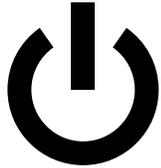


Title: Understanding the Hard Parts of the Bible: The Book of Leviticus

Speaker: Randy Smith **Key Verses:** Leviticus; Matt. 5:17-45; Rom. 12:1-2

Summary: Even the hardest parts of the Bible reveal God's heart to us.



Power Up: Take a moment to prepare

Randy compares parts of the Bible (all 1189 chapters) to a piece of IKEA furniture. What makes this a fitting metaphor for Leviticus?



Replay: Take some time to watch

Note the flow of Randy's talk: **1)** breaking down the Bible by language; **2)** breaking down the Hebrew Bible into three parts; **3)** breaking down the Law into three types **4)** breaking down Leviticus and the five sacrifices.



Comment: Take some time to talk

Randy asserts, "The Law establishes the way God thinks." **How do we commonly misrepresent the Law? What does it teach about God? What is the "Mush God"? What makes the Judicial Dad appealing?**

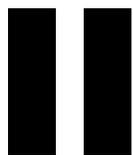
Read Matthew 5:17-20. *In what way does Jesus 'fulfill' the Law?*

Read Romans 12:1-2. *How does Randy tie this verse to Leviticus?*

Randy says, "The default switch on our heart is set on rebel." **How does this rebellion fuel our culture's obsession with sex? What else does it affect? How does rebellion show up in your life?**

"Sin is of the heart, not the hands," Randy explains. **What does your heart withhold from God? How are malice and guilt different?**

What are the five types of sacrifices? What principles do they teach?



Pause: Take a moment to pray

Thank God for Jesus's perfect sacrifice for your sins. Thank Him for extending you mercy, grace, and forgiveness. Ask Him for help in turning your rebel heart toward Him. Ask Him for daily strength to live a holy life.



Take Action: Take a step forward

Now that Randy has provided an outline and a few principles for reading this hard book of the Bible, take a few weeks to read Leviticus for yourself. Write out questions as you read that you can ask a parent, mentor, or youth pastor. Schedule a time to talk about this rich book.

Bonus Features | Additional Notes and Quotes from Randy Smith

Power Track Summary: How is a modern Jesus follower changed by understanding the Law of Moses? Why did God preserve Leviticus for us? This Power Track breaks down the book and shows how incredibly practical its words are centuries after God revealed it.

About the Speaker: Randy Smith is a pastor, teacher, speaker, and regular tour guide leader to Israel and Italy. He founded the Great Commission Bible Institute.

Breaking Down the Bible

- **Two Parts:** Hebrew/Aramaic (Genesis to Malachi) and Greek (Matthew to Revelation)
- **Hebrew Bible:** Law (Genesis to Deuteronomy); Former Prophets (Joshua to 2 Kings) Latter Prophets (Isaiah to Malachi); Writings (Job to Song of Songs; 1-2 Chronicles)
- **Leviticus:** Sacrifices (chs. 1-7); Priesthood (chs. 8-10); Application (chs. 11-27)

“We tend to make a caricature of the Law. It’s bad. It’s a tutor. It’s unnecessary... The law establishes the way God thinks... The law wasn’t written *to* you, it was written *for* you.”

Breaking Down the Law

- **Civil Code of Law** (Exodus 20-23 and Numbers 5, 6, 15, 28, 29, 30)
 - “When people get together, they don’t behave. Law helps sustain us in daily life.”
- **Constitutional Code of Law** (Deuteronomy = Second Law)
 - 15 articles of constitution for how to live in the world.
- **Criminal Law** (Leviticus = “and He called” are the first three words)
 - “When you’re victimized, you want the law to come in and take a stand to make right what wrong was done to you.”

“All of us are born with [two] problems: We were born into the middle of a war in the fallen world. The default switch on our heart was set on rebel.”

Breaking Down Five Types of Levitical Sacrifices

Ch. 1 – *Oleh* offering (“to go up”) → it turns to smoke and God likes it. A Dedication to God. Everything belongs to God, and I get nothing for me.

Ch. 2 – *Minchah* offering (Grain and seed offering) → God wants every season, moment, day of your life NOW... The thing you’re unwilling to give will become the focal point of your life.

Ch. 3 – *Shelmim* offering (everything is as it should be) → to balance the bill. “God loves to party. He just wants to be invited... Jesus loves to dance, but only when he leads.”

Ch. 4: *Chata’ah* offering (missing the mark) → Malice means I meant to do it wrong. Guilt means I did wrong. Lack of intention does not absolve us of guilt.

Ch. 5: *Ashawm* offering (misuse of something holy) → God says, I designed you for holy living. You always pay an *Ashawm* after an *Chata’ah*. Male animals put a price on the future. In Leviticus 16-19, sexual sin (digitally, alone, casually) means giving up part of my future.