

"Sacrifice for the Sin"

Leviticus 4:1-5:13

IF asked Xtians MOST BORING, LEAST READ book of Bible? Leviticus!!

FRIEND Pastor Arman – INVITES from PEKING preach Leviticus! Thanks!

Pastor Arman/Almagul KNOWS Leviticus 1 of MOST IMPORTANT Books

VITAL Questions – How can I KNOW God? How can I WALK with God?

3rd Book in Bible – 2nd Book / EXODUS – Seems People on RIGHT TRACK

SLAVES in Egypt / REDEEMED Red Sea / LAW/Covenant SINAI

MEETING Place > TENT of God – Built by His EXACT Specifications

OPENING DAY / BIG Meeting > CLOUD of Glory Covers / BLOCKS

Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it,
and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. Exodus 40.35

EVERYTHING was READY for Big Meeting / Celebration EXCEPT People

3rd Book – BORING / IGNORED Book > HOW can we MEET with God?

God MAKER – Gives BREATH, FOOD, JOY, HOPE, PURPOSE > JUDGE

4th Chapter of Leviticus – Vital Truths about RELATIONSHIP with GOD

1. All of us are Separated from God

v. 3 if it is the anointed priest who sins

v. 13 “If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally

v. 22 “When a leader sins

v. 27 “If anyone of the common people sins

5:1 “If anyone sins...

MOSES paints with BROAD PAINT BRUSH Here > Covers ALL PEOPLE

Just ONE ANOINTED Leader in NATION – High Priest / TOP OFFICIAL
 SPIRITUALLY – SAME Fundament Truth > High Priest OR Common People
 We are RESPONSIBLE > NO One is EXEMPT > ALL are SINNERS
 FALL Short of GLORY of God: Even HIGH Priest is MUCH LOWER than God
 Landed ALMATY Monday AM – RAINY, COLD, CLOUDY
 Today: DRY, WARM, SUNNY > Why...LUCKY?, CHANCE?, RANDOM?
 This WEEK People – BORN / DIED Almaty this Week – How's That??
 ALMATY – Just 1 City in BIG LAND of Kazakhstan
 South of KZ – Billion People in INDIA / East of KZ – Billion in CHINA
 WORLD – 7+ Billion / LIVING, MOVING, DYING, MORE BORN
 Sun RISE/SET – Skies RAIN/CLOUDS/CLEAR – SEASONS Changing
 ALMATY just COVERED with SNOW > SOON filled with FLOWERS
 WOW! So LUCKY! Chance ACCIDENT? NO EXPLANATION for All This??

 IF that is YOUR Opinion – as is for MANY in USA / CHINA / WORLD
 BIBLE calls you FOOL – Incredible FOOL – Blind to Abundant Evidence
 IF God opens your EYES – Escape from FOOLISHNESS – See TRUE GOD
 You will see Gotta DO SOMETHING to Get Myself RIGHT WITH GOD....
 Perhaps that's WHY you're HERE Now – Hoping GET SOME POINTS....

2. Costly Sacrifice of Forgiveness

v. 3 if it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, then he shall offer for the sin that he has committed a bull from the herd without blemish to the LORD for a sin offering.

MALE Animal SACRIFICE – More Valuable, Stronger, Potent

GIVE God what is MOST COSTLY / BEST

HOLY – 87 X's in Leviticus – THEME of the BOOK

Starting Point – Holy God, Nation, Land, Priesthood, Temple, Sacrifices....

HOW do we LIVE in Presence of HOLY GOD?

Story Line of Bible > How can we LIVE in Presence of HOLY GOD?

HOLY GOD of Israel lived in MIDST of Camp of His UNHOLY People

FIRE Always burns > ALWAYS Need Forgiveness, Cleansing

SO HOLY He will send you to ETERNITY of HELL if Sin NOT Removed

v. 22 “When a leader sins, doing unintentionally any one of all the things that by the commandments of the LORD his God ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, 23 or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish,

Final OT Prophet Malachi – People TIRED of PROCESS, PRICE of All This

So...Priests ECONOMIZING – Sacrifice Sick, Blind, Worthless, Dying

v. 27“If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, 28 or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed.

God asks for FIRST and BEST – Not Leftovers – Time, Treasure, Talents, Kids!

Do YOU approach GOD with Attitude of MINIMAL OBEDIENCE?

HOW Much to do I HAVE to GIVE? How Far can I go with my BOYFRIEND?

TRUE WORSHIP Measured NOT by What you GIVE but What HOLD BACK?

WIDOW who gave SMALL COIN gave MORE > She gave ALL SHE HAD!

Some of us PROMISE you will give GOD BEST LATER – When I Finish School, Married, Kids, Kids Grown, Retired!.....Maybe DEAD First???

Bible calls that FOOLISH too > TONIGHT life MAY END!

Think Tomorrow, follows Tomorrow FOREVER? All face Final TOMORROW!

