

Session #5: “CLEANSING AND RESTORATION” — Leviticus 5:1--6:7

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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 think of yourself as being deceitful? (Jer. 17:9)
- Do you think it's wrong before God to without information about evil that others are desiring?
- What are some of the reasons that require a trespass offering? (Defilements, desecration, disobedience and deceitfulness)
- What three things are required in the trespass offering? (Confession, sacrifice of an animal & restitution)
- Is there anything in your life that you have not yet restored or made restitution for?
- Whose sake is confession primarily for? Ours or God's?
- What results can be expected by the offering of a trespass offering? (Sins forgotten & forgiven!)

“CLEANSING AND RESTORATION – The Trespass or Guilt Offering” Leviticus 5:1-6:7

The theme of the book is a “CALL TO HOLINESS” and it is divided into two parts: Chapters 1-16 emphasize that the **WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE**, while chapters 17-27 emphasize that **OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION**. In chapters 1-7 we are looking at the “REQUIREMENTS FOR SACRIFICE.” Three issues are dealt with in the six offerings we are to bring to God:

- (1) Our DEDICATION to God - “*burnt offering*” & “*meal offering*” & “*drink offering*”
- (2) Our DEPENDENCY upon God - “*peace offering*”
- (3) Our DELIVERANCE from sin - “*sin offering*” & “*trespass offering*”

The “*sin offering*” focuses on the individual's guilt before God; the “*trespass offering*” focuses on the individual's responsibility toward the people or property against which he has sinned.

The “*sin offering*” is mentioned 118 times in the English King James Bible, 60 of which appear in Leviticus. The Hebrew word *chatta'ah*, referring to “*sin*” appears 294 times, 83 times (in Hebrew) in Leviticus, and 38 of those times in chapters 4-7. The verb form *chatta'* appears 239 times, 29 in Leviticus. The Hebrew word “*sin*” is comparable to the Greek word *hamartia*, both mean “*to miss the mark*” cf. **Romans 3:23** - the mark is the “*glory of God*.”

The word for “*trespass offering*” is the Hebrew *asham* and appears 47 times. The English words appear 36 times, of which 26 are in Leviticus. Leviticus is the Book dealing with sin!

❖ 1A. THE REASONS THAT REQUIRE THE TRESPASS OFFERING

➤ 1B. Verbal DEFILEMENTS (By our mouths or tongues)

*Lev 5:1 "If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath(*alah* - to curse), and is a witness, whether he has seen or known of the matter--if he does not tell it, he bears guilt.*

*Lev 5:4 "Or if a person swears(*shaba* – vows or takes an oath) , speaking thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good, whatever it is that a man may pronounce by an oath, and he is unaware of it--when he realizes it, then he shall be guilty in any of these matters.*

“*hearing the utterance of an oath*” - 5:1 or “*pronounce by an oath*” - 5:4

- 1C. It is wrong to withhold information about the evil others desire to come upon people - 5:1
“*the utterance of an oath (swearing- to curse)*” - Hebrew word ‘*alah*’ which means “to curse” another person - used 36 times, but only once in Leviticus.
Num. 5:21, 23, 27; Deut. 29:20-21; 30:7
Job 31:29-30 - “*If I have rejoiced at the destruction of him who hated me, or lifted up myself when evil found him: (Indeed I have not allowed my mouth to sin by asking a curse on his soul)*”
Psalms 10:7 - “*His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is trouble and iniquity*” cf. *James 3:6-12 (about the tongue)*
Lev 5:4 "Or if a person swears (shaba – vows or takes an oath) , speaking thoughtlessly with his lips to do evil or to do good, whatever it is that a man may pronounce by an oath, and he is unaware of it--when he realizes it, then he shall be guilty in any of these matters.
Lev 5:5 "And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these matters, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing;
- 2C. It is wrong to make a promise you do not keep - 5:4
Hebrew word for “*oath (swear)-vow*” is different from verse 1 - here it is the word *shaba'* used 187 times, and refers to an oath or promise you have made and sworn to in a public manner, usually repeating 7 (*seba*) times..

The name *Bathsheba* means “*daughter of the oath or promise*” - the name of the city of *Beersheba* means “*well of the oath*”. It is indeed interesting that the very word *shaba* is used in verse 4 and the tie into David’s sin with Bathsheba.

This word is also used in Lev. 6:3, 5

Mt. 5:33-37; James 5:12 - “*But above all, my brethren, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or with any other oath: but let your “Yes” be “Yes,” and your “No.” “No.” Lest you fall into judgment.*” (Just tell the truth)

Leviticus 19:12 - “*And you shall not swear by my name falsely, nor shall you profane the name of your God - I am the LORD*”.

