



Reviewing the Sunday Message

“THE PURSUIT – STRANGE CHRISTIANITY”

Pastor Miles McPherson / January 27, 2019 Leviticus - 10:1-3

Reviewing the Message:

A Do Something Disciple - A person with a disciplined pursuit of the heart of the Father, a heart being perfected in love for God and people.

D12: Avoids that which is displeasing to God.

H – Holiness **E** – Evangelism **A** – Appreciation **R** – Relationships **T** – Thoughts

Sermon Application:

- Father, give me a heart that identifies itself as **PRIEST**, set apart to worship You.
- Jesus, create in me a heart that avoids biblical **SUBSTITUTES** in my life.
- Holy Spirit, develop a heart in me that avoids anything that leads others **AWAY** from You.

Sermon Application Prayer: **ASK** God for His heart:

- Assess the condition of your heart. *Our heart changes moment-to-moment.*
- Search Scripture for the conviction of God’s heart. *God’s conviction is consistent.*
- **Knit** your heart with God. *A deliberate and constant surrender.*

Weekly Memory Verse: Leviticus 10:3 (NKJV) *“This is what the LORD spoke, saying: ‘By those who come near Me I must be regarded as holy; and before all the people I must be glorified.’”*

Monthly Memory Verse: Genesis 1:26-27 *“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’” 27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

On Sunday, from the book of Leviticus, Pastor Miles explained how God taught the people, the priests, and to all of Israel the correct way to worship Him in holiness. The rituals, ceremonies, laws, and principles **all** applied to them (Israel) in the "then and there". The principles still apply to Christians in the "here and now" for us.

Read Leviticus 1-13: In Leviticus God puts into writing how to correctly live, how to live safely and how to prosper in God's presence. It was written to draw the Israelites to the understanding of the infinite holiness of God, and that He desires them to act in a holy manner toward Himself. After they had broken

their covenant with God, while Moses was on Mt. Sinai, God makes clear who He is. God is to be worshipped in the very way that they were to live out their lives—in holiness. God’s people were to be set apart, different in almost every way. This included being different from the world around them socially, politically, economically, morally and spiritually. For the Israelites these principles were to be unchanging. Blessings and curses come with obedience or disobedience to these principles. And just as for Israel, God desires believers today to BE HOLY BECAUSE HE IS HOLY.

Recall the video that was played on Sunday about Leviticus. Your rGroup can watch it again at <https://thebibleproject.com/all-videos/read-scripture-old-testament/>

- Define what the word “Holy” is.
- Which rituals, ceremonies, laws and or principles in Leviticus still apply to Christians today?
- Discuss the differences between the priests (God’s representatives) of Leviticus and Christians?

How Is Your Heart?

Pastor Miles discussed the things that we do that displease God. As a rGroup, make a list of common behaviors that break God’s heart and then discuss these together. It could be said that the opposite of what displeases God is what we should seek after to be holy.

Question: Identify and describe one behavior that breaks God’s heart and your plan to eliminate it. Ask your accountability partner to hold you accountable.

How Are You Pursuing God's HEART? (Fill in the blanks below from the Sermon Application.)

1. Father, give me a heart that identifies itself as a _____, set apart to worship You.
2. Jesus, create in me a heart that avoids biblical _____ in my life.
3. Holy Spirit, develop a heart in me that avoids anything that leads others _____ from You.

NEXT STEPS:

Write a prayer to God asking Him to change your heart, to remove the behavior that you wrote down earlier and even remove from you the desire to do so. When appropriate, share them with another believer or to someone with whom the behavior has impacted asking them to hold you accountable for change.

Text DISCIPLE to 52525 for information about our Bible reading plan and rGroups/dGroups.

If you already serve in a rGroup we would like for you to find two families you could minister to and provide a meal for. Identify two families you could minister to and provide a meal for who have been affected by the government shutdown this past month by texting SHUTDOWN to 52525 for a financial donation to help with food and gas.

Recite This Prayer Together: A Do Something Disciple Prayer

“As a Do Something Disciple, I am in a disciplined pursuit for the heart of The Father, a heart that is being perfected in love for God and people.

Father give me a heart that:

- Desperately seeks face-to-face intimacy with You.
- Faithfully avoids that which displeases You.
- Humbly embraces a Kingdom Mindset.
- Values making Disciples.

Jesus, create in me a heart that:

- Values being guided by the Word of God.
- Gratefully grows in generosity.
- Nurtures a burden for lost people.
- Demonstrates a commitment to a Spirit-filled expression of my gifts.

Holy Spirit develop a heart in me that:

- Gracefully gives and receives forgiveness.
- Passionately worships God.
- Is dependent on the power of prayer.
- Serves with Humility.

Father, knit my heart with Yours.

Fill my heart with Your passions, motivations and desires.

In Jesus Name, Amen.”