

Not a Set of Rules

by Derek Prince

God's plan for making people holy is through the blood of Jesus, not by keeping a set of rules.

Scripture: Leviticus 11:29, Leviticus 11:44, Hebrews 10:10, Hebrews 13:12, 1 Peter 1:2

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Description

Derek Prince emphasizes the significance of being sanctified and made holy through the blood of Jesus, contrasting the complexities of attaining holiness under the old covenant with the simpler yet powerful method provided by God through Jesus. The sermon delves into the intricate regulations outlined in Leviticus 11 regarding cleanliness and holiness, highlighting the impossibility for sinful humans to achieve holiness through rule-keeping. Prince expresses gratitude for the blood of Jesus, declaring that God's plan is to sanctify believers not through adherence to rules but through the sanctifying power of Jesus' blood.

Transcript

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God.

Let us look at the way holiness was to be attained under the old covenant. God said, "You shall be holy; for I am holy" (Leviticus 11:44). All of Leviticus 11 enumerates complicated regulations regarding what to eat, what to wear, and what makes one clean or unclean.

God's requirement was to "consecrate yourselves" (Leviticus 11:44). But you find out from this chapter that maintaining holiness was very complicated. There was a series of the most involved regulations.

These also shall be unclean to you among the creeping things that creep on the earth: the mole, the mouse, and the large lizard...; the gecko, the monitor lizard, the sand reptile, the sand lizard, and the chameleon....Whoever touches them when they are dead shall be unclean until evening. (Leviticus 11:29-31)

According to this regulation, for instance, if a mouse died and someone picked it up by the tail, he would be unclean until that evening. But Scripture goes on to give further regulations about the container the mouse might fall in and the article of clothing it might touch, then gives instructions on how to deal with the uncleanness. Observing all of these regulations would be a full-time job.

God said that if you succeeded in following these rules, you would be holy. But if you were going to attain holiness by keeping a set of rules, you would have to keep all the rules all the time. You could not omit one

at any time. But thank God that He provided a better way--because keeping all these rules is impossible for sinful humans.

Thank You, Lord, for the blood of Jesus. I proclaim that God's plan is to make me holy--not by observance of a set of rules, but through the blood of Jesus, by which I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God. Amen.

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