

Mark Tough - Sun Nov 22 2016 Leviticus 1-7 - Part 2

1) The Purification (or Sin) Offering – Lev 4:1-5:13 & 6:24-30

a) The Purpose

To bring about purity when the Tent of Meeting was defiled by sin so that God could continue to dwell with his people.

The particular issues dealt with by this offering

- Unintentional sins
- Sins of omission
- Contact with something deemed to be unclean
- Vows that were not fulfilled

b) The Procedure

i) There were different procedures on the basis of who was making the offering

ii) The need for confession - Leviticus 5:5

iii) Different animals without defect were offered on the basis of who was making the offering

- The anointed priest – a young bull
 - The whole community – a young bull
 - A leader – a male goat
 - A individual member of the community – a female goat or lamb
 - The poor could offer doves, pigeons or fine flour
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- The offerer was to lay their hands on the animal and slaughter it
 - The elders would lay their hands on the offering made on behalf of the whole community
 - The only parts of the animal that were offered to God on the altar were:
 - all the fat that covers the inner parts or is connected to them
 - both the kidneys with the fat on them near the loins
 - the covering of the liver
 - The priests could only eat the offerings brought by leaders or individual members of the community

iv) The blood of the offering was used to purify that which had been defiled

c) How Jesus fulfils this offering - Hebrews 9:23-24

2) The Guilt Offering – Lev 5:14-6:7 & 7:1-10

a) The Purpose

To provide compensation for debts incurred by sin which caused God and others to be wrongfully deprived of what was rightfully theirs.

The particular sins dealt with by this offering

- Unintentional sins against things belonging to God
- Unintentional breaking of God's commands
- Stealing from others, deceiving or cheating people out of what is rightfully theirs, not revealing that lost property has been found

b) The Procedure

i) Only a ram without defect could be offered

- The blood of the ram was sprinkled against the altar
- The only parts of the ram that were offered to God on the altar were:
 - all the fat; the fat tail and all the fat that covers the inner parts
 - both the kidneys with the fat on them near the loins
 - the covering of the liver
- The priests were able to eat the offering

ii) In addition, the offerer needed to pay a penalty - Leviticus 6:5b

c) How Jesus fulfils this offering - Isaiah 53:10

3) Principles from these offerings that we can apply to our lives today

a) Confession of sins is an important part of our response to God's grace - 1 John 1:8-9

b) True repentance involves paying back those we have wronged
- Luke 19:1-2, 5-6, 8-9a - NIV