

SACRED

GOD'S INVITATION TO
DRAW NEAR

Guarded

Leviticus 21:1-4, 16-20, 22:1-3, 17-20



Codex Sinaiticus

Around the middle of the 4th century, possibly Palestine

Codex Sinaiticus is a priceless treasure. It is the earliest surviving manuscript containing the complete New Testament and is the oldest and best witness for some of the books of the Greek version of the Old Testament. It was copied from other manuscripts around the middle of the 4th century, possibly in Palestine. Its name ('the book from Sinai') refers to the location where it was kept until the middle of the 19th century, in the monastery of St. Catherine at the foot of Mount Sinai, Egypt.

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God is protecting what brings people near to Him,
such as:

Priests

Offerings

Holy Food

The Tabernacle

The LORD said to Moses, “Speak to Aaron’s sons, the priests, and tell them: A priest is not to make himself ceremonially unclean for a dead person among his relatives, except for his immediate family: his mother, father, son, daughter, or brother. He may make himself unclean for his unmarried virgin sister in his immediate family. He is not to make himself unclean for those related to him by marriage and so defile himself.”

Leviticus 21:1–4 CSB

“The priest who is highest among his brothers, who has had the anointing oil poured on his head and has been ordained to wear the clothes, must not dishevel his hair or tear his clothes. He must not go near any dead person or make himself unclean even for his father or mother.”

Leviticus 21:10–11 CSB

The LORD spoke to Moses: “Tell Aaron: None of your descendants throughout your generations who has a physical defect is to come near to present the food of his God. No man who has any defect is to come near: no man who is blind, lame, facially disfigured, or deformed; no man who has a broken foot or hand, or who is a hunchback or a dwarf, or who has an eye defect, a festering rash, scabs, or a crushed testicle.”

Leviticus 21:16–20 CSB

The LORD spoke to Moses: “Tell Aaron and his sons to deal respectfully with the holy offerings of the Israelites that they have consecrated to me, so they do not profane my holy name; I am the LORD. Say to them: If any man from any of your descendants throughout your generations is in a state of uncleanness yet approaches the holy offerings that the Israelites consecrate to the LORD, that person will be cut off from my presence; I am the LORD.”

Leviticus 22:1–3 CSB

“No one outside a priest’s family is to eat
the holy offering.”

Leviticus 22:10 CSB

What's guarded is meant to be given.

“So, then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sin against the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself; in this way let him eat the bread and drink from the cup. For whoever eats and drinks without recognizing the body, eats and drinks judgment on himself.”

I Corinthians 11:27-29 CSB

The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death, but they could not find any. For many were giving false testimony against him, and the testimonies did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, stating, “We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple made with human hands, and in three days I will build another not made by hands.’”

Mark 14:55-59 CSB

For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of an unblemished and spotless lamb.

I Peter 1:18-19 CSB

“But because he remains forever, he holds his priesthood permanently. Therefore, he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, since he always lives to intercede for them. For this is the kind of high priest we need: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He doesn’t need to offer sacrifices every day, as high priests do—first for their own sins, then for those of the people.

He did this once for all time when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests men who are weak, but the promise of the oath, which came after the law, appoints a Son, who has been perfected forever.”

Hebrews 7:23-28 CSB

Jesus answered, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it up in three days.” Therefore, the Jews said, “This temple took forty-six years to build, and will you raise it up in three days?” But he was speaking about the temple of his body.”

John 2:19–21 CSB

Just as many were appalled at you— his appearance
was so disfigured that he did not look like a man,
and his form did not resemble a human being

Isaiah 52:14 CSB

Through belief in Jesus, you are the guarded:

Priest

1 Peter 2:9

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I Corinthians 6:19-20

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Offering

Romans 12:1

“No descendant of the priest Aaron who has a defect is to come near to present the food offerings to the LORD. He has a defect and is not to come near to present the food of his God. He may eat the food of his God from what is especially holy as well as from what is holy.”

Leviticus 21:21–22 CSB