Exodus 20:7 - “*You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.*

cf. Psalm 15:1-5; 24:3-4; Psalm 89:35 - “*Once have I sworn by my holiness: I will not lie unto David*”

Psalm 110:4 - “*The LORD hath sworn and will not relent*”

Eccl. 5:5 “*Better not to vow than to vow and not pay.*”

Mark 6:23 - “*He (Herod) also swore to her, “Whatever you ask me, I will give you (Herodias’ daughter), up to half my kingdom.*”

➤ 2B. Physical **DEFILEMENTS** - 5:2-3

Lev 5:2 “*Or if a person touches any unclean thing, whether it is the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean livestock, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and he is unaware of it, he also shall be unclean and guilty.*

Lev 5:3 “*Or if he touches human uncleanness--whatever uncleanness with which a man may be defiled, and he is unaware of it--when he realizes it, then he shall be guilty.*

“*touches any unclean thing*” or “*touches human uncleanness*” - cf. 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1 “*Although we are cleansed by the blood of Jesus, we have a responsibility to keep ourselves clean.*

➤ 3B. Spiritual **DESECRATION**- 5:15-16

Lev 5:15-16 “*If a person commits a trespass, and sins unintentionally in regard to the holy things of the LORD, then he shall bring to the LORD as his trespass offering a ram without blemish from the flocks, with your valuation in shekels of silver according to the shekel of the sanctuary, as a trespass offering. And he shall make restitution for the harm that he has done in regard to the holy thing, and shall add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. So the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.*

“*sins unintentionally in regard to the holy things of the LORD*” “*for the harm that he has done in regard to the holy thing*” Have we not eliminated personal responsibility in our society/culture today?

➤ 4B. Moral **DISOBEDIENCE** - 5:17-19

Lev 5:17-19 “*If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity. And he shall bring to the priest a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him regarding his ignorance in which he erred and did not know it, and it shall be forgiven him. It is a trespass offering; he has certainly trespassed against the LORD.*”

“*commit any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD*”

v. 18 - “*regarding his ignorance in which he erred and did not know it*”

v. 19 - “*he hath certainly trespassed against the LORD*”. Mat 5:17 “*Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill.*” James 2:10; Romans 10:4

➤ 5B. Personal **DECEITFULNESS** – 6:1-5

Lev 6:1-5 “*And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: “If a person sins and commits a trespass against the LORD by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely--in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins: then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.*

v. 2 - “*lying to his neighbor*”; v. 2 - “*he has extorted from his neighbor*

v. 3 - “*lies concerning it, and swears falsely*” v. 4 - “*the thing which he has extorted*”

v. 5 - “*or all that about which he has sworn falsely*”

Exodus 20:16 - Ninth commandment - “*You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor*”

Proverbs 11: 1 - “*Dishonest scales are an abomination to the LORD: but a just weight is His delight*”

Proverbs 12:17 - “*He who speaks truth declares righteousness, but a false witness, deceit*”

Proverbs 12:19 - “*a lying tongue is but for a moment*”

Proverbs 12:20 - “*Deceit is in the heart of those who devise evil*”

Proverbs 12:22 - “*Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truthfully are his delight*”

Proverbs 14:5 - “*A faithful witness does not lie; but a false witness will utter lies*”

Proverbs 14:25 - "A true witness delivers souls; but a deceitful witness speaks lies"

Proverbs 19:9 - "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he who speaks lies shall perish"

Proverbs 24:28- "Do not be a witness against you neighbor without cause, for would you deceive with your lips?"

❖ 2A. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRESPASS OFFERING

- 1B. The SIN must be confessed - 5:5 (Whose sake is confession primarily for? Ours or God's?)
Lev 5:5 "And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these matters, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing; he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing" cf. Joshua 7:19; Psalm 32:5; 51:3; 1 John 1:9
- 2B. The SACRIFICE of an animal must be offered
 - 1C. A female lamb or goat - 5:6
 - 2C. Two turtledoves or two young pigeons - 5:7
 - 3C. Meal offering - 5:11-13 (no oil or frankincense)
 - 4C. A ram without blemish - 5:15, 17; 6:6
- 3B. The SETTLING of accounts must be made - 5:16; 6:4-5
 - 1C. Any Harm to the holy things of God must be restored with interest -5:16
Lev 5:16: " And he shall make restitution for the harm that he has done in regard to the holy thing, and shall add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. So the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.
"he shall make restitution for the harm that he has done...to the holy thing and shall add one fifth to it"
 - 2C. Any Hurt to another person must be restored - 6:4-5
Lev 6:4-5: then it shall be, because he has sinned and is guilty, that he shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.
"He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, and give it to whomever it belongs" Is there anything in your life that you have not yet restored or made restitution for?

❖ 3A. THE RESULTS WE CAN EXPECT BY OFFERING A TRESPASS OFFERING

- 1B. Our sin will be FORGOTTEN!
5:6 - "the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin"
(a covering) - it won't be seen or remembered any more!
5: 10 - "the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has committed"
5:18 - "the priest shall make atonement for him regarding his ignorance in which he erred and did not know it"
6:7 - "So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD"
- 2B. Our sin will be FORGIVEN
5:10 "it shall be forgiven him" 5:13 - "and it shall be forgiven him"
5:16 - "and it shall be forgiven him" 5:18- "and it shall be forgiven him"
6:7 - "and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses."
Psalm 32:1 - "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered"
Psalm 32:5 - "And You forgave the iniquity of my sin"
Psalm 86:5 - "For You, Lord, are good, and ready to forgive; and abundant in mercy to all those who call upon You."
Psalm 103:3 - " Who forgives all your iniquities"
Psalm 130:3-4 - "If You, LORD, should mark iniquities O LORD, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with You"