



Equipping People for Life

The Trespass Offering

(The Sacrifices of Leviticus – Lev. 5:1 – 6:7)

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Next week: Easter Weekend.

April 2, Room 1C – Leviticus 8-9: “Christ in You, The Priesthood of the Believer.”

Leviticus 5:1 – 6:7 (NKJV)

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¹ ‘If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and *is a witness*, whether he has seen or known *of the matter*—if he does not tell it, he bears guilt.

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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. ³ Or if he had 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.

⁴ ‘Or if a person swears, 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*.

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*; ⁶ and he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD for his sin which he has committed, **a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin offering**. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin.

⁷ ‘**If he is not able to bring a lamb**, then he shall bring to the LORD, for his trespass which he has committed, **two turtledoves or two young pigeons**: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering. ⁸ And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer *that which is* for the sin offering first, and wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide *it* completely. ⁹ Then he shall sprinkle *some* of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of the altar. It *is* a sin offering. ¹⁰ And he shall offer the second as a burnt offering according to the prescribed manner. So the priest shall make atonement on his behalf for his sin which he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

¹¹ ‘**But if he is not able to bring two turtledoves or two**

young pigeons, then he who sinned shall bring for his offering one-tenth of an ephah of fine **flour as a sin offering**. He shall put no oil on it, nor shall he put frankincense on it, for it *is* a sin offering.¹² Then he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as a memorial portion, and burn *it* on the altar according to the offerings made by fire to the LORD. It *is* a sin offering.¹³ The priest shall make atonement for him, for his sin that he has committed in any of these matters; and it shall be forgiven him. *The rest shall be the priest's as a grain offering.'*"

Offerings with Restitution

¹⁴ Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:¹⁵ "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.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.

¹⁷ "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.¹⁸ 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.¹⁹ It is a trespass offering; he has certainly trespassed against the LORD."

6:1 And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:² "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,³ 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:⁴ 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,⁵ 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.⁶ And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering, to the priest.⁷ So the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses."

“Unintentional” (Leviticus 5:15 & 18) – שָׁגַגָּה, *shâgagah*, sheg·aw·gaw.

Leviticus 4:2-3 (NKJV) – ² “Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘If a person sins **unintentionally** against any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which ought not to be done, and does any of them,³ if the anointed priest sins....

Leviticus 4:13 (NKJV) – ‘Now if the whole congregation of Israel sins **unintentionally**, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which should not be done, and are guilty....

Leviticus 4:22 (NKJV) – ‘When a ruler has sinned, and done *something unintentionally against* any of the commandments....

Leviticus 4:27 (NKJV) – ‘If anyone of the common people sins **unintentionally** by *doing something against* any of the commandments....

- Leviticus 5:4 – “**thoughtlessly**”; a different word (**יבטא**) = to speak rashly.
- Leviticus 5:2, 3 & 4 – “**unaware**”; a different word – **עלם** = hidden or concealed.

I. What did the person realize about trespasses in Leviticus (Lev. 5:19-6:2)?

- 2 Samuel 12:11-15
- Psalm 51:1-4 (NKJV) – (Psalm 51 has 19 verses in the English Bible. It has 21 verses in the Hebrew Bible.)
 (Hebrew Bible verse 1 follows) **To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David**
 (Hebrew Bible verse 2 follows) **When Nathan the Prophet Went to Him, After He Had Gone in to Bathsheba.**

The following verse is verse 3 in the Hebrew Bible but verse 1 in the English Bible.

¹ Have mercy upon me, O God,
 According to Your lovingkindness;
 According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
 Blot out my transgressions.

² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
 And cleanse me from my sin.

³ **For I acknowledge my transgressions,**
And my sin is always before me.

⁴ **Against You, You only, have I sinned,**
And done this evil in Your sight—

- Matthew 6:12-15 (NKJV) –

12 And forgive us our debts,
As we also have forgiven our debtors;
13 And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
14 For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father also will forgive you; 15 but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

II. What sins are “trespasses”? (Lev. 5:1-4)

A. Sinful words.

- 1) The sin of wrong words. (Lev. 5:4)
- 2) The sin of no words. (Lev. 5:1)

Matthew 12:36-37 (NKJV) – 36 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. 37 For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

B. Sins of isolation. (Lev. 5:2-3)

Hebrew 10:24-25 (NKJV) – 24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

III. Distinguish the trespass offering from the sin offering.

- A. **Make it right with God’s house.** (Lev. 5:16)
- B. **Make it right with God’s people.** (Lev. 6:1-7)
- C. **What about confession?** (Lev. 5:5)

James 5:16 (NKJV) – 16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.