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As God gave implicit, detailed instructions in Exodus regarding the construction of the Tabernacle, so He is very precise in Leviticus prescribing not only what Israel was to offer but how they were to bring the offering. The reason is the same. In both cases He is presenting things that speak symbolically of His Son, and He wants us to know Him without any error or invention of man. His work is the central reason for the existence of Creation.

In the Tabernacle, the way to approach God is shown so that man may be redeemed through the shedding of blood. In Leviticus, the stress is on how a person lives after he is redeemed. The blood plays a vital role there too, because it is the blood of Christ that daily cleanses the believer and gives him victory over the power of sin after it once for all saves him from the penalty of sin (I John 1:7-9).

Leviticus speaks not only to the high priest, but also to all the priests, and so it instructs all believers who are priests unto God (Revelation 1:6). And so the warning in chapter 10 is especially somber. Having been consecrated in chapter 8, they offer "strange fire"; i.e. not that which God prescribed. We would think that all

fire is alike, but when God specifies the fire He demands, that ceases to be the case. The expectation of obedience from His priests is clearly very strong. And so 11:44 sums up the matter: "Ye shall be holy; for I am holy." He only wants us to be like Him, and calls each of us to that life. There is no greater calling He could give us.

Chapters 18-20 tell how we are to live our lives among other people, and modern society would be well served to remind themselves of the way God said to live, especially 18:22. If we cast that verse aside on the grounds that it is only so under Law, then it won't be long until verse 23 follows. The depth of depravity of the heart has not yet been reached.

The Law demanded death for violations, God thereby showing us the end of all sin spiritually. Grace calls for us to turn from sin to Jesus and live.