

Leviticus 4:1–35
The Sin Offering: Keeping God's House Pure
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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children's Overview

- A. Think of the Worst Smell You Have Ever Smelled
- B. God Taught Israel... (by the Sin Offering)
 - 1. Their everyday normal sins made his special tent smell worse than that!
 - 2. God *has* made a way to clean his house
- C. In the NT...We are God's House!

II. Understanding the Sin Offering

- A. "Unintentional" Sins
 - 1. Sinning with a "High Hand"

Numbers 15:30

³⁰ But the person who does anything with a *high hand*, whether he is native or a sojourner, reviles the Lord, and that person shall be *cut off* from among his people.

- 2. Why deal with these sins?
 - a. Even these deserved death (Atonement/Forgiveness)
 - b. Daily lessons
- B. Sin Defiles God's House
 - 1. The Greater the Position the More Costly the Offering
 - 2. The High Priest & the Congregation
 - 3. What would be the consequences of an unpurified house?

Isaiah 63:10

¹⁰ But they rebelled and *grieved his Holy Spirit*; **therefore** he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

- C. Three general lessons from the Purification Offering:
1. Even Israel's unintentional sins were a defiling offence against God (A stench to God)
 2. God expects Israel to deal with their sins using *the way* he provided them (Come with faith)
 3. Israel was being taught to love God's holiness, to despise their sins and to trust in God's mercy.

III. Jesus is Our Sin/Purification Offering

A. The Blood of Jesus Purifies Us!

Hebrews 9:22–24

²² Indeed, under the law *almost everything is purified with blood*, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. ²³ Thus it was necessary for *the copies of the heavenly things* to be purified with these rites, *but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.* ²⁴ **For Christ has entered**, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but **into heaven itself**, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

- B. God Wants Us to Learn to Love His Holiness and to Hate Our sin
1. Even our *unintentional* or *everyday* type of sins are a defiling offence against God (a stench to God)
 2. God expects us *to deal with our sins* using the *way* he provided us

Ephesians 4:29–5:21

²⁹ Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom**

you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice.

³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, *as God in Christ forgave you.*

¹ Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. ² And walk in love, *as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* ³ But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as

is proper among saints. ⁴ Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving. ⁵ For you may

be sure of this, that everyone who is sexually immoral or impure, or who is covetous (that is, an idolater), has no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.

... ¹⁰ *and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.*

... ¹⁵ *Look carefully then how you walk,* not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but *understand what the will of the Lord is.* ¹⁸

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but ***be filled with the Spirit,*** ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ. ...

C. Conclusion

Key Idea

Applying the power of the Gospel to our daily, common sins teaches us the beauty of God's holiness, the wretchedness of our own wicked hearts and the all surpassing power of God's salvation through Jesus our Lord!

1. Pray (Psalm 139:23–24)
2. Pay attention to the details of your daily attitudes and actions
3. Agree with God (Confession; 1 John 1:9)
4. Rest in the cleansing blood of Jesus
5. Rejoice!/Worship!

D. What about Willful, Premeditated Sins?

Psalm 51:1–17

¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ² Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴ ***Against you, you only***, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. ⁵ Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. ⁶ Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸ Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. ¹¹ Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. ¹² Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. ... ¹⁶ For you will not delight in ***sacrifice***, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a ***burnt offering***. ¹⁷ **The sacrifices of God** are *a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart*, O God, you will not despise.