SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 5:1-6:7; Luke 19:1-10

SERMON: <u>True Penance</u> 16 December 2007

I. ATONEMENT FOR FORGIVENESS (Lev.5:16,etc.; see chps.4,5; Eph.1:7; Col.1:14,20-22; Heb.9:12)

- **A. OFFERINGS** *IN* **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD** *AND MAN* ("soothing"; burnt, grain, <u>peace</u>; Lev.1-3; see *sits*, *intercession*, Heb.7:25; 9:24; 1Cor.10:16; *and man*, see Lev.7:11f)
- **B. OFFERINGS** *INTO* **FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD** <u>AND MAN</u> ("atoning"; sin, <u>guilt</u>; Lev.4,5; see *entered*, *inauguration*; see Heb.10:20; 1Cor.12;13)

II. THE GUILT OFFERING (Lev.5:14-6:7; M.T.=5:14-26)

- **A. SPECIAL CASE OF THE SIN OFFERING** (7:7,1f with 4:1f; see *transition, overlap* in 5:6ff; note: aspects of one sacrifice; Heb.9:1f)
 - 1. sin: lawlessness (5:17; see 4:2,13,22,27; see 1Jn.3:4; Ex.20:1f)
 - 2. hands, blood, fat, altars (7:1f; see 4:1f)
 - 3. atonement for forgiveness (7:7; see 4:20,26,31,35; 10,13,16,19; 6:7; contrast chps.1-3)
 - 4. unintentional (5:15,17,18; (6:7); see 4:2f; Num.15:22f)
 - 5. guilt: real liability for sin (5:17,19; 6:4,7; see Rom.6:23)
 - 6. offering: draw near (not c.5:14f; see 4:28,etc.)
 - 7. without defect: perfect (5:15,18; 6:6)

B. DISTINCTIVE FEATURES OF THE GUILT OFFERING

- 1. guilt: liability for *lost value* (5:15,18; 6:6)
- 2. unintentional: lost value restored (5:16; 6:4,5; see Num.5:5-10)
 - a. return (6:4; Num.5:7)
 - b. make whole (5:16; 6:5)
 - c. damages, penalties (5:16; 6:5; Num.5:7; see Ex.21:19,23f,34; 22:1f; Lk.19:8-10)
 - d. on the day, then (6:5; see Mt.5:23; see Eph.2:13f,16f; see 1Jn.4:20)

C. CASES OF RESTITUTION

Summary: The Lord's Commandments (5:17; see 4:2,13,22,27; see 1Jn.3:4; Ex.20:1f)

- 1. The Lord's *Person* (5:14-16; 22:14-16(1Cor.11:27); see Mt.22:37)
- 2. The Lord's *People* (6:2a,b; Num.5:5f,7; see Ex.21,22; Lk.19:1f; see Mt.22:39)

III. CHRIST OUR GUILT OFFERING (see 2Cor.5:7,21)

- A. CHRIST OUR RESTITUTION (Is.53:10,11)
- **B. HE MAKES GOD WHOLE FOR US** (Lev.5:15f; see Jn.8:49; Mt.26:39; 1Cor.15:23f; Rom.3:26; Phil.2:11)
- C. HE MAKES MAN WHOLE FOR US (Lev.6:1f; see Lk.22:51)

IV. TRUE PENANCE: CHRIST MAKES GOD & MAN WHOLE THROUGH US

- A. PENANCE: UNRELATED TO SIN AND IRRELEVANT TO ATONEMENT
- B. FRUIT OF REPENTANCE; ASSURANCE OF SALVATION (Mt.3:8; Eph.4:28; Lk.19:8-10)
- C. GUILT FREE LIVING! (Lev.5:14f; see Rom.13:7f; see Eccl.5:4f)
 - 1. in Christ, make *God's honor* whole (Lev.5:14f; 22:14-16; 2Chr.36:21(Lev.26:28,34,43); see Heb.10:22f,25f; 1Cor.11:27; see Mt.22:37)
 - 2. in Christ, make *man's good* whole (Lev.6:1f; Num.5:5f; Ex.21,22; Lk.19:8-10; see Mt.22:39)
- **D. THE LORD'S SUPPER AS OUR GUILT OFFERING** (2Cor.5:7,21; see Mt.5:23f(Lev.6:5; Eph.2:11f; 1Jn.4:20); see 1Cor.11:27; 10:16,17)