Leviticus 24:10-23

LEVITICUS

Religion with an Outlook Guarding the Sanctity of God's Name

INTRO: Leviticus is a book that is largely ignored or avoided by many Christians, yet this Old Testament book was vitally important to God's people who needed a means of restoring fellowship with God lost through sin. In today's study, a half-Jewish man was charged with blasphemy. How was Israel to respond. Moses asked God to provide counsel.

- I. God's _____is ____. A name represented the person. God had several titles, but His personal Name was attached to His covenant with Israel (Cf. Matt. 6:9; Exo. 3:13-14).
- II. People ______ when they use God's _____

(24:10-11). The accused man (a resident alien among Israel) cursed another man using God's covenant Name.

III. Guard the sanctity of God's _____ (24:12-23).

There are two points to make as we attempt to apply this OT principle to New Testament Christians.

A.

All sin deserves **death** (Rom. 6:23), including blasphemy! Thankfully, Jesus died to pay our sin-debt.

B.

Do we ever use God's name as an expletive? What about in anger? Believers should do what they can to control their speech to God's glory (Cf. James 3:8-10).