

Leviticus 21:16-24 **Priesthood Prohibitions**

16 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 17 "Speak to Aaron, saying:

'No man of your descendants in succeeding generations, who has any defect, may approach to offer the bread of his God.

18 For any man who has a defect shall not approach: a man blind or lame, who has a marred face or any limb too long, 19 a man who has a broken foot or broken hand, 20 or is a hunchback or a dwarf, or a man who has a defect in his eye, or eczema or scab, or is a eunuch.

21 No man of the descendants of Aaron the priest, who has a defect, shall come near to offer the offerings made by fire to the LORD. He has a defect; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

22 He may eat the bread of his God, both the most holy and the holy; 23 only he shall not go near the veil or approach the altar, because he has a defect, lest he profane My sanctuaries; for I the LORD sanctify them.' "

24 And Moses told it to Aaron and his sons, and to all the children of Israel. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ Anything associated with the direct service to God must be without blemish.
- ✧ Sacrifices must be without blemish. [Exodus 12:5] the Passover lamb, along with all the animals for sacrifice of the book of [Leviticus].
- ✧ Those offering the Sacrifices must be without blemish. [Leviticus 21:16-24]
- ✧ The prohibited blemish includes any kind of physical defect. [Leviticus 21:16-20]
- ✧ Even though they are descendants of Aaron, they may not serve to offer any offering to God, if they have a physical defect of any kind. [Leviticus 21:21]
- ✧ He may eat of the offerings, but he may not offer the offerings. [Leviticus 21:22-23]
- ✧ For a man with a physical defect to approach holy things to offer offerings or sacrifices, would be to profane the Sanctuaries of God. [Leviticus 21:23]
- ✧ Yehowah is the one who sanctifies them. [Leviticus 21:23, Leviticus 21:15]
- ✧ **“That you may know that I am Yehowah Who sanctifies you.”** [Exodus 13:13]
- ✧ God wants us to **know** that it is He Who sets us apart from all the rest of creation to know Him. [Leviticus 20:8]