



## WHY JESUS KEPT THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW: IMITATING GOD'S HOLINESS

**PATHWAYS OF FAITH MILESTONE:** We hear many messages about who Jesus was and what it means to follow Him. The name of Jesus has been used by world powers, political agencies, media outlets, consumer products, religious organizations, and anything under the sun trying to get something done. The message is not consistent across these various platforms. Can we know who Jesus really is and what it looks like to follow Him? If this is a question you'd like to explore, join Pastor Garrett for five weeks in the *Pathways of Faith Milestone* for a season of intense learning and discussion. Monday nights Oct. 16 - Nov 13, 6:30-8 p.m. Registration options: complete the corresponding FORM on the APP or Lakeland Connect ... **registration ends TODAY.** \$25 (\$15 for students). Contact: Twila Lahey at twilal.lakeland@gmail.com or Jason Lahey at Jasonl.lakeland@gmail.com.

**HALLOWEEN HAUNT AT WORLDS OF FUN:** (Grades 7th- 12th) Friday, Oct. 6, 6 p.m.-midnight. \$45 for admission (\$10 if you have a season pass). Sign up via FORMS (Halloween Haunt) on Lakeland Connect. Meet at Lakeland to carpool. Contact Twila Lahey at twilal@lakelandcommunity.org for more info.

**20/20 VISION LUNCH:** Oct. 15 join us for our 6-month celebration! Everyone is invited to stay after second service and enjoy lunch to celebrate what God is doing through our 20/20 Financial Challenge.

**AT THE WELL (WOMEN) RESTORATIVE MINI-RETREAT:** Oct. 21, 10 a.m. -2 p.m. Lakeland Community Church (2nd floor) \$15 at the time of registration - see "Restorative Mini-Retreat" in Lakeland Connect Forms or contact Amanda Casey at arae.casey@gmail.com.

**TRUNK OR TREAT:** Oct. 29, after 2nd service in our parking lot. Come dressed in your Halloween costume (nothing scary please) or come ready to hand out treats/prizes to young and not so young. Donations of candy/prizes will be accepted if you can't make this event. Contact Micki Elton at mickie@lakelandcommunity.org for more info.

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**HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF TRIP:** Nov. 5-11 join a team of Lakelanders going to Houston to help with the rebuilding phase of the hurricane recovery. For more info email Sue Hartzheim at [shartzheim@gmail.com](mailto:shartzheim@gmail.com) or visit the table in the lobby (starting Oct. 8).

**UP-COMING MESSAGES: *KNOWING JESUS THROUGH THE OLD TESTAMENT***

**FOUR-PART SERIES CONTINUES:** Did Jesus uphold the Old Testament Law or take it away? In this series we try to finally settle this question using an in-depth study of both Testaments!

**OCT. 8 — WHY JESUS BROKE THE OLD TESTAMENT LAW: FOOD LAWS & ANIMAL SACRIFICES**

**TWO-PART SERIES: JESUS' OLD TESTAMENT VALUES** Does Jesus represent Old Testament values or did he come to bring a new set of values never seen before? In this two-part series we discover the surprising answer together.

**OCT. 15 — GOD FIRST**

**OCT. 22 — PEOPLE BEFORE THINGS, NEEDS BEFORE RIGHTS**

**THREE-PART SERIES: JESUS & THE OLD TESTAMENT PROPHETS**

**OCT. 29 — PART 1:** Why is the Bible so exclusive when it comes to God? Why does it claim the image of God it contains is superior to the image of God put forward by every other world religion? We explore this sticky question together.

**NOV. 5 — THE MUSICAL!** We continue to explore this sticky question together using a huge dose of musical creativity.

**NOV. 12 — INJUSTICE:** What does the Bible really say about money and power? Does it have a conservative agenda? Does it have a liberal agenda? Does it have it's own agenda or no agenda at all?



*Missing a handout or answers from the Knowing Jesus Through the Old Testament series? Resources are available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. Also check out the Podcast on Lakeland's website to hear past messages.*

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The Old Testament Law promoted holiness.

## Holiness

... is not moral perfection

... is about being different from the world, from most of culture

... is about having different values

Jesus argued with the Pharisees over what it meant to be holy.

Jesus and the Pharisees agreed on three important points:

- 1) desire that God's people be holy, different from those who did not follow God.
- 2) love the Old Testament Scriptures and the law of God called the Torah.
- 3) imitating God fuels moral behavior.

Jesus and the Pharisees disagreed on one very important point:

Pharisees believed the most important part of the law was being separated socially from the pagans.

Jesus believed the principle attribute of God to be imitated was his mercy.



Leviticus 19 is full of laws for the people.  
Pharisees focus on not doing the parts of  
the law that pagans and gentiles practice.  
Jesus focused on the laws that helped others.

What we call “questions of social ethics” or “human rights,” God  
calls holiness.

Love your neighbor was a fundamental ethic  
of the Old Testament, which Jesus reaffirmed.

When do we need the Holiness of separation?  
When we are tempted to follow the ways of the world

When do we need the Holiness of imitating God's mercy?  
When we are called to reach out to others--even if we don't ap-  
prove of them (but are unlikely to be tempted to be like them)

Jesus came among us, but he did not live  
like us.

# Reflection

Think about your day or week, what behaviors or actions ...

<i>Helped bring God to others?</i>	<i>Drove God out of you?</i>

If uncertain the effect of your behavior, ask “is this what God meant by  
‘be holy as I am holy’?”

