

# SERMON OUTLINE

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**Text :** Leviticus 19: 1 - 37

**Title :** Integrity And Holiness

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## Introduction

Integrity and consistency in Christian living

Exodus 25 – Leviticus 16: nothing could matter more than your relationship to God.

But how does this work out *in practice*?

### **1. The Context of Leviticus 19**

An ‘invisible barrier’ between Leviticus 16 and 17

In Leviticus 17–27, a new perspective becomes apparent, new concerns are introduced.

A new set of key phrases (‘motive clauses’): ‘I am the LORD’; ‘I am the LORD your God’; ‘I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt’; ‘You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy’; ‘You shall keep my statutes and my ordinances’

### **2. Leviticus 19**

A wide range of concerns:

- Commitment to God (vv. 2-4)
- Worship and food: food you *mustn't* leave (vv. 5-8); food you *must* leave (vv. 9-10)
- Being a good neighbour and an honest citizen (vv. 11-18)
- No ‘mixtures’ (v. 19): clean and unclean again
- Sexual transgression (vv. 20-22)
- Fruit trees (vv. 23-25)
- Forms of defilement (vv. 26-28)

- Faithfulness and obedience (vv. 29-32: what are the links between these verses?)
- Fair treatment of the alien (vv. 33-34)
- Honest business practices (vv. 35-36)

What do we notice about Leviticus 19?

- A wide range of topics: all of life is there
- No obvious order or prioritisation
- Leviticus 19 is representative, not comprehensive: the principles can be applied further
- Not all of Leviticus 19 is enforceable statute
- Is it clear which are the more important/applicable teachings in Leviticus 19?

### **3. In More Detail: Some Suggested Applications**

Kindness to the needy (vv. 9-10); a welcome for strangers (vv. 33-34)

Conflict resolution (vv. 15-18)

Restraint and the environment (vv. 23-25)

### **Conclusion**

Does your relationship to God matter to you?

If so, you will seek integrity and wholeness of life.

Reflect prayerfully on Leviticus 19.