

In Leviticus 24:1-23 the LORD spoke to Moses concerning 2 areas of the Israelites' lives.

- I. The LORD spoke to Moses concerning regular worship.
  - A. Concerning the lamps:
    1. The people: Bring pure oil (v. 1a).
    2. Aaron: Keep them burning regularly (v. 1b-4).
  - B. Concerning the bread:
    1. The priests shall regularly tend to the loaves (vs. 5-9).
    2. The priests shall regularly eat the loaves (v. 9).
- II. The LORD spoke to Moses concerning justice.
  - A. The situation (vs. 10-11).
  - B. The people's response (v. 12).
  - C. The LORD's response.
    1. Specific instructions for blasphemy (vs. 13-16).
    2. General instructions for justice (vs. 17-22).
  - D. The people's response (v. 23).

## BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, November 17, 2019

Passage: Leviticus 24:1-23

Memory Passage: John 8:12

### DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 24:1-23.** What topics do the 4 sections of this chapter cover?
- (b) What reasons can you surmise for the content of 24:1-9 following the content of chapter 23 and preceding chapter 25?
- (c) Explain how sections 1 & 2 (vs. 1-9) are related, how sections 3 & 4 (vs. 10-23) are related, and why section 3 follows section 2 (in other words, vs. 10ff might seem unrelated to vs. 1-9, so why do they follow immediately?).

### DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 24:1-9.** Why must the lamps and loaves be attended “regularly?”
- (b) Explain the purposes of the loaves (vs. 8-9)?
- (c) What do the lamps and loaves have to do with Christ (cf. Matt. 12:1-8; John 6:1-15; 22-59; 8:12; 9:5; Rev. 1:12-13, 20)?

### DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 24:10-16.** What does “blasphemed the Name, and cursed” mean (i.e. what did this man actually do)?
- (b) The Israelites already knew not to take the Lord’s name in vain (Ex. 20:7), not to revile the Lord or curse any leader (Ex. 22:28), and that anyone who curses their parents must die (Ex. 21:17), so why were they not sure how to handle this man?
- (c) Why were those who heard the blasphemy required to lay their hands upon the blasphemers’ head (v. 14) before stoning?
- (d) In what ways do people curse and blaspheme God today? Should they be stoned for it? Why or why not (support your answer from Scripture)?

### DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 24:17-23.** Summarize vs. 17-22.
- (b) What do you learn about the difference of value between human and animal life in these verses?
- (c) What is the idea that connects vs. 17-22 with the story of the blasphemer (cf. 16:b, 22-23)?
- (d) Consider Jesus’ teaching in Matt. 5:38-42. What is He teaching concerning the laws in Lev. 24:17-22, and how are we to apply the laws of retaliation today?

### DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

### READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Lev. 24:12.** Though festivals are wonderful celebrations (chapter 23), the commands in verses 1-9 reveal an obedience to God in the everyday rhythm of life (regular provision of oil for trimming the perpetually burning lamps, regular provision of bread). Though we can have mountaintop experiences or seasons in our lives, in what ways do you take pleasure in the everyday obedience of the Christian life, even, perhaps especially, when you are struggling in a valley?
- (b) Consider the wisdom of the Israelites as exercised in this verse. In what ways must we exercise this wisdom in our church, and how will we know when “the will of the LORD” is clear to us?
- (c) In what ways have you failed to exercise this wisdom in your personal relationships? Write down at least 3 ways that exercising this wisdom in your personal life and relationships will be valuable to you.
- (d) Notice how quickly the Israelites obeyed God after He spoke to them. In what areas of your life are you putting off obeying God even though He has already made His will clear to you? How are you going to address this lack of obedience today?

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*Lamps, Loaves, Blasphemy, and Justice*