Series: Sacrifice

**How to Make Things Right Again**

Leviticus 5:14-6:7 July 2, 2017

1. You need to deal with your sins not just confess them.

a. The last sacrifice gives us a final perspective on addressing sin.

* 5:15 *a guilt offering*
  + The burnt offering focuses on the guilt of sin and expresses atonement with God.
  + The grain offering focuses on the joy of forgiven sin and expresses thanks to God.
  + The peace offering focuses on the barrier of sin and expresses reconciliation with God.
  + The sin offering focuses on the pollution of sin and expresses purification from God.
  + The guilt offering focuses on the debt of sin and expresses the restitution required by God.

b. Sacrifice must be accompanied by restitution.

* 5:16 *He shall also make restitution for what he has done*
* 5:16 *and shall add a fifth to it*

c. God still wants us to deal with our sins not just confess them.

* Matthew 3:8 *Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.*
* Acts 26:20 *they should repent and turn to God, performing deeds in keeping with their repentance*

Q. How would an Israelite’s understanding of sin be skewed if there was no guilt offering?

Q. What kinds of sins require restitution today?

Q. Practically, how do you bear fruit in keeping with repentance or perform deeds in keeping with repentance?

2. Jesus dealt with the debt of your sins when you couldn’t.

a. Calculate your debt to God.

* 5:15 A ram for every unintentional sin?
* 5:16 Back-pay for all that we’ve stolen from God?
* 5:17 The cost of commandments we didn’t know to keep?
* 6:2 Every sin against our neighbour is a sin against God?

b. Jesus is called our guilt offering.

* Isaiah 53:10 *Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt*
* He paid the debt that we could never repay.

c. At the cross our debt was paid in full.

* John 19:30 *When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.*
* Wiersbe: “It is finished!” is one word in the Greek text—tetelestai. The word was a common one and was used by merchants to mean “The price is all paid!”

Q. We’ve seen in our study of the Levitical sacrifices that sin brings guilt, a barrier to God, impurity and debt. Which of these do you personally feel most when you sin? Which do you find most difficult to relate to?

Q. Even though God calls us to make restitution for our sins, why is it important to remember that Jesus paid our debt in full?

Q. What should a person do if they struggle to believe that the debt of their sins is fully paid?

3. Imitate the restitution and forgiveness that God models.

a. Faith in God should lead to love for others.

* 6:2 *If anyone sins and commits a breach of faith against the LORD by deceiving his neighbor …*

b. If Jesus has paid your debt to God in full, you’ll want to repay your debt to others with interest.

* 6:4 *restore what he took*
* 6:5 *he shall restore it in full and shall add a fifth to it*
* 6:5 *give it to him … on the day he realizes his guilt*

# Matthew 5:23-24 *23So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, 24leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

* Luke 19:8-9 *8And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”*

*9And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham.*

c. Show to others the forgiveness God has shown to you.

* 6:7 *And the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven* (repeated in 5:16 and 5:18)

Q. Why does God consider sin against others also a sin against Him?

Q. Which do you find more difficult, making restitution or offering forgiveness? Why?

Q. What do you feel you most need to do as a result of this study?

Study ahead: In two weeks, we’ll begin a study of 2 Timothy 1-2.

**Notes:**