

This week we will study about what happens when instructions are not followed and how we can live our lives the best we can for God.

# A DAY WITH THE KING



"Nadab and Abihu would never have committed that fatal sin had they not first become partially intoxicated by the free use of wine. They understood that the most careful and solemn preparation was necessary before presenting themselves in the sanctuary, where the divine Presence was manifested; but by intemperance they were disqualified for their holy office." – Patriarchs & Prophets p. 361



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## LIVING FOR GOD

Daily Devotional 23



**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for my good night's sleep. Help me to share Jesus with someone today. Help me to be kind and helpful. Thank You for my Bible. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **MEMORY VERSE - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

"Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God."

#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Today we are starting in a new book of the Bible, the book of Leviticus. The book of Leviticus covers a time span of approximately 30 days and was written for the purpose of instruction. It covers instructions on the different sorts of offerings and animal sacrifices the Israelites were to bring. Also there were rules on how to stay healthy. Our reading today tells us that once the Sanctuary had been completed, God wanted Moses to anoint Aaron and his sons for the work they would do in the sanctuary. God asked Moses to use the holy anointing oil

to anoint them. We studied about this in Exodus 30:23–33. It was a very special recipe that no one was allowed to copy; it was for God's use only. So it was a great honour and privilege for Aaron and his sons. The oil was also used to anoint the tabernacle and the furniture as well.

God used a different way of anointing His Son Jesus for the work He sent Him to do. Look at Acts 10:38 to find out what that is.



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - LEVITICUS 8:12**

"And he anointed some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and poured him, to consecrate him."

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Leviticus 8:1–13







**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, show me how You want me to live for You. Help me to be obedient both to You and to my Mum and Dad. Thank You for all You do for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **MEMORY VERSE - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

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#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

I don't know about you, but the reading today made me a bit squeamish! As we studied in our last devotional, sin is a messy business. The eating of the fat and blood of animals was strictly prohibited by God, as this was one way for the disease of animals to be passed on to the Israelites. The meat had to be drained of all blood before the Israelites could eat it. God also wanted to impress on the children of Israel that if there had been no sin, there would be no need for all the shedding of blood. Blood was also used to cleanse the Sanc-

tuary from the sins of the people. This brought to the Israelites minds that it was only Jesus' shed blood, in the future, that would save the world from sin. At the end of our reading today our Bible tells us that Aaron and his sons had to stay at the door of the tabernacle for seven days and nights while God consecrated them for the priesthood.

If you would like to do some extra reading go to Leviticus 7:22-27 to find out about God's requirements on eating meat.



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - LEVITICUS 8:36**

"So hand Aaron commanded and his sons did all the things that the LORD had by the of Moses."

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Leviticus 8:14–36







**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, thank You for sending Jesus to die on the cross for me so I can come to Him anytime, anywhere and ask forgiveness for my sins. Help me not to forget this or take it for granted. I love You, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

On the Eighth day after offering more animals on the altar God showed His glory by consuming the offerings in the Sanctuary with great power and majesty. The Children of Israel fell on their faces in worship when they saw this.

God loves it when we worship Him with great care and respect. Or another way to say that is, with reverence. God displayed His glory and power many times to the Children of Israel. We may not see that today but we can catch a



glimpse of that through reading our Bibles. It is important for us to understand that we serve a Holy God who needs to be treated with reverence when we worship Him.



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - LEVITICUS 9:23**

"And Moses and glory went into the tabernacle of Aaron meeting, and came out and the people. Then the blessed of the LORD appeared to all the people."

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Leviticus 9:1–24







**LET'S PRAY** Dear Lord, thank You for my family. Thank You for the roof over my head and the food on the table so we can eat. I love You, Lord, and I praise You. Help me not to forget all the things You do for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **MEMORY VERSE - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

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#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Today we read that, not long after the priests were consecrated for serving in the sanctuary, Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu died, before the Lord. They had lit their censers with their own fire instead of using God's Holy fire that He Himself had lit. They used the common instead of the sacred. Nadab and Abihu had disobeyed. They knew they should not have done it, but Mrs White tells us from our torchlight that they were drunk. When you are drunk it affects your thinking and you end up making very silly decisions, which, in Nadab and



Abihu's situation, cost them their lives. When the priests were to go into the Sanctuary before the Lord they were not to drink alcohol. Their minds had to be clear so they could discern right from wrong. They were not to mix the Holy with the unholy, or the clean with the unclean. God does not want partial obedience but full obedience to His requirements. God is a Holy God.

