

Bible reading.

LEVITICUS

The concluding chapters of Exodus that focus on the construction of the tabernacle (Ch 25-40) lead naturally to the opening of Leviticus, which describes the various sacrifices performed in this Holy Place.

While Leviticus never claims to be authored by Moses, the internal testimony is quite strong that its contents were mediated through him to the people. Many times we see the phrase, "The Lord said to Moses". (see, 4:1; 5:16; 6:1, 8, 19, 24, etc.)

The genre of literature of this book, though contains a large proportion concerning the Law, is a 'historical narrative'. Leviticus continues the genre of the Pentateuch as a whole, that is, primarily instructional history. It intends to inform the reader about what went in the past, in this case providing a historical background to the Law.

1. Through the sacrifices, what aspect of His character was the Lord showing His people? (Note one of the most repeated words!!)
2. How do you think the people of Israel felt when they received this Law and at the 'revelation' of what it means to live in the presence of God?
(Remember they had just come out of Egypt after over 400 years of slavery. They are wandering through a desert. They have complained and murmured and sinned against the Lord and Moses, yet they have seen mighty miracles to prove that the Lord was with them).
3. What does this mean for you personally and in the community/church situation?