



Grace Assembly Of God

## CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Leviticus 21	Title:	Don't Shame God's Name
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Summary of Chapter	Leviticus 21 contains God's instructions for the conduct of priests which Moses had to pass down to Aaron and his sons, so that the priests among the Israelites know what they can and cannot do, because of their unique job description.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i><sup>6</sup>They must be set apart as holy to their God and must never bring shame on the name of God.</i>	<p>Priests are a rather peculiar occupation, unlike prophets who speak for God or pastors who look after God's people. These are men who represent God to the people and represent the people before God. Think of them like middle men, mediators, or ambassadors.</p> <p>I studied at a bible school where majority of my lecturers and schoolmates are not Pentecostal by denomination or charismatic by expression. Because of that, I imposed on myself an unnecessary expectation to properly represent my church and denomination. Representing my surname felt less pressurising! I always set myself apart to defend my 16 tenets of faith, because I didn't want to bring shame upon the name of Grace Assembly or the Assemblies of God!</p> <p>Maybe some of you feel that way about being a Christian in a non-Christian household. Maybe you're a follower of Jesus in a unbelieving classroom. Maybe you identify as a disciple of Christ in a corporate environment. Here's the reality—a Christian isn't made holy by what he or she does, but by what Jesus Christ did for them on the cross. And because you're made holy on His terms and not yours, it means that you're set apart for His purpose and called to live differently as God's child.</p> <p>May Grace Assembly be known for other things besides <i>"That COVID-19 cluster"</i> and us Gracians be known not just as contagious Christians but faithful disciples who are set apart for God in both our talk and our walk.</p>

### APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	What is the one area that you struggle with about being a Christian in your household, workplace or social circle, and why? What does it mean to be holy in that area?
Youth:	Do you get singled out by your schoolmates when you identify yourself as a Christian? How does that make you feel? What is the toughest about being a Christian student?
Child:	What does "holy" mean to you? What does it mean to be "holy" at home and among your friends? Do you think you are "holy" in your words and actions? Why, or why not?

### PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Heavenly Father, thank You for reminding us of our identity in You. Help us to remember that salvation purchased at such a high price has a high calling on how differently we are to live as the ones You redeemed. May we embrace what it means to be set apart for You in our talk and our walk. In Jesus' name, amen!
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank You for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen.