

5 May 2024

Holy-Hearted Service

Leviticus 21:1-15, Luke 9:57-62

What's for dinner, tonight?

Holiness is on the menu yet again...

- a) I am the Lord who makes him/them/you holy (21:8, 15, 23; 22:9, 16, 32)

- b) Priests are not to be defiled because they offer 'holy' food to God (21:6, 8)
 - Defilement through handling matters involving death (21:1-6, cf Num 19:11-16)
 - Defilement through marriage to 'defiled' women (21:7-9)
 - The high priest has special requirements because of his unique role (21:10-15)

- c) Only priests can draw near to God but....
 - some are disqualified from lack of wholeness (21:16-21)
 - some are disqualified through uncleanness (22:1-9)

- d) Because the food offered to God is holy...
 - only the household of the priests can eat (21:22-23, 22:10-16)
 - the animals to be brought are to be whole (22:17-30)

A picture for us, as God's holy servants

- Blessed to eat the 'holy food' of our high priest, Jesus.
- In Christ, dedicated to serving God with 'wholeness' of heart
- Doing it in to glorify (ie, not profane) the Lord's name

As servants of the Lord Jesus, let us serve Him wholeheartedly, bearing witness to His name.