3. Humble Acknowledgment of Personal Guilt

Sin is Personal / Particular Problem of Sin > We are SINNERS who SIN

We have done SPECIFIC Wrongs before GOD and PEOPLE

Genuineness of REPENTANCE seen in SPECIFIC Nature of CONFESSION

Unintentional SINS / Sins of OMISSION / Contrast with COMMISSION

NOT that you DID NOT KNOW > Did not INTEND, Caught Up in Moment

Numbers 15 – Sins with a HIGH HAND > CHOOSE to SIN > INTENTIONAL

DELIBERATE – PRE-MEDITATED – FULLY KNOW and DARINGLY DO!

Why such DETAILED Descriptions? TEACH ALL SIN is WRONG, Punishable

LEVITICUS – DIFFERENT Animal Sacrifices / Different OFFENSES

EACH ONE Follows SIX Similar Steps of Procedure

1) Worshipper “draws near” to God bringing:

Hebrew verb to “draw near” came to mean sacrifice

Worshipper must be sincere (Mal 1.7-9), obedient (1 Sam 15.22), and repentant (Lk 18.9-10)

2) Worshipper lays hand on prescribed victim

Vivid symbol of identification: “this is MY sacrifice for MY sins which I bring to God”

Symbol of transferred guilt; animal now carries weight of sin's guilt

3) Worshipper kills the prescribed victim

Worshipper gains shocking understanding of cost of sin, severe penalty

They themselves should be the victim, their sin brought death, animal blood is not sufficient (Ps 51.16,17)

4) Priest puts the animal blood:

		<i>Priest or Group:</i> On horns of incense altar 4.6,17	
		<i>Citizens:</i> On horns of main altar 4.25,30	

Work of the priest begins at this point

Different actions required for each sacrifice

Worshipper can only go so far, priest needed to approach God (Heb 7.22 – 8.2)

5) On the altar, the priest burns various parts of animal

Sincere offering is “aroma pleasing to God” (Lev 1.9,13)

Burnt offering is complete consecration of person to God (Rom 12.1,2)

Graphic image of judgment fire (Heb 12.29; 2 Pet 3.10)

6) Disposal of the remaining carcass

GHENNA – Outside of Jerusalem – DUMP Pieces of ANIMAL CARCASS

So MANY Carcasses, So Many Meters BLOOD / GUTS > Fire Never goes Out!

Constant REMINDER Something is WRONG – Sins SEPARATE from God

4. Advantages and Disadvantages of Sacrificial System

PLUS + Worshipper knew their formal standing with God; either they had offered the sacrifice, or they had not

Understood personal cost of sin, animal slain was their own property (2 Sam 24.24)

Worshipper sees a vivid symbol of God's judgment > BLOOD & DEATH

MINUS - Defects of Sacrificial System

Sacrifice could only be offered by Covenant members. For those outside the Covenant, sacrifice was useless (Num 15.30; 1 Sam 3.14)

Did not emphasize the spiritual nature of sin. Worst effects of sin are unseen – what it does to God, others, ourselves

Like any ritual, it can become meaningless routine

5. A New, Wonderful, Way of Coming to God Now!

COMMON Religious UNDERSTANDING > I Need to DO SOMETHING

In ALL WORLD Today there are TWO BASIC RELIGIONS

ONE is VERY DIVERSE – Many Names, Rituals, Holy Books, Leaders

ONE COMMON Theme > “I can DO SOMETHING to Please God”

Pray / Give / Sacrifice / Study / Suffer / Abstain / Cleansing / Worship / Hajj

Somehow by DOING SOMETHING I can PLEASE God by what I DO!

70% of Xtians in USA – People are BASICALLY GOOD

GOD helps them that HELP THEMSELVES

Actually these DRIVE Us FURTHER Away > GOD RESISTS PROUD!

FOOLISH to Think HOLY God could Possible Accept our Sinful Efforts

OT System of Sacrifice > BEST IDEA of Doing Something, God's IDEA!

But EVEN THIS System from GOD – FAILS to REMOVE Sin Fully

ENDLESSLY Repeated Sacrifice: Remind that SIN is NOT FULLY COVERED

Went ON for CENTURIES! Thousands PRIESTS / Billions ANIMALS

Then...Wild Eyed...Bug Eating...Leather Wearing....Prophet of God

“Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! John 1.29

Jesus is UNBLEMISHED, FINAL, ETERNAL SACRIFICE for Sins

you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. 1 Peter 1.18,19

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God Ephesians 5.2

LAY your HAND on Jesus / CONFESS your SINS – all, secret, hidden, open

This ALONE is PLEASING AROMA > Only way to GET RIGHT with God

NO other can TURN AWAY Wrath of HOLY God

Sin No Less Serious > LOVE Relationship, MORE Reasons to Love NOW in X

AT – ONE – MENT – Estranged Parties get RECONCILED

we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God Heb 10.10-12

NO Priest in Leviticus SAT DOWN – Work of Sacrifice NEVER Finished

RELIGION = Salesman on QUOTA System Never Know IF you SOLD Enough

MORE New Sin, More Guilt > EVER FARTHER from God

FREE Gift of Salvation – Jesus is BOTH PRIEST AND SACRIFICE

IT IS FINISHED! Sacrifice FINAL > Right with God, Now and Forever!

