

## Session #9: “THE GLORY OF THE LORD APPEARED” — Leviticus 9:1-24

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking, also to comments/notes from Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- \*\*\*\*\*Questions: In how many chapters of Leviticus is “the glory of the LORD” mentioned?
- In what order are the sacrifices given in this chapter? Why is that important to us? (Cleansing, Consecration, Communion!!)
- Can you see the wonderful example of God’s grace, mercy and forgiveness in v. 2 & 8 re Aaron?
- What was the main difference between Pagan sacrifices and those of Israel?
- In v. 5, they “drew near”. What does it mean to you to “draw near” to God?
- What do think Moses and Aaron did in the tabernacle, when they went back in? (v. 23)
- What two words summarize true worship? – (v. 24) Are they characteristic in your life?

The theme of the book is a “CALL TO HOLINESS” and it is divided into two parts: Chapters 1-16 emphasize that the WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE, while chapters 17-27 emphasize that OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION. In chapters 1-7, we have the REQUIREMENTS FOR SACRIFICE, and in chapters 8-10, we have the REGULATIONS FOR THE PRIESTS.

Chapter 8 - THE ANOINTING OF THE PRIESTS;

Chapter 9 - THE APPEARANCE OF THE LORD;

Chapter 10 - THE ACCEPTANCE OF THEIR OFFERINGS

### ❖ 1A. THE CALL OF MOSES - 1

*“Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel”* Perhaps Moses wanted them to know that it was God’s decision and selection, and not an act of nepotism on the part of Moses (brother - Aaron; sons - nephews)

*“the eighth day”* - the first day of the week - Sunday, the day that celebrates the resurrection of our Lord, after which He became our great High Priest, ascended to heaven to make intercession for us. The four sons of Aaron were witnesses -fascinating (McGee) to remember that we have four gospels!

Up until this point, Moses has been offering the sacrifices; now, it is time for Aaron and his sons to take over these responsibilities

### ❖ 2A. THE CALF WHICH AARON WAS TO OFFER - 2

It seems possible that God chose the calf (or bull) for Aaron’s sin offering in order to show that Aaron would be forgiven for his sin in setting up the golden calf for the people to worship.

The priests were to offer sacrifices for themselves first cf. Hebrews 7:25-28

### ❖ 3A. THE CONDITION OF THE ANIMALS THAT WERE OFFERED - 9:2-3

*“without blemish”* - NIV/NASB - *“without defect”* cf. 1 Peter 1:18-19

The order of the sacrifices is important - first the sin offering before sacrifices of dedication and fellowship with God. The order is first cleansing by God, then consecration to God, and then communion with God! “THE GLORY OF THE LORD APPEARED” Worship always begins with cleansing! Second, consecration to God! Then communion with God! Mt. 15:8-9 The order here is highly significant! Aren’t you glad God accepts you aw and where you are? Ps. 51-“a clean heart” What is your “joy level” when you worship?

### ❖ 4A. THE CAUSE BEHIND THE OFFERING OF THE PEACE OFFERINGS AND MEAL OFFERING - 4 *“for today the LORD will appear unto you”*

cf. Exodus 40:34-38 – *“The glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle”!!* The cause of sacrifices - That we might know the presence of the LORD!! One of the main purposes of the worship of the children of Israel was to glorify God - totally unlike the pagan nations surrounding them who also had sacrifices. But, they changed the glory of God into the created thing.

Cf. Romans 1:20-23 - Idolatry robs God of the glory due His name. We’re talking about worship!! The whole sacrificial system pictures the glorious role of worship for the believer. The details here describe the way to God! Why did they have peace offerings? What is God isn’t there? There is nothing more important than knowing the presence of the LORD! There is a difference between the fact that God is everywhere and that you truly sense you

**are in His close presence.** He is real! How much do you talk with Him during the day? What is your walk with the LORD really like? Is He as close to you as your own breath. **Worship is the enjoyment of His presence!** Without Him and His presence, our worship is **flat, barren and just a ritual.**

❖ **5A. THE CONGREGATION DRAWS NEAR - 5-6**

cf. Hebrews 10:19-22; 4:14-16 - cf. Exodus 29:42-43

**“the glory of the LORD shall appear”** - Hebrew perfect tense as though it had already happened - there was no doubt in the mind of Moses that it would happen!

There is **always a residual benefit** in worship -- You will be blessed by the LORD!! You cannot bless the LORD, coming into His presence, **without being blessed by Him!** **How is your secret place with the LORD!** **Are you enjoying His presence?** **Do you seek blessings or the Blesser?**

❖ **6A. THE CONCERN FOR ATONEMENT - 7-18**

cf. Hebrews 5:1-2; 7:28; 9:22; Ps. 32: 51; Gal. 3:13-14; 24; What was the redemption price? What makes the altar, the tabernacle, the priests, everything, holy? **The Blood!!!!** Only the blood can do that!

The **first necessity of worship is cleansing** - the sin offering

❖ **7A. THE CONSUMING OF ALL THE FAT - 19-20**

We need to give **the best** to Him!! Malachi 1:6-8

❖ **8A. THE COMMAND TO WAVE THE PEACE OFFERINGS - 21**

**Giving thanks to God** was required!

❖ **9A. THE CONSEQUENCE OF BLESSING THE PEOPLE - 22-23A**

There are **two blessings** here; first, the one Aaron did alone; second, the one Aaron and Moses did together. The first one was probably the one mentioned in Numbers 6:23-26 - it **came after the sacrifices** - it reminds us **that every blessing is a result** of the work of sacrifice - cf. Ephesians 1:3-7

The second blessing came after the time Moses and Aaron had in the tabernacle in fellowship with the Lord - it reminds us that **if we are to be a blessing to others, it must come as a result of our fellowship with the Lord!** cf. 11 Chronicles 7:1-3; The word “*blessed*” in verse 22-23, the Hebrew *barak* is used 324 times of which 133 are in the first five books, 73 of them are in Genesis. Moses *blessed* the people in Exodus 39:43 - the Psalms remind us frequently of the importance of being *blessed* - Psalms 1:1; 2:12; 32:1-2; 33:12; 34:8; 40:4; 41:1; 84:4-5, 12; 89:15; 94:12; 112:1; 119:1, 2, 12; 128:1, 4

**“THE GLORY OF THE LORD APPEARED”** When the Lord ascended, we read in Luke 24:50-53:

**“And He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God”** - NKJV

❖ **10A. THE COMING OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD - 9:23B-24A**

The fire consumed the burnt offering and the fat - the **burnt offering symbolized the total dedication** of the people, and the fat reminded them that the Lord deserves the very best!

The fire represents the judgment of God - **it fell on His Son**, rather than on the sinners who deserved it - John 3:36; 11 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24

Remember God’s promise to His people - Exodus 29:43-46

❖ **11A. THE COMMITMENT OF THE PEOPLE - 9:24B**

The people **“shouted and fell on their faces”** revealing **two attitudes in worship: joy and fear** - cf. Psalm 2:11 *NIV* - **“shouted for joy”** Hebrew word *ranan* is used 61 times cf. 1 Chron. 16:33; Psalm 5:11; 32:11; 33:1; 35:27; 71:22-23; 81:1; 95:1; 96:11-12

When worship is right – you will see and experience two things and these will characterize your life –

**1) Joy!**

**2) Humility!**

The Glory of the LORD – Lev. 9; 2 Chron. 7:1-3; Haggai 2:7,9; 2 Cor. 3:18; 2 Thess. 2:14