

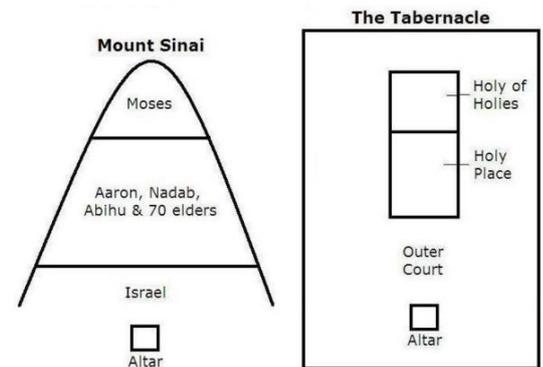
9. The Laws of Moses – being God’s holy people

Discuss while waiting to begin:

1. “Being holy”. What does this mean to *you*?
2. How does “being holy” make you *feel*?

1. God gave laws that provided a special meeting place with Him

- Exodus 24 – Leviticus 10
- A covenant with Yahweh:
“I am the LORD” (e.g. Leviticus 11:44-45 etc)



2. A critical need: God’s people must be “sanctified”

- The “climax” of the Law

Leviticus 26:11-12, “I will make my dwelling ^[tabernacle] among you, and my soul shall not abhor you. And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.”

- The need for holiness: “Be holy, as I am holy” (Leviticus 11:44 etc)

Leviticus 10:10, “You are to distinguish between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean”

- Everything that is not holy is common.
- Common things divide into two groups: the clean and the unclean.

- How do you become holy? “I am the Lord who sanctifies you” (Leviticus 20:8 etc)

3. Laws that provide for the sanctification of God's people

- Laws about being **"clean"** (Leviticus 11 – 15)

→ What do we do with these laws? Think about...

- Jesus' incarnation...
- the Gospel story...
- our obedience

- Laws about being **"holy"** (Leviticus 17 – 22)

- Laws about the **"times"** when you met with God (Leviticus 23 – 25)

4. Covenant conditions... and a better covenant

- God promised blessings and threatened curses (Lev. 26 / Deut. 28)

- Israel blessed... then cursed → New covenant

- **The new covenant is NOT different...**

The Mosaic covenant was gracious

The New covenant also requires repentance and faith (Matt. 12:37, James 2:21)

God's call to holiness has not diminished... & we're to obey the moral law

- **The new covenant IS different...**

The period of time in which the Levitical system "worked" ended with the coming of Jesus (Galatians 3:25, 4:6)

The Law's burdens have been removed:

- The yoke of circumcision and food laws – Acts 15:10-11
- Repetitious nature of the sacrifices – Hebrews 10:11
- Deaths of the high priest – Hebrews 7:23