

Leviticus 1-5 –30 July 2020

“Our 5-Fold Acceptance Of The Cross”

Introduction

Leviticus – Pertaining to the Levites

It’s the middle book of the Pentateuch

Most common nouns are: Offering, Priest,
Unclean, Holy, Blood, Clean

Thus it deals with the central issue of Redemption

That is – how we are cleansed

Everyone tries to hide or cover their sin

Some by shifting the blame to another

Some by ignoring the blame

Some by ritual good deeds

People always have and always will

As Christians, we know the true offering or payment
for sin that completed them all was the cross of Christ

Leviticus 1-5 present the 5 main sacrificial offerings in the Law of Israel picturing the cross of Christ

These 5 offerings foreshadow the cross

As we examine these 5 offerings, we'll see 5 things that accepting the cross of Christ means for the Christian

#1 – Accepting the cross of Christ means our total Dedication to Him (Chap 1) [Burnt Offering]

Read Chap 1:1-2

1. It's there willing offering
 - a. Tithe is spoken of as His
 - b. Offerings spoken of as ours
2. Same 5 animals used to establish Ab covenant
 - a. Read Gen 15:9
 - b. Although I may take us a lifetime to see all the symbology the Lord placed here...there's a consistency to God's nature.
 - c. All herbivores – easily available to sacrifice

Read Chap 1:3-9

1. Burnt Offering of the herd which is bulls
2. Vs 3-4 – Offered w/o blemish & lay hands on
 - a. The innocent taking the place of guilty
3. Vs 5-9 – Detail process that took time
 - a. Whole thing consumed – shows whole dedication to the Lord
 - b. Took much time from your day
 - i. Watching the innocent animal be slit
 - ii. Watching his knees buckle as He bleeds
 - iii. ...as they have Simon of Cyrene carry cross
4. Notice it's a “sweet savour unto the Lord”
 - a. Burnt, Grain, Peace are but not Sin & Trespass
 - b. There an added component of willingness to these three offerings
 - c. It's deeper than just wanting to be cleansed

Read Chap 1:10-13

1. Burnt Offering of the flock which is sheep & goats
2. So more inexpensive animals for those who can't afford a bull.
3. No one is to be excluded from being able to dedicate themselves to the Lord willingly.

Read Chap 1:14-17

1. Burnt Offering of the fowls which are turtledoves or pigeons
2. Joseph & Mary brought turtledoves indicating the poverty that Jesus was raised with.
 - a. We'll cover that offering in Lev 12

Application

1. All of these offerings are to foreshadow a part of the cross of Christ
2. Read Luke 9:23 – The problem with “daily” is that it's just so....daily.
 - a. It's takes a wholly dedicated person to accept the cross of Christ.

#2 – Accepting the cross of Christ means our Worship of Him (Chap 2) [Grain/Meat Offering]

Read Chap 2:1

1. This meat (better translated grain) offering was the only one not of animals or meat.
 - a. It's the only bloodless offering
 - b. Read Heb 9:22 – “Almost all things...”
 - c. It's not asking for atonement for sin but asking to remember God, to worship God.
2. The oil & frankincense are adding value

Read Chap 2:2

1. Jesus said, (Read John 12:24)
2. So Grain Offering points to Christ's willing to die for us.
 - a. “Offering” comes from word “draw near”
 - b. Let that draw us to worship

Read Chap 2:3-10

1. Most offerings shared w/ priests (not Burnt O.)

Read Chap 2:11-12

1. No leaven – for it represents sin.
 - a. It spreads thru rottenness
2. Can be used in firstfruits – deal w/ in Lev 23

Read Chap 2:13-16

1. Salt incorporated showing sustainment, permanence or incorruption
2. So the Grain Offering is for a memorial, for a remembrance of the Lord...to worship Him.

