# LEVITICUS 1-5

Please turn in your Bibles this evening to Leviticus chapter 1 as we continue our study through the Word of God.

I do realize that this is a difficult book for some of you; probably most of you and maybe you have never read it before.

But let me say this, as difficult as it may be to read, it is not really one of those devotional books of the Bible, it is so important for us to understand it. And folks, the Holy Spirit did not put this in the Bible as a filler!

And I do understand the concerns some may have regarding this book. One writer put it like this. He wrote,

Leviticus used to be the first book that Jewish children studied in the synagogue. In the modern Church it tends to be the last part of the Bible anyone looks at seriously. . . . In practice then, though not in theory, Leviticus is treated as though it does not really belong to the canon of Scripture.

A certain lady, on being asked if she had ever read the Bible right through, replied: "I have never read it through, though I have read much of it consecutively. Three times I have started to read it through, but each time I have broken down in Leviticus. I have enjoyed Genesis and Exodus, but Leviticus has seemed such dull reading that I have become discouraged and have given up." I believe that these comments aptly describe the attitude of 20th century Christians toward the Book of Leviticus. I was attending a banquet the other night and was seated next to a Christian woman whose child attends the same school as our children. She commenced our conversation by politely asking what I did for a living. I responded that I was a preacher.

As the conversation developed, I told this woman that I would soon be beginning to teach in the Book of Leviticus. That brought an immediate response. She told me that she had been involved in Bible Study Fellowship and that she had been assigned to study and to teach the Book of Leviticus.

She went on to say that she went off by herself and sat down to read the book for two hours, after which time she was convinced she could come up with nothing whatever to say on this text.

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Obviously that is not true as Andrew Bonar reminds us, "There is no book in the whole compass of that inspired Volume which the Holy Ghost has given us, that contains more of the very words of God than Leviticus. It is God that is the direct speaker on almost every page; His gracious words are recorded in the form wherein they were uttered. This consideration cannot fail to send us to the study of it with singular interest and attention."

Not only that but as I have quoted, the book of Leviticus is the first book studied by a Jewish child, and yet for the Christian it is the last if it is read at all.

I wonder how many churches have taught on the book of Leviticus verse-by-verse? I would have to guess that very few and that is not right.

Do you know what the theme of the book of Leviticus is?

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#### It is - HOLINESS!

The point being is that the children of Israel were to walk in holiness before the Lord, as He is a holy God!

In fact, the word "<u>holy</u>" is used some 95 times in this book and the word "<u>atonement</u>" is used some 51 times.

I know, this is the Old Testament, and we are living in the New Testament with grace and mercy!

But here's the thing. Do you really think that in the Old Testament they did not see the grace and mercy of God?

Of course they did and if you look at the New Testament, listen to what Peter tells us regarding walking in holiness. We are told in I Peter 1:13-16, "<u>Therefore gird up the loins of</u> <u>your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at</u> <u>the revelation of Jesus Christ; as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the</u> <u>former lusts, as in your ignorance; but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all</u> <u>your conduct, because it is written, 'Be holy, for I am holy.</u>"

Okay, that may be true, but the book of Leviticus is a bloody book. All the sacrifices that were made, the shed blood of the innocent animal for guilty man!

Isn't that what the New Testament is all about?

Of course it is! It is all about the blood! It is all about the shed blood of Christ on the cross of Calvary to make atonement for our sins so that we can fellowship with God. And the reason that is so important is that sin has separated man from God!

William MacDonald wrote the following regarding this issue of holiness,

J. N. Darby once warned of the dire results if believers grow bored with holiness. Holiness is the main theme of Leviticus, and this book certainly is the hardest one for many Christians to read.

Of course, if the instructions are merely taken as details and laws to maintain holiness in everyday life and separation from pagan peoples, the blessing will be limited.

Once you see, however, that every detail of the sacrifices pictures the perfection of Christ's person and work, there is much to meditate upon.

Further blessing comes from correlating Leviticus with its NT counterpart, The Epistle to the Hebrews."

- William MacDonald, Believer's Bible Commentary, p. 135

So as we go through this book I hope you keep this in mind, the holiness of God and what He desires of us, to walk in holiness, not for salvation but for fellowship!

