

II. INTRODUCTION TO THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS

A. The Place of Leviticus in the Pentateuch and the Scripture:

1. The Pentateuch:

- Genesis: beginnings and development
- Exodus: the program of redemption
- Leviticus: the life one lives with God
- Numbers: the direction of life (the leading of God)
- Deuteronomy: the challenge of fidelity to God and His Word

While these are sketchy, of course, the key role of the book of Leviticus is easily seen. It is important for us to know...how to live. And it is important to know that God has authored such a way. I am not saying that other parts of the Bible do not touch on this for the theme of living a redeemed life is part of the total revelation. But Leviticus touches on it in this unique sense...not just as a book of rules but as a book of appreciation for God and what He has granted to us in this life.

We say that the Pentateuch is foundational to the understanding of the rest of Scripture and, in terms of desire, the book of Leviticus is foundational to understanding the intention and will of the Pentateuch.

2. Throughout Scripture:

- The message of sacrifice is vital to understanding the work of Christ...
- the ideals of Leviticus make it an imperative book for the study of the Book of Hebrews.
- And since so much of Scripture is occupied with what we ought to be (and what we are!) it would seem irrelevant to tell us again that here is truly an important book.

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