and the mark has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean; it is only a scab. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean. “But if the scab spreads farther on the skin after he has shown himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall appear again to the priest. “The priest shall look, and if the scab has spread on the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean; it is leprosy. (Lev 13:5-8)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“As for the leper who has the infection, his clothes shall be torn, and the hair of his head shall be uncovered, and he shall cover his mustache and cry, ‘Unclean! Unclean!’
“He shall remain unclean all the days during which he has the infection; he is unclean. He shall live alone; his dwelling shall be outside the camp.” (Lev 13:45-46)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“This is the law for the mark of leprosy in a garment of wool or linen, whether in the warp or in the woof, or in any article of leather, for pronouncing it clean or unclean.”
(Lev 13:59)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. Now he shall be brought to the priest, and the priest shall go out to the outside of the camp. Thus the priest shall look, and if the infection of leprosy has been healed in the leper, then the priest shall give orders to take two live clean birds and cedar wood and a scarlet string and hyssop for the one who is to be cleansed.” (Lev 14:1-4)

ABCs for WORSHIP

- i. Sign of a Genesis 3 – broken world
- ii. Aaronic priests cannot make a person clean (Heb 9:13-14)
- iii. Jesus Christ is our Substitute (Mark 1:40-45)
 - ▣ Jesus relieves a man from his burden, but a man places burden on Jesus
 - ▣ Outsider on the inside, the insider on the outside
 - ▣ We were spiritual lepers while He is pure
 - ▣ We were in isolation from God while He enjoyed perfect communion with God the Father
 - ▣ From outcast to heirs of glory, while Jesus, from glory to outcast
 - ▣ He trades our place by taking our sin
 - ▣ He was isolated from the Father on the cross in order for us to enjoy perfect communion with the Father
- ▣ God made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so in Christ, we would receive the righteousness of God (2 Cor 5:21)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“The Lord further spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying: “When you enter the land of Canaan, which I give you for a possession, and I put a mark of leprosy on a house in the land of your possession, then the one who owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, ‘Something like a mark of leprosy has become visible to me in the house.’ “The priest shall then command that they empty the house before the priest goes in to look at the mark, so that everything in the house need not become unclean; and afterward the priest shall go in to look at the house. (Lev 14:33-36)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“So he shall look at the mark, and if the mark on the walls of the house has greenish or reddish depressions and appears deeper than the surface, then the priest shall come out of the house, to the doorway, and quarantine the house for seven days. “The priest shall return on the seventh day and make an inspection. If the mark has indeed spread in the walls of the house, then the priest shall order them to tear out the stones with the mark in them and throw them away at an unclean place outside the city. (Lev 14:37-40)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“He shall have the house scraped all around inside, and they shall dump the plaster that they scrape off at an unclean place outside the city. “Then they shall take other stones and replace those stones, and he shall take other plaster and replaster the house.

(Lev 14:41-42)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“If, however, the mark breaks out again in the house after he has torn out the stones and scraped the house, and after it has been replastered, then the priest shall come in and make an inspection. If he sees that the mark has indeed spread in the house, it is a malignant mark in the house; it is unclean. “He shall therefore tear down the house, its stones, and its timbers, and all the plaster of the house, and he shall take them outside the city to an unclean place. (Lev 14:43-45)

ABCs for WORSHIP

“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling. **Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!** “For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’ ” (Matt 23:37-39)

Jesus came out from the temple and was going away when His disciples came up to point out the temple buildings to Him. And He said to them, “Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down.” As He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?” (Matt 24:1-3)



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