The Hebrew Bible calls this book from the first word in Leviticus 1:1, and in Hebrew it is *WAYIQR* or in our Bibles, "<u>And He called.</u>" Or "<u>Now the LORD called.</u>"

We get the name, *"Leviticus"* from the Septuagint writers who called it *LEUITIKON* in the Greek or Leviticus because it pertains to the priestly ceremonies and instructions.

Also, the liberal theologians doubt that Moses wrote this book, they even give a later date to this book, but in Matthew 8:4 we are told, "<u>And Jesus said to him, 'See that you tell no one;</u> <u>but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a</u> <u>testimony to them.</u>" Jesus is getting this from Leviticus 14:1-32 and you can also see this again in Mark 1:44. So if Jesus said that this was written by Moses, I will go with that rather than the ideas of men!

With that as our background, let's begin reading in Leviticus chapter 1, starting in verse 1 and see what the Lord has for us this evening as we study His Word!

# LEVITICUS 1

#### VERSES 1-2

Leviticus picks up where the book of Exodus left off, with the establishment of the Tabernacle and the Law of God. We are one year out from the Exodus in Egypt and the Lord is going to instruct Moses on the sacrifices that were to be made.

Now we read here of the "<u>tabernacle of meeting</u>" and in Exodus 33 we are told, "<u>Moses</u> <u>took his tent and pitched it outside the camp, far from the camp, and called it the</u> <u>tabernacle of meeting. And it came to pass that everyone who sought the Lord went out to</u> <u>the tabernacle of meeting which was outside the camp....And it came to pass, when Moses</u> <u>entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the</u> <u>tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses.</u>" Exodus 33:7, 9.

Keep in mind that this was before the Tabernacle was constructed. Now that it has been built, this "<u>tabernacle of meeting</u>" was this worship structure called the Tabernacle. No longer was there a need for a temporary tent and with the establishment of the sacrifices for their sin, they could meet with God, no longer was this "<u>tabernacle of meeting</u>" outside the camp!

#### VERSES 3-9

The first offering is called the *BURNT OFFERING* and it speaks of *CONSECRATION* or *DEDICATION* before the Lord.

Just as the sacrifice was totally consumed in the fire before the Lord and it was well pleasing to Him, our lives need to be laid upon the altar of sacrifice, totally given over to Him and as we do, it too is well pleasing to Him.

Paul put it like this in Romans 12:1-2, "<u>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the</u> <u>mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God,</u> <u>which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be</u> <u>transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and</u> <u>acceptable and perfect will of God.</u>"

And keep in mind that this was a free will offering. They were not forced to do this just as we are not forced to consecrate our lives before the Lord. We do it willingly, out of love for Him and God will accept it then and only then, as it is done with a right heart, right motives!

We also see here in Leviticus 1:4 the word "<u>atonement</u>" used or the Hebrew word, *KOPHAR*, and it is used some 50 times in Leviticus as I have already said, and maybe another 50 times in the rest of the Old Testament!

Now, the idea behind this word is to cover the person's sin by the shed blood of the innocent animal that was without spot or blemish.

Now some people and some commentators feel that this word means, *"to take away,"* but I disagree.

First of all, in Genesis 6:14 we are told, "<u>Make yourself an ark of gopherwood; make</u> rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and outside with pitch." The Lord told Noah to "cover" the ark and He uses the word *KOPHAR*.

Thus, God is not instructing Noah to take it away but to cover the ark with pitch.

Also, in Hebrews 9:11-14 Paul tells us, "<u>But Christ came as High Priest of the good</u> <u>things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is,</u> <u>not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He</u> <u>entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the</u> <u>blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the</u> <u>purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal</u> <u>Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to</u> <u>serve the living God?</u>"

In the Old Testament sin was only covered up until Jesus came and took our sins away, casting them as far as the east is from the west, to be remembered no more!

In the New Testament it is the Greek word *KATALLAGE* that is used for "<u>atonement</u>" or "<u>reconciliation</u>."

