

## Session #4: “WHAT TO DO WHEN WE SIN” — Leviticus 4:1-35

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Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking., Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- \*\*\*\*\*Questions: Do you believe that you have a sin problem? When is the last time you lied (Col. 3:9)? Why is the sin offering commanded and not voluntary?
- Do you believe you have to confess your sins to be forgiven? (1 John 1:9)
- What is the difference between the sin offering and the trespass offering? (See 1A below)
- What does the “shall lay his hands on the animal” mean. Why is it required?
- Does unintentional sin involve disobedience to God’s law? Do you believe a believer can sin willfully?
- Do you know the difference between unintentional and presumptuous (willful, pre-meditated) sinning?

THE WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE - Leviticus 1-16

The REQUIREMENTS of sacrifice - Leviticus 1-7

Our DEDICATION to God - “*burnt offering, meal & drink offerings*”

Our DEPENDENCY upon God - “*peace offering*” (the only offering we participate in by eating)

- Our DELIVERANCE from sin, the problem in our human hearts - “*sin offering & guilt/trespass offering*” cf. Rom. 7 We need to know God’s wonderful deliverance!

❖ 1A. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE OFFERINGS FOR SIN (SIN & TRESPASS)

➤ 1B. In terms of FOCUS

The “*sin offering*” focuses on the individual’s guilt before God (118x - 60 in Lev.; shown in the Feast of Pentecost) Sin is against what God, not man, has said! True guilt comes from sinning! - cf. 1 John 3:4

The “*trespass offering*” focuses on how your sin affects other people and property.

➤ 2B. In terms of RESTITUTION -- (Many of life’s problems result from unresolved restitution!)

The “*trespass offering*” requires restitution where possible – cf. Lev. 5:14-19; Luke 19:8-10

➤ 3B. In terms of RESPONSIBILITY

The higher a person’s status in the community, the more expensive the sacrifice that was required. To whom much is given, much is required. – cf. Luke 12:48 – “

- 1C. The priest – “*a young bull*” - 3 Priests were sinners! cf. Heb. 5:1-3; One of the key marks of humility is a profound awareness of your own depravity and sin! Do you recognize your own sin?
- 2C. The whole congregation - “*a young bull*” - 14 “*the elders*” perform it - v. 15
- 3C. A ruler (civil leader) - “*a kid of the goats, a male without blemish*” - 23
- 4C. An individual of the common people - “*a kid of the goats, a female...*” - 28

❖ 2A. THE DETAILS IN OFFERING THE SIN OFFERING

➤ 1B. The IGNORANCE or attitude involved -- (but not open rebellion with God-not willful; Willful sinning against God is totally different)– 2

“*If a person sins unintentionally*” NIV/NKJV - “*When anyone sins unintentionally*” - cf. vv. 2, 13, 22, 27 “*against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them*” - clear disobedience - 1 John 3:4 “*Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and sin is lawlessness.*” - NIV - “*does what is forbidden*”. Psalm 19:12 - “*Cleanse me from secret faults*” cf. – Do you ever tell lies? – Col. 3:9; Don’t harbor sin!! Paul- 1Tim. 1:13 Cf. Numbers 15:22-31(shows difference between unintentional and willful sinning); Deut. 19:4-6 – accidental death is not intentional. – cf. Hebrews 10:26-29-- For unintentional sinning, which we do, the only thing we need is a sin offering!

➤ 2B. The IDENTIFICATION needed - 15

“*lay his hand on*” (do you see confessing here?) vv. 4, 15, 24, 29 - in the case of the “*whole congregation*” the “*elders*” who represent the people are to do this. We must confess our sins to be forgiven?

➤ 3B. The INSTRUCTION given--summarized in four statements

- 1C. The animal is to be Slaughtered by the individual - 4, 15, 24, 29 (accepting the responsibility and accountability for your sin!) Who crucified Jesus Christ? My sin crucified My Lord!
- 2C. The blood is to be Spread by the priest - 5-7, 16-18, 25, 30  
“*the priest that is anointed*” Ezk. 45:17-23; 46:20

- ✓ 1D. Sprinkled seven times in front of the veil - **6 Completion of God's forgiveness** pictured here.
- ✓ 2D. Placed on the horns of the altar of incense - 7 The horns needed cleansing by blood!
- ✓ 3D. Poured into the base of the altar of sacrifice - 7
- 3C. The fat (the **best part**-which Jesus was) is to be **Sacrificed** on the altar - **8-10, 19-20, 26, 31, 35**
- 4C. The animal is to be **Separated outside the camp** (which Jesus also did) and burned - **11-12, 21** You don't eat this one, because it's a sin offering. cf. **Hebrews 13:10-14** "**despised and rejected of men**" – **Isa. 53**