Our bodies are special to God. God wants us to be healthy and happy. Check out these verses in Proverbs 20:1 and 1 Corinthians 3:16–17.

#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - LEVITICUS 10:1**

"Then Aaron and Abihu, the sons of Nadab, each his and put incense fire in it, put on it, and offered took profane fire before the LORD, which He censer had not commanded them."

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Leviticus 10:1–20







**LET'S PRAY** Dear Father, help me to keep my mind healthy for You. Please give me wisdom so I can make wise decisions in my life. Help me to understand what I read in my Bible today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **MEMORY VERSE - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

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#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

The animals that God allowed the Children of Israel to eat were called 'clean'. The animals that God did not want them to eat were referred to as 'unclean'. The 'clean' animals had to have a divided, or cloven, hoof and chew the cud. It's interesting that God mentioned several examples of animals that had one of the requirements but not both. In verse 4, the Bible mentions the camel and in verse 7, the swine or pig. The camel chewed the cud but didn't have a cloven hoof, and the pig had a cloven hoof but didn't chew the cud so both these animals were considered 'unclean'.

If we were to look at the main animals which are used for human consumption around the world today, the following animals, by Levitical law, which would be considered 'clean' are the cow, sheep, goat, and the deer. Some of the animals which would be considered 'unclean' are the pig, rabbit, camel and horse.



#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - LEVITICUS 11:2**

"Speak to the animals of saying, 'These are eat the which you may among all the Children that Israel are animals on the earth.'"

## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Leviticus 11:1–8







**LET'S PRAY** Dear God, Thank You for bringing me safely through another week. Help me to be helpful to my family in preparing for the Sabbath. Lord, let your light shine through me today. In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### **MEMORY VERSE - 1 CORINTHIANS 10:31**

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#### LET'S THINK ABOUT THIS

Any animals that lived in the water that had fins and scales were considered to be 'clean' and were able to be eaten. Everything else was considered 'unclean'. Some of those included shark, lobsters, prawns, shellfish and octopus. We have also read in our Bibles today that God didn't want the Israelites to eat birds of prey that ate dead animals. They were considered scavengers. Birds that ate grain and seeds were considered 'clean'.



God doesn't want us to eat animals that clean up rubbish. Some of the unclean animals that we talked about are our "vacuum cleaners" of the ocean and river floors. These animals have been put into the oceans and rivers as cleaners and filters. Everything God does has a reason and purpose for the good of us all. We need to trust Him!

#### **UNSCRAMBLE THIS VERSE - LEVITICUS 11:12**

"Whatever in fins the abomination does not have or scales – that shall be an water to you."

### THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Leviticus 11:9–19







LET'S PRAY Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for another Sabbath day. Thank You that we can set aside a day to rest and spend time with You. Help me to be a blessing to someone today. Help me to understand what I study in Your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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## THERE'S **POWER** IN THE WORD!

LET'S READ: Leviticus 11:20–31



#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In the insect world, the insects with jointed legs were the only ones able to be eaten. They were the locust, grasshopper and the cricket. They were considered 'clean'. All other insects were considered 'unclean'. Our reading goes on to mention that any animal that had four paws was 'unclean' as well as any other animal that crawls or creeps along the earth. The Bible mentions in particular the reptiles and rodents as 'unclean'. The Bible also says that God did not want the Children of Israel to even touch a dead animal that was 'unclean'. If they did, they had to wash their clothes and they were considered 'unclean'

until evening.

Because God made the animals, He knows what is best for our bodies. He designed each animal for a specific purpose. He doesn't want us to eat anything that is constantly eating rubbish and waste. Some animals, which God does not want us to eat, do not eat waste products but we still need to trust God that He knows what is best for us. What we put in our mouths is very important to God because what we eat affects who we are and how our body functions. God wants us to be healthy for Him so we can share Jesus with others.



#### SABBATH QUIZ

1. What was the special liquid that was used to anoint Aaron and His sons called?

2. How long was the ceremony that Aaron and his sons had to go through to be consecrated to the LORD? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What were two parts of the animals that God asked the Israelites not to eat? \_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_

4. Who were the two sons of Aaron that died before the LORD?

5. Name four animals the Israelites were not allowed to eat because they were unclean?