

Grand Sweep Discussion Groups

Questions from the *Daily Response Journal*

- **Week of February 7 (Exodus 13 – 33)**
 - Record the pendulum swing of the actions of God, the troubles endured, and the negative and positive responses of the people.
 - Make a list of the varieties of ways, in these chapters, that God met Israel's needs.
 - In what order would you place each of the Ten Commandments if you were listing them by importance? Justify your order.
 - Find four or five examples of biblical laws dealing with common things that have their basis in a sense of justice or of divine purpose.
 - What articles in a contemporary house of worship might seem comparable to the ark, table, the lampstand and the curtains?
 - In these chapters, blood is often an important factor in worship. List three hymns that include references to the blood of Christ, to the covenant or to Communion.
 - What persons or what offices in modern Christendom might seem comparable to Bezalel and Oholiab?
- **Week of February 14 (Exodus 34 – Leviticus 13)**
 - Ponder the second giving of the Law and the renewed promise that came with it, and compare the “second chances” God has brought to your life.
 - List as many as possible of the products that went into the Tabernacle.
 - So many intricate details go into the Levitical order of worship. What significance does this hold for you in your own life of prayer and worship?
 - Why is it necessary to deal with sins that were committed “unintentionally”? In what sense is something a sin if it wasn't intentional?
 - References are made several times to an “elevation offering.” Do we have anything in contemporary worship that is comparable?
 - Why were Aaron and his other sons not to mourn the death of Nadab and Abihu? (See also Leviticus 21:10–12.)
 - What connection do you find, in these chapters, between ritual and sanitary cleansing and inner personal purity?
- **Week of February 21 (Leviticus 14 – Numbers 6)**
 - Our daily commentary reminds us, in the spirit of Leviticus, that there is often a tie between physical and spiritual defiling. List some examples from your experience or observation.
 - What connection do you see between the instructions for the Day of Atonement and the ensuing prohibitions against the eating or drinking of blood?
 - List five or six of the highly practical laws in Leviticus 19.
 - Six holy celebrations, besides the Sabbath, are described in Leviticus 23. What qualities or characteristics do they have in common?
 - It is often said that the Old Testament historians wrote like prophets and the prophets like historians. Find a section in today's Scripture where the writer of Leviticus sounds like a prophet.
 - List some of the duties of the Levites related to their care of the Tabernacle.
 - How and where are the Nazirite principles preserved in the church today?