### ❖ 3A. THE **DESIGN** OF THE SIN OFFERING

- 1B. It reveals the real **NEED** of the human heart - **We are sinners whether we know it or not!** This sacrifice **is commanded**, whereas **the burnt offering was voluntary**.
- 2B. It points to the **NECESSITY** of a substitutionary sacrifice - **Hebrews 10:1-18** **Jesus took my place!!**
- 3B. It demonstrates the essential **NATURE** of God's forgiveness - means **"to send away"** – the sin offering was **taken outside** the camp – **"it shall be forgiven him!"** taking it away! cf. **Psalm 103:12; Psalm 51;—**  
**Harboring sin (don't do it!); making restitution--granting forgiveness; Consider 1 Cor. 11:27-32;**

**Lev 4:1** **The Sin Offering** Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

**Lev 4:2** "Speak to the children of Israel, saying: "If a person **sins unintentionally against any** of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them,

**Lev 4:3** **1). if the anointed priest sins**, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned **a young bull without blemish** as a sin offering.

**Lev 4:4** He shall bring the bull to the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD, lay **his hand on the bull's head**, and **kill** the bull before the LORD.

**Lev 4:5** Then the anointed priest shall **take some of the bull's blood** and bring it to the tabernacle of meeting.

**Lev 4:6** The priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood **seven times** before the LORD, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.

**Lev 4:7** And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of meeting; and he shall pour the remaining blood of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

**Lev 4:8** He shall take from it all the fat of the bull as the sin offering. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat which is on the entrails,

**Lev 4:9** the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove,

**Lev 4:10** as it was taken from the bull of the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn them on the altar of the burnt offering.

**Lev 4:11** But the bull's hide and all its flesh, with its head and legs, its entrails and offal--

**Lev 4:12** the whole bull he shall **carry outside the camp** to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.

**Lev 4:13** **2).** "Now **if the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally**, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which should not be done, and are guilty;

**Lev 4:14** when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a **young bull** for the sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of meeting.

**Lev 4:15** And the **elders of the congregation shall lay their hands** on the head of the bull before the LORD. Then the bull shall be killed before the LORD.

**Lev 4:16** The anointed priest shall bring some of the bull's blood to the tabernacle of meeting.

**Lev 4:17** Then the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it **seven times** before the LORD, in front of the veil.

**Lev 4:18** And he shall put some of the **blood** on the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, which **is in the tabernacle** of meeting; and he shall pour the remaining blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of meeting.

**Lev 4:19** He shall take all the fat from it and burn it on the altar.

**Lev 4:20** And he shall do with the bull as he did with the bull as a sin offering; thus he shall do with it. So the priest **shall make atonement** for them, and **it shall be forgiven them**.

**Lev 4:21** Then he shall carry **the bull outside the camp**, and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is a sin offering for the assembly.

**Lev 4:22** **3).** "**When a ruler has sinned, and done something unintentionally** against any of the commandments of the LORD his God in anything which should not be done, and is guilty,

**Lev 4:23** or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, he shall bring as his offering **a kid of the goats, a male without blemish**.

**Lev 4:24** And **he shall lay his hand on the head** of the goat, and **kill it** at the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD. It is a sin offering.

**Lev 4:25** The priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering.

**Lev 4:26** And he shall burn all its fat on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of the peace offering. So the priest **shall make atonement** for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

**Lev 4:27** **4).** "**If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally** by doing something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and is guilty,

**Lev 4:28** or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, then he shall bring as his offering a **kid of the goats, a female without blemish**, for his sin which he has committed.

**Lev 4:29** And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering at the place of the burnt offering.

**Lev 4:30** Then the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all the remaining blood at the base of the altar.

**Lev 4:31** He shall remove all its fat, as fat is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering; and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet aroma to the LORD. So the priest shall make atonement for him, and **it shall be forgiven him**.

**Lev 4:32** "If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish.

**Lev 4:33** Then **he shall lay his hand** on the head of the sin offering, and kill it as a sin offering at the place where they kill the burnt offering.

**Lev 4:34** The priest **shall take some of the blood** of the sin offering with his finger, put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and pour all the remaining blood at the base of the altar.

**Lev 4:35** He shall remove all its fat, as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of the peace offering. Then the priest shall burn it on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to the LORD. So the priest **shall make atonement** for his sin that he has committed, and **it shall be forgiven him**.