Leviticus 4:¹ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the people of Israel, saying, If anyone sins unintentionally in any of the LORD's commandments about things not to be done, and does any one of them, ³ if it is the anointed priest who sins, thus bringing guilt on the people, then he shall offer for the sin that he has committed a bull from the herd without blemish to the LORD for a sin offering. ⁴ He shall bring the bull to the entrance of the tent of meeting before the LORD and lay his hand on the head of the bull and kill the bull before the LORD. ⁵ And the anointed priest shall take some of the blood of the bull and bring it into the tent of meeting, ⁶ and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle part of the blood seven times before the LORD in front of the veil of the sanctuary. ⁷ And the priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of fragrant incense before the LORD that is in the tent of meeting, and all the rest of the blood of the bull he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁸ And all the fat of the bull of the sin offering he shall remove from it, the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails ⁹ and the two kidneys with the fat that is on them at the loins and the long lobe of the liver that he shall remove with the kidneys ¹⁰ (just as these are taken from the ox of the sacrifice of the peace offerings); and the priest shall burn them on the altar of burnt offering. ¹¹ But the skin of the bull and all its flesh, with its head, its legs, its entrails, and its dung— ¹² all the rest of the bull—he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, to the ash heap, and shall burn it up on a fire of wood. On the ash heap it shall be burned up. ¹³ “If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they do any one of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, and they realize their guilt, ¹⁴ when the sin which they have committed becomes known, the assembly shall offer a bull from the herd for a sin offering and bring it in front of the tent of meeting. ¹⁵ And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and the bull shall be killed before the LORD. ¹⁶ Then the anointed priest shall bring some of the blood of the bull into the tent of meeting, ¹⁷ and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD in front of the veil. ¹⁸ And he shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar that is in the tent of meeting before the LORD, and the rest of the blood he shall pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering that is at the entrance of the tent

of meeting. ¹⁹ And all its fat he shall take from it and burn on the altar. ²⁰ Thus shall he do with the bull. As he did with the bull of the sin offering, so shall he do with this. And the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven. ²¹ And he shall carry the bull outside the camp and burn it up as he burned the first bull; it is the sin offering for the assembly. ²² “When a leader sins, doing unintentionally any one of all the things that by the commandments of the LORD his God ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, ²³ or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring as his offering a goat, a male without blemish, ²⁴ and shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD; it is a sin offering. ²⁵ Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of its blood at the base of the altar of burnt offering. ²⁶ And all its fat he shall burn on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. So the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin, and he shall be forgiven. ²⁷ “If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the LORD's commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, ²⁸ or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. ²⁹ And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering. ³⁰ And the priest shall take some of its blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. ³¹ And all its fat he shall remove, as the fat is removed from the peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar for a pleasing aroma to the LORD. And the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven. ³² “If he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish ³³ and lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. ³⁴ Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar. ³⁵ And all its fat he shall remove as the fat of the lamb is removed from the sacrifice of peace offerings, and the priest shall burn it on the altar, on top of the LORD's food offerings. And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed, and he shall be

forgiven. ^{5:1} “If anyone sins in that he hears a public adjuration to testify, and though he is a witness, whether he has seen or come to know the matter, yet does not speak, he shall bear his iniquity; ² or if anyone touches an unclean thing, whether a carcass of an unclean wild animal or a carcass of unclean livestock or a carcass of unclean swarming things, and it is hidden from him and he has become unclean, and he realizes his guilt; ³ or if he touches human uncleanness, of whatever sort the uncleanness may be with which one becomes unclean, and it is hidden from him, when he comes to know it, and realizes his guilt; ⁴ or if anyone utters with his lips a rash oath to do evil or to do good, any sort of rash oath that people swear, and it is hidden from him, when he comes to know it, and he realizes his guilt in any of these; ⁵ when he realizes his guilt in any of these and confesses the sin he has committed, ⁶ he shall bring to the LORD as his compensation for the sin that he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him for his sin. ⁷ “But if he cannot afford a lamb, then he shall bring to the LORD as his compensation for the sin that he has committed two turtledoves or two pigeons, one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. ⁸ He shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer first the one for the sin offering. He shall wring its head from its neck but shall not sever it completely, ⁹ and he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, while the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar; it is a sin offering. ¹⁰ Then he shall offer the second for a burnt offering according to the rule. And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin that he has committed, and he shall be forgiven. ¹¹ “But if he cannot afford two turtledoves or two pigeons, then he shall bring as his offering for the sin that he has committed a tenth of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering. He shall put no oil on it and shall put no frankincense on it, for it is a sin offering. ¹² And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take a handful of it as its memorial portion and burn this on the altar, on the LORD's food offerings; it is a sin offering. ¹³ Thus the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin which he has committed in any one of these things, and he shall be forgiven. And the remainder shall be for the priest, as in the grain offering.”