

Leviticus 21:1-33
We Have a Holy High Priest!
November 17, 2013
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon: How Do We Get into Heaven?

Key Idea

Only a spotless mediator is able to deliver the unblemished sacrifice to the holy God for our salvation.

- B. The OT is About Jesus (Devor Quote)
- C. The Path to Holiness (Drawing Near to God)
 - 1. Cleansing (11-16)
 - 2. Consecration (17-22)
 - 3. Communion (23-26)
- D. Priests & Sacrifices (21-22)

II. Passage Outline

- A. Priests (Leviticus 21:1–9)
 - 1. Separate from death except for a blood/close flesh relative
 - 2. Because they offer the Lord's "food/bread"

Leviticus 21:6

They shall be ***holy to their God*** and ***not profane the name of their God***. *For they offer the Lord's food offerings, the bread of their God; therefore they shall be holy.*

Numbers 19:13

Whoever touches a dead person, the body of anyone who has died, and does not cleanse himself, ***defiles the tabernacle of the Lord...***

Ezekiel 44:25–28

²⁵ ***They shall not defile themselves by going near to a dead person.*** However, for father or mother, for son

or daughter, for brother or unmarried sister they may defile themselves. ²⁶ After he has become clean, they shall count seven days for him. ²⁷ And on the day that he goes into the Holy Place, into the inner court, to minister in the Holy Place, he shall offer his sin/[purification] offering, declares the Lord God. ²⁸ “This shall be their inheritance: ***I am their inheritance***: and you shall give them no possession in Israel; ***I am their possession***.

3. May not marry a defiled/divorced woman
4. An adulterous daughter

Leviticus 21:8–9

⁸ You shall sanctify [the priest], for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy to you, for I, the Lord, who sanctify you, am holy. ⁹ And the daughter of any priest, ***if she profanes herself by whoring, profanes her father***; she shall be burned with fire.

B. High Priest (Leviticus 21:10–15)

1. May not even grieve for parents
2. Because of the anointing oil...

Leviticus 21:10–12

¹⁰ “The priest who is chief among his brothers, **on whose head the anointing oil** is poured and ***who has been consecrated to wear the garments***, shall not let the hair of his head hang loose nor tear his clothes. ¹¹ **He shall not go in to any dead bodies** nor make himself unclean, even for his father or for his mother. ¹² He shall not go out of the sanctuary, ***lest he profane the sanctuary of his God, for the consecration of the anointing oil of his God is on him***: I am the Lord.

3. May only marry a pure blood virgin
4. Because... undefiled seed

C. “Unblemished” Priests (Leviticus 21:16-33)

III. A Gospel Grid: From Shadow to Reality

A. What does the Covenantal Bond in the Priest's Family Picture?

1. Shadow – The Bond of Close Flesh
2. Reality – The Spiritual Bond with Jesus

1 Corinthians 6:13–20

¹³ “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other.

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴ And God

raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power.

¹⁵ Do you not know that *your bodies are members of*

Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and

make them *members of a prostitute*? Never! ¹⁶ Or do

you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute

becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, “The

two will become *one flesh*.” ¹⁷ But he who is joined

to the Lord becomes *one spirit* with him. ¹⁸ Flee from

sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits

is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person

sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that

your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you,

whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰

for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in

your body.

B. What Does the Unfiled High Priest Picture?

1. Shadow – OT High Priest had no symbolic contact with corruption or defilement.
2. Reality – NT Jesus... (Our Spiritual union with Jesus bring us to obedience makes us His eternal family)

Matthew 12:46–50

⁴⁶ While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his *mother and his brothers* stood outside, asking to

speak to him. ⁴⁸ But he replied to the man who told

him, “Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?”
⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “**Here are my mother and my brothers!**”⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.”

Hebrews 7:23–28

...[Jesus] is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.²⁶ For ***it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.***²⁷ He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when **he offered up himself.**

- C. What does the Virgin Bride Picture?
- D. What does the “Blemished” Priestly Restrictions & Privileges Picture?
- E. What does “God’s Food” Picture?
(After Christmas)

Key Idea

Jesus is our spotless mediator and He is able to deliver the unblemished sacrifice of his own body to the holy God in heaven for our salvation.