We see Paul speak of this in Romans 5:11 where he tells us, "<u>And not only that, but we</u> <u>also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received</u> <u>the reconciliation.</u>"

The word "reconciliation" is KATALLAGE or it means to reconcile!

We see the same thing in II Corinthians 5:18-19, "<u>Now all things are of God, who has</u> <u>reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of</u> <u>reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not</u> <u>imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation.</u>" You see, our sins are no longer covered up by the various animal sacrifices; they are totally taken away in Christ! There is no further need of sacrifices because Jesus completed the

# work – IT IS FINISHED!

Also, the one who brought the *burnt offering* and laid his hands on the head of this bull was the one who actually killed the animal.

The idea is this. Someone else can't consecrate their life for you, you must do it freely!

We also see here a picture of Christ who freely gave His life for us, dedicated Himself to the work of the Father.

When Mary and Joseph lost Jesus in Jerusalem, they finally caught up with Him in the Temple, and we are told in Luke 2:49, "<u>And He said to them, 'Why did you seek Me? Did you</u> not know that I must be about My Father's business?""

Also, in John 6:38 Jesus said, "<u>For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own</u> will, but the will of Him who sent Me."

And at the end of the ministry of Jesus He said in John 17:4-5, "<u>I have glorified You on</u> <u>the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father,</u> <u>glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world</u> <u>was.</u>"

That is what the Lord desires in us. Lives that are totally consecrated to Him as this burnt offering pictured for us!

Have you consecrated your life to Him?

#### **VERSES 10-13**

If you could not afford a bull, then you could offer a sheep or goat to the Lord as a burnt offering. The idea here is that it was a matter of the heart, and you gave as you could to the Lord, none were left out!

# VERSES 14-17

If you could not afford to give from your livestock or herd, then you can offer a bird, turtledoves or a young pigeon.

Again, if the sacrifice was made with the right heart before God, it would be accepted no matter if you offered a bull, a sheep, a goat or a bird!

But if it was with the wrong heart, then no sacrifice would be accepted by the Lord.

Now, in saying that, it would also be wrong to give less than you could afford as an

offering. Think about it. When God became flesh and dwelt among us to offer a payment for sin,

He gave that which was most costly - HIMSELF!

As you place your life on the altar of sacrifice, are you giving your all to the Lord?

# THE BURNT OFFERING OR THE OFFERING OF CONSECRATION -

**DEDICATION!** 

#### LEVITICUS 2

#### VERSES1-3

The second offering is called the *MEAL OFFERING* or the *GRAIN OFFERING* and it speaks of the *CONSECRATION OF SERVICE* and part of this offering was given to the Lord and part of it was given to the priests.

I think G. Campbell Morgan is correct when he speaks of this as our service to God. He wrote, *"This meal offering was the work of men's hands, of the fruits of the ground, the result of cultivation, manufacture, and preparation; and it was the symbol of service offered."* 

And the idea here is that we are giving back to the Lord out of gratitude, being thankful to Him for what He has given to us, and God has a high regard to our thankfulness as it was called one of the most holy of the offerings!

#### <u>VERSES 4-10</u>

This grain offering could be baked in the oven or baked in a pan or even baked in a covered pan but keep in mind God is instructing them how to do it. They could not bring the grain offering any way that they wanted just as we can't serve the Lord any way we want. We must follow His will in our service to Him!

Not only that, but there was to be no leaven in this offering as leaven is a type of sin and thus, God did not want His service to be corrupted by sin, by leaven.

Morgan put it like this, "These then are the corrupting influences which are not to be mixed with our service. In all the work we do for God, there is to be an absence of hypocrisy, of materialism, of the spirit which is contrary to love and truth." VERSE 11

As I have said, in this offering no leaven is used because leaven is a type of sin in the Scriptures.

You see, leaven works by the organisms in the yeast releasing carbon dioxide and a little leaven can infect the whole lump!

The same is true with sin; just a little sin will infect our whole life!

Paul said in I Corinthians 5:6-8, "<u>Your glorying is not good. *Do you not know that a* <u>little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a</u> <u>new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed</u> <u>for us. Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and</u> <u>wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.</u>"</u>

Thus, don't let sin infect your service for the Lord, for it will make your service sour!

