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# Day and Night Devotional

## *The Books of Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy*

You are about to explore the last three books of the “Pentateuch” or “Torah” (*That’s the first five books of the Old Testament*). These “scrolls” of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, originally written in the Hebrew language, are incredibly important to the story God has been writing throughout history. The Israelites [later called “Jews” (the tribe of Judah)], were God’s chosen people and many of them had these three “books” or “scrolls,” along with Genesis and Exodus, memorized as children. The author of these books was Moses under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

The entire identity of the Israelite people was rooted in these historic events, laws, and the sacrificial system of forgiveness in the tabernacle because they worshipped the one true God, the same God we worship today: “Yahweh.” Although there is a lot that might be confusing to you in these three books, remember that everything going on in the Old Testament is an important part of the backstory that is leading to Jesus’ earthly arrival in the New Testament. And Jesus is the most important person you will ever meet. His Holy Spirit is going to help you and speak to you through the God-inspired words on the page of your Bible.

The idea for the “Day and Night” theme of this devotional comes from **Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT)** which says, *“Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it **day and night**. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.”*

Because you are reading this, it’s obvious that you want to be like that tree planted by the riverbank, growing as a disciple of Jesus and bearing fruit each season. If you ever have any questions as you explore, don’t hesitate to reach out to your youth leader, pastor, or parents for help.

Before you jump into Leviticus (Think the tribe of Levi, the priestly tribe, one of Jacob’s twelve sons) and watch this video:

<https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/leviticus/>



# DAY 1

Scriptures: Exodus 40:34-35, Leviticus 1:1

**Day:** Let's recap! Who is Moses? Who are the Israelites? Where did God just bring them out from? What happened on Mount Sinai? (Peek back at Exodus if you need to.) Why when the Israelites finally finished building the tabernacle, was Moses not allowed to enter it?

**Night:** When you think about God being holy (set apart) and not able to be near sin, impurity, or injustice, does it offend you or cause you to worship Him? Why should God be allowed to decide what is holy and what is sinful? Why would God even take the time to call to Moses from the tabernacle?

WHAT DID GOD SPEAK TO YOU?

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# DAY 2

Scriptures: Leviticus 1:1-9 (The Burnt Offering), Leviticus 2:1-3 (The Grain Offering), Leviticus 3:1-5 (The Peace Offering), Leviticus 4:1-3, 13-14, 22-23, 27-28 (The Sin Offering) Leviticus 5:14-15 (Guilt Offering), Leviticus 4:20-21 (The Why)

**Day:** That was a lot of offerings, blood, and guts! Let's break it down. There are two types of sacrifices: "I'm sorry" and "thank you." Which one do you think you would give more often?

**Night:** What specific sin, evil, selfishness in your life is causing you to be separated from the one and only holy God? How might Leviticus be foreshadowing a sacrifice you may know about in the New Testament?

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## DAY 3

**Scripture:** **Leviticus 8:4-13** (Ordaining The Priests), **Leviticus 21:10** (The High Priest) **Leviticus 22:1-3** (A Warning To The Priests), **Leviticus 10:1-3** (The Priests Not Heeding God's Warning), **Leviticus 22:31-33** (Why God Takes This So Seriously)

**Day:** Why does it take so much for sin to be dealt with? How does it comfort you that God takes evil very seriously?

**Night:** Why did the Israelite people need to make all these sacrifices? How could these seemingly barbaric and rigid rituals be a gracious gift from God showing His justice?

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## DAY 4

**Scripture:** **Leviticus 11:1-4, 9-10,13-21, 24, 44-45, Leviticus 12:6-7, Leviticus 13:1-3, 45-50, Leviticus 14:1-4, 30-32, Leviticus 15:32-33** (Ritual Purity Laws), **Acts 10:13-15, 28, Romans 14:14**

**Day:** These ritual purity laws are about the state of the people of Israel as they approach God at the tabernacle. (Aaron the priests' sons, Nadab and Abihu died because they approached God improperly.)

Why was being "unclean" or "impure" something that required separation from God's presence and from other people? How did God expect the Israelites to "be holy as I am holy?" Why would he set them up to fail?

**Night:** Leviticus shows us that living in God's presence was possible only through offerings, priests, purity, and atonement. Why would YOU want to approach God and live in His presence? How has Jesus fulfilled the law?

These ritual purity laws of "approaching" God were completed in Jesus. So why are they still relevant today? What do they remind us of? Which laws still hold some relevance today can be determined by studying the New Testament.

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