

Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People
The Sin Offering
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The Sin Offering Summarized:

God will restore the sinner who appeals to Him for forgiveness on the basis of the purifying blood of the Sin Offering (Lev 4:1-5:13)

The Sin Offering is made:

- in response to sin
(Lev 4:2, 13, 22, 27, 5:1,5; Rom 3:21-26)
 - Sin results in defilement that requires cleansing
- on behalf of a variety of people
(Lev 4:3, 13, 22, 27, 5:5-13)
 - No one is immune, no one is left out, all need cleansing
- for a wide range of sins (Lev 4:2, 13, 22, 27, 5:1-4)
 - All sin, known and unknown, must be forgiven
- for cleansing and forgiveness (Lev 4:20,26, 31, 35)
 - The sin offering brings atonement for forgiveness of sin

Lessons from the sin offering....

- Sin is serious and it is costly
- The blood of an innocent victim in the place of the guilty one was required for forgiveness.
- Our inner man is made acceptable to God through the sin offering but our bodies still await the resurrection
- Forgiveness and purification is available to all people
- We are each responsible to respond to God's grace.

Jesus and the Sin Offering....

- Through the death of Jesus Christ, God has provided a substitutionary sacrifice for the forgiveness of sins (Rom 3:21-26; 8:3; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Pet 1:2)
- The blood of Jesus has a continual cleansing in our lives just as the repeated sin offering has in Israel's life (1 Jn 1:7-9; 2:1; Isa 53:12)
- Because of the purifying work of Christ's blood in the heavenly sanctuary, we now have access into the very presence of God (Heb 9:22-24; 10:22)
- Jesus Christ is both our High Priest and our sacrifice who gives us forever access to God (Heb 7:26)
- Jesus bore our sins in His body outside Jerusalem taking our place of rejection and scorn before the world.

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