Also, honey was not to be placed in this offering because honey is a sweetener and God does not want us to artificially sweeten our service for Him, He will take care of that Himself!

#### VERSE12

The offering of *FIRSTFRUITS* were not offered like the grain offerings.

We see here that this offering of Firstfruits will be covered in the last few verses of this chapter and again, they are different than the grain offerings. (Leviticus 2:14-16)

## VERSE 13

Why did God say that salt was needed for this offering?

Because salt speaks of purity by preserving food. And thus, our service should be pure before the Lord and it should help preserve goodness, stop the decay of this world.

# VERSES 14-16

The Firstfruits of the harvest belonged to the Lord and yet, they may have been inclined to keep them for themselves.

Think about it. What if the rest of the harvest failed, they would have nothing!

Here's the thing. If God required this of them, then He would honor His promise and He would provide for them if they gave to Him their Firstfruits.

Solomon reminds us in Proverbs 3:9-10, "Honor the Lord with your possessions, And

# with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine."

God will bless as we freely give to Him, may we not forget that!

We see that oil is to be placed on it, why?

Oil is also important because it speaks of the Holy Spirit. You see, apart from the Holy Spirit empowering us for service, our efforts are futile; they will never achieve what God intended!

Thus, are you willing to give your life in the service of the Lord?

The *MEAL OFFERING* or the *GRAIN OFFERING* - *CONSECRATION OF SERVICE*!

#### **LEVITICUS 3**

#### VERSES 1-5

The third offering is called the *PEACE OFFERING* or the *FELLOWSHIP OFFERING*, and it was not instituted to *make* peace with God because that is found in the sin offering found in Leviticus chapter 4.

This peace offering was established so we can *enjoy* peace with God and that is the reason Jesus came, to restore that fellowship that was broken with God as sin entered the world through Adam in the Garden of Eden.

But this fellowship or peace offering is spoken of in Leviticus chapter 7 with a few more details.

First, a peace offering could be given as a freewill offering, meaning that the worshiper was giving the peace offering as a way to say thank you for God's unsought generosity. It was basically just a way to praise God for His goodness.

The second way a peace offering could be given was alongside a fulfilled vow. A good example of this was when Hannah fulfilled her vow to God by bringing Samuel to the Temple; on that occasion she also brought a peace offering to express the peace in her heart toward God concerning her sacrifice - it was a way to say, *"I have no resentment; I am holding nothing back in the payment of my vow."* 

The third purpose of a peace offering was to give thanksgiving for God's deliverance in an hour of dire need. None of these three reasons to sacrifice had anything to do with propitiation, with appeasing God, or with pacifying Him. (Taken from https://bit.ly/3LOHU23) Now the sin offering is different in that it deals with sin and Isaiah makes that very clear, what separates us from God. In Isaiah 59:1-4 we are told, "<u>Behold, the Lord's hand is not</u> <u>shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But vour iniquities have separated vou from vour God; And vour sins have hidden His face from vou, So that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, And your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, Your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, Nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; They conceive evil and bring forth iniquity."</u>

So now there is this gulf between man and God. Sin has destroyed that bridge you might say, and we can't fix it. Our sins have separated us from God! That is the bad news.

The good news is that Jesus came as the Mediator between God and man or that bridgebuilder so that we can have a relationship with God the Father!

Peter put it like this in I Peter 3:18 in what our Lord has done for us. He wrote, "For

# <u>Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God,</u> being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit."

You see, He came to bring us to the Father because our sins have separated us from God. And it is as Paul said in Ephesians 2:14, **"For He Himself is our peace, who has made** 

# both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation."

He truly is our peace!

Now, in this peace offering we see that part was given to the Lord and then there is no mention of what happens with the meat portions of this animal.

That is because the meat portion was to be given to the priest and some to the one who brought the sacrifice as they fellowshipped together with God in partaking of this meal. Thus, this was a peace offering or a fellowship offering as you sat down with the Lord and ate with Him in a sense! It spoke of fellowship!

