



WEEK THREE

## DESTINY

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The Book of Leviticus answers the question, "Why am I here?" with three words: *To be holy*. The word 'holy' occurs 152 times in Leviticus - more than any other book. That word is our destiny.

### STUDY QUESTIONS

**1. On a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being "not at all," how much of a perfectionist are you?**

Where does the drive for perfection come from? What about the drive NOT to be a perfectionist?

**2. Based on Nate's message this weekend, what is the definition of "holiness?"**

How might a non-believer define this word? What does holiness look like to the average man-on-the-street?

What does it look like to God?

**3. What was the purpose of the book of Leviticus?**

**4. Consider this quote by Christopher J. H. Wright: "The Old Testament laws...exemplify how God wanted certain kinds of situations to be handled. They embody values and objectives, on the assumption that people would understand how to extrapolate from a particular case to a general principle and apply that to new situations. So to take all of the Old Testament laws at face value is to misunderstand their original intent in the first place." What does he mean by this?**

**5. Now read Galatians 3:19-25 in the New Living Translation (NLT). Who is Paul speaking to?**

Why was the law given, according to this passage?

What did it do for believers before Christ came? What did it do afterward?

**6. Author Kevin DeYoung wrote: "Sanctification is not by surrender, but by divinely enabled toil and effort."** Do you agree that the holy life is one of active pursuit rather than passive submission? How do we pursue holiness?

**7. Nate said that the most amazing thing about living a life of holiness is that now Jesus can be seen through you, as though you were a window. How does Philippians 2:15-16 speak to this truth?**

**8. What one characteristic about us as believers reflects Christ to others more than any other?** (refer to our last series called CHRISTIAN).

**Personal Meditation:** The elaborate sacrificial system of the Old Testament showed how complicated, terrible, and serious sin is, and how impossible it is to stand righteous before God without Christ as our savior. This week spend some time meditating on the fact that when Christ died for you to make you righteous before God, the curtain in the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Use these verses in Hebrews 8:11-14 to direct your thoughts.

**Memorize Leviticus 19:18** — "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD." (NIV)