HAIL THE KING!

Leviticus reminds us that we are to worship only God (Lev. 17:7; 18:21; 26:1). Ellen White writes that “whatever we cherish that tends to lessen our love for God or to interfere with the service due Him, of that do we make a god” (Ellen G. White, Patriarchs and Prophets [Mountain View, CA: Pacific Press Pub. Assn., 1908], p. 305). Revelation 14 commands us to “fear God,” give Him glory, and “worship Him” (v. 7) in defense against the religiopolitical power called the beast that will rise up in the last days and try to redirect worship to itself. The master of this power is Satan, who has always wanted the worship that belongs to God alone (Matt. 4:8–10). Put simply, the Bible says there is an ongoing supernatural war that will only intensify before Jesus returns. The question we must ask ourselves is this: “Before whose throne do I bow today?”

The call to worship God is reflected even in the earthly sanctuary, the blueprints for which God personally gave Moses on Mount Sinai. It was a duplicate of the great temple-palace in heaven and was placed at the center of Israel’s encampment (Num. 2) as a place of worship, meeting, and Divine dwelling, as was the custom for the human kings of the day (Benjamin Galan, Rose Guide to the Tabernacle [Torrance, CA: Rose Publishing, Inc., 2008], p. 74).

In this lesson we will look for evidence of worship within the book of Leviticus and learn how it relates to us today.
Write out Leviticus 9 from the translation of your choice. If you’re pressed for time, write out Leviticus 9:22–24. You may also rewrite the chapter in your own words, or outline or mind-map it.
Go back to your scribed text and study the passage.

Circle repeated words/phrases/ideas

Underline words/phrases that are important and have meaning to you

Draw Arrows to connect words/phrases to other associated or related words/phrases

What special insights do your marks seem overall to point to?

Memorize your favorite verse.
Write it out multiple times to help with memorization.

What have we lost by not keeping the Jewish feast days? What have we gained by not keeping the Jewish feast days?

How do the feast days point to their greater fulfillment in Jesus Christ?

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After looking at your scribed and annotated text, what special insights do your marks seem to point to overall?

What questions emerge after studying this passage? What parts are difficult?

What other principles and conclusions do you find?

What are the implications of the fact that God’s glory was intentionally able to shine out of the sanctuary for all to see? What does this reveal about His character? His desires?

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What relationship do the following verses have with the primary passage?

Hebrews 4:14–16
Hebrews 8:1, 2
Hebrews 9:1–10
Revelation 4; 5

What other verses come to mind in connection with Leviticus 9?

Review your memorized verse from Leviticus 9.
What is He saying to you personally through these texts?

With Jesus as our reality today, how is our experience the same as the Israelites and their sanctuary in the wilderness?

How do you see Jesus differently or see Him again?

Prayer Response:

Meditate on Leviticus 9 again and look for where Jesus is.

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Review the memory verse. How does it apply to your life this week?

After this week’s study of the chapter, what were your personal takeaways?

What takeaways can you apply socially?

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Worship

Share insights from this week’s memory verse and Bible study as well as any discoveries, observations, and questions with your Sabbath School class (or Bible study group). Consider these discussion questions with the rest of the group.

Which of the steps toward God listed in our lesson do you find the hardest to do and which do you find the easiest? Please explain.

In what ways is our experience with God more dynamic today than it was in Israel’s day?

What would you say to someone who believes there are many paths to God?

Although as Christians we don’t need to keep the feast days, what can we learn from each of them?

How does knowing that God is king, sits on the throne, and rules from the temple in heaven give you courage and confidence today?

How do you personally worship God?

How has the meaning of worship changed after this study?