Yes, peace with God is made through the sacrifice of Jesus and because of what He has done we can have this fellowship with God!

Paul put it like this in Romans 5:1, "<u>Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have</u> peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."

#### <u>VERSES 6-11</u>

If you could not afford a male or female bull, then you could offer a sheep instead. God did not want people left out of fellowship with Him!

And once again the blood and fat were given to the Lord while the meat portion was given to the priest and the one who brought the sacrifice.

One writer put it like this. *"The worshiper in this sense shared a meal with the Lord, which means that he had fellowship with him."* (Rooker)

#### <u>VERSES 12-16</u>

Again, if you could not afford a sheep, then you could offer a goat!

#### VERSE 17

In other words, the fat and the blood belong to the Lord.

Now, what does that mean to me today?

I believe we can enjoy peace with God by giving to Him our best or the fat you might

say.

We can also enjoy peace with God by giving to him our lives or the blood you might say. Are you enjoying peace with God?

#### The PEACE OFFERING – FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD!

These first three sacrifices were sweet smelling sacrifices before the Lord, and they were not mandatory or required but they were free will offerings or as the person purposed in his heart to give to the Lord.

But don't miss out on what is being taught.

You don't have to consecrate your life to the Lord, you don't have to dedicate your service to the Lord, you don't have to have fellowship with Him, but if you don't, you do miss out on the blessings!

As we move into chapters 4 and 5 of Leviticus, we will see the sin offering and the trespass offering, and these are mandatory offerings, and they are not sweet smelling before the Lord!

# **LEVITICUS 4**

#### VERSES 1-2

The fourth offering was the *SIN OFFERING* and it is a picture of Christ shedding His blood for us, the perfect sacrifice!

In these verses we see that they are speaking of unintentional sins and the idea is not that you don't know you committed them, but it speaks of sins of human frailty compared to those that are done in outright rebellion. Remember, the word "<u>sin</u>" carries with it the idea of missing the mark and that mark is perfection.

Thus, you can try to do good, the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak you might say, and you sin.

If you committed that sin, then an offering was needed to atone and if you think about it, there are not enough animals to cover all of our sins.

And these offerings could never take away your sins, but only covered them until you sinned again, which probably did not take that long.

You see, it is impossible to be without sin, that is the idea and you may not think that is fair, but the Law was established not to save you but to point you to the Savior, Jesus!

You see, there is the perfect sacrifice, Jesus Christ who came and took away our sins by nailing them to the cross of Calvary, paying our debt of sin as He became sin for us so that we can become the righteousness of God in Him!

And this was not a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God for sin is not nor is it ever sweet before the Lord!

#### VERSES 3-12

For a priest who sinned, he needed to offer a bull before the Lord.

The fatty portions of this animal were given to the Lord and the rest was to be taken outside the camp and burned.

Why is that?

First of all, Jesus was crucified on Calvary, which was outside the city of Jerusalem and secondly, this sacrifice was not to be given to God so you can have a steak dinner or a leather jacket made out of it!

All the selfish motives needed to be removed.

Thus, the good meat and leather as well as the worthless portions were burned outside the camp!

We also see that the blood was to be sprinkled seven times in front of the veil that separated the Holy Place from the Holy of Holies. You see, without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin and to come before a holy God, the blood needed to be shed!

Also, the blood was to be placed on the Altar of Incense that was a picture of our prayers ascending before the Lord. The idea here is that unless the blood has been applied, our prayers will not ascend before the Lord, they will not be heard, or more accurately, answered.

And lastly, the blood was to be placed on the Brazen Altar because that was the place for atonement!

One more point here. What is interesting is that as you look at the sacrifices for unintentional sins for others, the blood of the sacrifice for the priest was brought into the Tabernacle itself for application to various places in the Tabernacle.

What that tells me is that the sins of the priest were regarded as more serious.

We do see this in the New Testament where those that are teaching the Word of God are more accountable before God as they are representing Him as they teach!

We see this in James 3:1, "<u>My brethren, let not many of you become teachers,</u> knowing that we shall receive a stricter judgment." If you are teaching the Word of God, you must do it accurately. Teachers are not going to be perfect, but we are not to teach contrary to God's Word!

