Leviticus—Lesson 1 June 12, 2013

**Introduction to Leviticus & the Levitical Priesthood**

1. As we study the Book of Leviticus, how can we expect to benefit spiritually? See II Timothy 3:16-17; Galatians 3:22-24.
2. What should we keep in mind as we seek to spiritually profit what we read in the book of Leviticus? Col. 2:13-17; Hebrews 8:1-5; 9:9-11 & 9:24.
3. Who should we recognize as the source of the instructions contained within the Book of Leviticus? See 1:1 & 27:34.
4. Before God ordained Aaron and his sons to serve as priests for the nation of Israel, what sorts of priesthood already existed? Genesis 14:18; Exodus 3:1; Exodus 19:22.
5. At least originally, from what tribe and family were the priests to be descended? Exodus 28:1 & 29:9; Leviticus 22:1-2.
6. Who were the Levites, and what would have been the duties of Levites who did not offer sacrifices, as Aaron’s descendants did? Numbers 8:13-20; Numbers 3:5-10; Numbers 1:50-53; I Chron. 15:16; I Chron. 16:4; Deut. 17:8-11 & 33:10; II Chron. 23:7 & 34:13.
7. How were priests chosen to perform their duties? See Luke 1:8-9. How did one become the High Priest? See Leviticus 6:22.
8. What special rules governed the conduct of priests and what characteristics might disqualify one from serving as a priest? See Leviticus Chapter 21.
9. In what sense do Christians today serve as “priests?” See I Peter 2:4-10; Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15-16. What instruction can we take from what we’ve read, about our duties as priests of God?