

## CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – June 24, 2018

### Announcements

- Registration for the video training is still open, but a late fee applies. You can sign up with the bookroom.
- Registration is still open for the college training in Olympia (July 13-19) and the late fee has been waived. Please register at: <https://collegetraining.org/2018/>
- We are in week 4 of the morning revival on “Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him In and For the Church Life.”
- Today, after the meeting, the parents of the young people will pray in the multi-purpose room.
- Online registration for the Bellevue Summer School of Truth: [https://www.cognitofrms.com/Churchinbellevue1/\\_2018SummerSchoolOfTruth](https://www.cognitofrms.com/Churchinbellevue1/_2018SummerSchoolOfTruth)
- We will read messages 49-51 in the Life-Study of Leviticus.
- Wednesday night ministry webcast 7:30 pm at the following locations
  - Smith - South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
  - Chang - Overlake, (425) 830-3900, in Korean
  - Lancaster - Kenmore, (206) 724-4535, in English
  - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
  - Lu - Kirkland, (206) 696-2543, in Chinese
  - Miyake - Central Bellevue, (425) 451-7294, in English

### Burdens for Prayer

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Germany</li> <li>• Summer activities for the young people</li> <li>• Summer training registration</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dormant saints</li> <li>• Meeting hall modifications (parking)</li> <li>• Church property</li> </ul> |
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### This Week: June 25 – July 1

**Morning Revival:** *Taking Christ as Our Person and Living Him In and For the Church Life, Week 4*

**Hall Cleaning:** Downstairs – Kirkland  
Upstairs – Overlake

<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer meeting
<b>Saturday</b>	8:30 am	Breakfast
<b>Lord's Day</b>	9:30 am	Lord's Table

<b>July</b>	
<b>2-7</b>	Summer Training in Anaheim
<b>3-11</b>	Webcast training in Bellevue
<b>13-19</b>	College training
<b>23-27</b>	Bible Camp
<b>27-29</b>	Chinese-speaking Perfecting Training in Franklin Park, NJ
<b>August</b>	
<b>9-12</b>	Camp Canby
<b>13-19</b>	Bellevue Summer School of Truth

**Ministry Reading Portion**  
**LIFE-STUDY OF LEVITICUS**  
**MESSAGE FIFTY**

**THE HOLY LIVING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD AND THE  
DISQUALIFICATIONS FROM THE PRIESTHOOD**

I very much appreciate the sequence in the book of Leviticus. In chapters eleven through fifteen our condition is exposed. Then in chapter sixteen propitiation is presented to us. In chapter seventeen we have the matter of treasuring the person of Christ and His redemptive work. Following this, chapters eighteen through twenty deal with the holy living of God's holy people. This brings us to Leviticus 21, which covers the holy living for the priesthood.

It is crucial for us to realize that every one of God's people should be a priest. All of God's people, not just a group among the whole of the people, should be priests. The holy living of the holy people is for the priesthood. Having covered this holy living as it is revealed in chapters eighteen through twenty, we now need to see that such a holy living is for the priesthood.

Leviticus 21 has two sections. The first section, verses 2 through 15, is on the holy living for the priesthood. The second section, verses 16 through 24, is on the disqualifications from the priesthood. Although we have been regenerated into the holy priesthood, we might still be disqualified from the priesthood in some ways, even in many ways.

**I. THE HOLY LIVING FOR THE PRIESTHOOD**

**A. The Priests Not Being Allowed to Defile and Profane  
Themselves for a Dead Person among Their People, except  
for Their Relatives**

Leviticus 21:1-4 tells us that the priests were not allowed to defile and profane themselves for a dead person among their people, except for their relatives. This signifies that we, the New Testament believers, being priests of God, should not behave ourselves like the common people to defile and profane ourselves.

As a holy people for God's holy priesthood, we must be careful not to touch anything that would defile us or profane us. To be profaned is to be made common, to be made worldly, to be made like those who are in death. We have been sanctified, made holy, and we should not be profaned.

### **B. Not Making Any Baldness on the Head, nor Shaving Off the Corners of the Beard, nor Making Any Cuttings in the Flesh**

“They shall not make any baldness on their head, nor shave off the corners of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh” (v. 5). This signifies that we should accept what God has ordained for us and subject ourselves to God's authority, not making any change or any display or performance by our human labor, but being natural. The more natural we are in this sense, the better.

To make our head bald indicates that we do not subject ourselves to God's headship, that we do not accept God's authority over us. Therefore, we should not make any baldness on our head.

To shave off the corners of the beard or to make cuttings in the flesh indicates that we are engaging in human labor to have some change in our body, which was designed and created by God. In a sense, to change ourselves in this way is to defile ourselves. Therefore, instead of making such changes, we should be natural.

### **C. Being Holy to God and Not Profaning the Name of God, for They Offer the Offerings by Fire as the Food of God**

Leviticus 21:6 says, “They shall be holy to their God and not profane the name of their God, for they offer the offerings of Jehovah by fire, the food of their God; therefore they shall be holy.” Verse 8 goes on to say, “You shall sanctify him, for he offers the food of your God; he shall be holy to you, for I Jehovah, who sanctify you, am holy.” This signifies that we, the ones who minister Christ to God as food for God's enjoyment, should separate ourselves to be holy unto God.

As God's priests, we are actually God's “cooks.” For us to offer Christ to God means that we “cook” Christ as God's food for His satisfaction. We need to eat, and God also needs to eat. We eat what He cooks for us, and He eats what we cook for Him. As God's cooks, we should be a holy people, a people undefiled, so that we would not profane the name of our holy God.

## D. Being Pure in Marriage

Verses 7 and 9 tell us that the priests were to be pure in marriage. This signifies that we, the New Testament priests, should be pure in our closest human relationship. We must be pure in this relationship in order to keep the status of the holy priesthood.

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<b>2018 Summer Training Webcast</b>		
Tuesday, July 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Msg. 1	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 2	9:00 am
	Msg. 3	10:30 am
Thursday, July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 4	7:00 pm
Friday, July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 5	7:00 pm (open meeting)
Saturday, July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 6	9:00 am
	Msg. 7	10:30 am
Lord's Day, July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 8	10:30 am (open meeting)
	Msg. 9	6:00 pm (open meeting)
Monday, July 9 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 10	7:00 pm
Tuesday, July 10 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 11	7:00 pm
Wednesday, July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Msg. 12	7:00 pm

<b>Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes</b>	
Lord's day, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 17:1-19
Monday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 17:20-37
Tuesday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 18:1-14
Wednesday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 18:15-30
Thursday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 18:31-43
Friday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 19:1-10
Saturday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Luke 19:11-27