#### VERSES 13-21

If the nation of Israel sins unintentionally they too would offer a bull as the priest were to do. But this time seven elders representing the nation of Israel would lay their hands on this sacrifice, on this animal and as they did, the sins of the nation were placed on this animal and the sacrifice was made.

#### <u>VERSES 22-26</u>

If a ruler of the nation sinned, he was to bring a male goat and the blood of this animal was to be placed on the Brazen Altar. Also, according to Leviticus 6:24-30, the rest of the animal that was sacrificed was available for the priest to eat while the fat was given to the Lord.

#### <u>VERSES 27-35</u>

Now, lastly, if a common person sinned, they were to bring a female goat to the Lord, or a lamb and it would seem once again that the priest would partake of this meat while the fat was given to the Lord.

#### THE SIN OFFERING – COVERING FOR OUR SIN!

#### LEVITICUS 5

#### VERSE 1

In this section we are dealing with the *TRESPASS OFFERING* or things that a person has done to another.

The idea here in this verse is that you are not telling the truth even though you have sworn to tell the truth.

It is like our court system as you are sworn in and you say, "*I swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help me God*?" Not sure if people have to say that in court anymore, but they did in the past!

In other words, we are to be honest when we speak, and we are also to tell the truth in our witnessing of Jesus!

### VERSES 2-3

This is speaking of being ceremonially unclean as you touched the carcass of a dead animal or person and the remedy for this was the trespass offering.

### VERSE 4

If we make a promise to someone to do something for them, we are to keep it, we are to do it. We are not to make excuses for not doing it, a promise is a promise before God!

For Israel, a trespass offering was to be made and for us, repenting and yes, we are covered by the blood of Jesus, but don't use that as your excuse. Fulfill the promise that you made!

## VERSES 5-13

You are guilty the moment you sin, but you don't know you need to get right until you realize that you have sinned.

And let's face it, the moment we sin we know we have sinned, and we need to deal with it.

I like what David said in Psalm 119:9-11, "<u>How can a young man cleanse his way? By</u> <u>taking heed according to Your word. With my whole heart I have sought You; Oh, let me</u> <u>not wander from Your commandments! Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I</u> <u>might not sin against You.</u>"

God's Word that is opened up to us by His Spirit shows us our sin! And this cleansing was available to all, the rich and the poor! You could offer a sheep, or a goat, or two birds or even fine flour. But the key was not only this ritual for apart from the confession of sin, apart from repentance, the ritual is meaningless, it will do nothing for you!

# VERSES 14-16

Here we see some kind of desecration of the holy things of God, the things of the Tabernacle and not just a trespass offering was needed here, but they needed to make restitution for what they did plus 20 percent!

#### **VERSES 17-19**

If you did desecrate the holy things of God and yet you had an excuse, "*I didn't know they were the holy things of God*" that was not an acceptable excuse before the Lord. You still had to make a sacrifice to atone for your sin. Ignorance is never an excuse!

Now we have covered only 5 chapters of Leviticus so far and we have 22 more chapters to go!

Why anyone would want to go back to the Law of God and follow it for their salvation is crazy. We are saved by the blood of Christ sacrificed for us and the work was completed, once and for all!

Let me close with this.

God has made a way for the rich and the poor, the King and the common person to come to Him.

You see, every human being has access to God and that way is open for all to enter but it is only through Jesus Christ!

Paul said in Romans 10:13, "<u>For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be</u> saved."

And Peter tells us in Acts 4:12, "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no

# other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

And we are told in John 14:6 where Jesus said, "... 'I am the way, the truth, and the

# life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.""

God has provided a way for every person to come to Him and that is through His Son Jesus Christ. It is as Jesus said in Revelation 3:20, "<u>Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If</u> <u>anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he</u> <u>with Me.</u>"

Won't you open up your heart and let Him in?

You see, do you want to try and come with all those sacrifices every time you sin?

And I will let you in on a little secret! YOU WON'T MAKE IT ON YOUR OWN!

How much better it is to come to the Lamb of God who has taken away the sins of the

world, JESUS CHRIST!