#3 – Accepting the cross of Christ means our Fellowship with Him (Chap 3) [Peace Offering]

Read Chap 3:1-5

1. Peace Offering was made to show fellowship.
 - a. Thanksgiving for Lord's blessing
 - b. Gratitude for vows performs and accepted
2. Notice only part is burnt, & part is eaten.
 - a. Not showing same pic as Burnt O.

Read Chap 3:6-11

1. Notice the same ability to use a bull, sheep or goat – The poor could use a smaller animal making God available to all.
2. You enjoy a substantial meal, full of meaning w/ this Peace Offering

Read Chap 3:12-16

1. So a goat or lamb but no turtledoves or pigeons b/c they wouldn't be enough to make a meal.
 - a. Needs shared between worshipper and the priest (representing God)
 - b. Demonstrates fellowship and communion

Read Chap 3:17

1. Physically helpful – to avoid parasites & such
2. Spiritually significant
 - a. The Lord gets the fat, which is the best
 - b. The life is in the blood – innocent blood is poured out. (Research flesh/blood vs flesh/bone)

#4 – Accepting the cross of Christ means our Forgiveness for Unintentional Sin (Chap 4) [Sin Offering]

Read Chap 4:1-2

1. Sinning thru ignorance
 - a. Not conscientiously violating the Law
 - b. Being less than perfect
2. Sinning is Old English Archery term
 - a. Target is the ring – if you miss that mark, you're a sinner.
 - b. Even if you're intently aiming at the mark, but miss...you're a sinner.

Read Chap 4:3-12 – *Sin Offering for a priest*

1. Vs 12 – Sin is taken outside the camp
2. As Jesus was taken outside the city on cross

Read Chap 4:13-21 – *Sin Offering for whole country*

1. There is a national identity that can sin
 - a. Govt decisions can be godly or ungodly
 - b. A nation can choose to repent – we need to!
2. Vs 20 – Sin is being *atoned* for
 - a. Means: *to be covered over*
 - b. Read Heb 10:4
 - c. Only thru Jesus can sins be remitted

Read Chap 4:22-26 – *Sin Offering for a ruler*

Read Chap 4:27-35 – Sin Offering for commoner

1. Male vs Female
 - a. A ruler needed to use a male goat
 - b. A commoner needed to use a female animal
 - c. Pictures Christ (ruler) as the head & the Church as the bride of Christ (the people)
2. Commoner could bring goat or lamb, again recognizing different economic levels.

#5 – Accepting the cross of Christ means our Forgiveness for Intentional Sin (Chap 5) [Trespass Offering]

Read Chap 5:1-6

1. Vs 6 – Use a goat to make atonement for trespasses.
2. 3 examples given of intentional sin
 - a. Vs 1 – withholding evidence legally
 - b. Vs 2-3 – touching uncleanness
 - c. Vs 4 – Breaking a vow to do or not to do
3. Vs 5 – Notice there's an element of confession regarding intentional sin or trespasses.

Read Chap 5:7-10

1. Again, allowance for different economic levels.

Read Chap 5:11-13

1. Poor can even use just grain for the offering
2. Vs 11 – But no oil or incense
 - a. There's nothing “sweet” about it.

Read Chap 5:14-19

1. If there's a trespass regarding holy things or tabernacle worship then a ram should be used.
2. Vs 16 – Law of restitution is introduced.
 - a. Restore plus 20% interest
3. Notice the end of vs 16
 - a. “It shall be forgiven him”
 - b. The goal of every offering is to gain forgiveness.
 - c. You've been forgiven by the blood of Christ Jesus!

Conclusion

When you accept the cross of Christ, you're saying that you believe these 5 statements:

- 1. I'm wholly dedicating myself to Jesus as a Burnt Offering**
- 2. I come to worship Jesus sweetly as a Grain Offering.**
- 3. I believe I have fellowship w/ Jesus as the Peace Offering.**
- 4. I believe I'm forgiven of my unintentional sin as a Sin Offering.**
- 5. I believe I'm forgiven of my intentional sin as a Trespass Offering.**

Praise God that the cross of Christ has such great depth of meaning.