

Leviticus 21—Great Expectations



Great Expectations

**Those who represent our holy
God are called to a higher
standard before a watching world**

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1. Expectations for ordinary priests—21:1-9

Regarding defilement with the dead 1-4

Regarding pagan imitations v. 5

Regarding the name of Yahweh 6

Regarding the purity of marriage 7-8

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2. Expectations for the high priest—*21:10-15*

- ❧ Highest among his brothers v. 10a
- ❧ On whose head the anointing of oil has been poured v. 10b
- ❧ Consecrated to wear the garments v. 10c
- ❧ Shall not uncover his head v. 10d
- ❧ No defilement with dead bodies vs. 11-12
- ❧ Laws about marriage vs. 12-13

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3. Expectations of physical requirements for the priestly office—21:16-24

Why would a priest with these defects profane Yahweh's sanctuaries and thus be disqualified from the high priest office and all the associated duties?

...Absolute holiness of God

...in the presence of our Holy God

...to display the perfection of God's creation

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Application

- ❧ The Privilege of His presence *Hebrews 10:19-22*
- ❧ The Expectation of Holiness *2 Cor. 7:1; James 4:8; 1 Peter 1:15-16*
- ❧ The Expectation of Representation *Eph. 5:1,2; Matt. 5:48*
- ❧ The Expectation of Separation *2 Cor. 6:14-18; Phil. 2:15-16*

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Nashville Teacher Threatened With Termination Over Refusal To Read LGBTQ Book To First Graders

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“The pursuit of holiness requires sustained and vigorous effort. It allows for no indolence, no lethargy, no halfhearted commitment, and no laissez faire attitude toward even the smallest sins. In short, it demands the highest priority in the life of a Christian, because to be holy is to be like Christ — God’s goal for every Christian.”

The Discipline of Grace—Jerry Bridges

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