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Leviticus – part 1

The book of Leviticus pertains to the tribe of Levite. They were a holy tribe consecrated and set apart to the Lord for the work of the ministry. Their work was for the taking care of the tabernacle and the temple. The main theme of the book is holiness. (Lev. 11:44)

Leviticus 1-7: 5 major offerings of the Levitical system

1st offering - Commitment offering: Leviticus 1-2

Burnt offering & Grain offering was a whole animal or some grain or even drink.

This offering doesn't have to do with sin but with my commitment to God.

[Rom. 12:2] - present your bodies

[Eph. 5:2] - Jesus was offered as a sweet smelling aroma to God

Jesus was the offering - signed the blank check of His life for God

2nd type offering: Communion offering: Peace offering Leviticus 3

Interesting thing about it was that you get to eat almost all of it, and you partook of this offering simply because you wanted to fellowship with God.

You could feed your whole family with this offering.

In fact Solomon offered 142,000 peace offerings & fed Israel for 2 weeks.

We get the Lord's Supper is from this offering - communion offering

It is often referred to as the sacrifice of praise

[Col. 1:20] - He is our peace between us and God

3rd type of offering - Cleansing offering: Leviticus 4-5

Sin offering & Guilt offering

Sin offering: happened if you broke one of the laws and maybe didn't know it.

Easy to do as they had so many laws.

Guilt offering: This offering was to offer it when you know you'd broken the law
In fact you had to offer restitution with it. Restitution was an additional 20%.

[Is. 53:10] His Soul made a guilt offering

This is the whole Levitical offering system – points us to Jesus

Lev. 8:6-12: Consecration of the holy priesthood

4 major things the HP wore:

The Crown/Turban: a pure thought life

The Breastplate: Worn over the heart to help make good decisions.

People carry wounds in heart & are not able to make good decisions

Instead they make decisions from emotions; they need 2 have heart healed

The Tunic of Linen: It was linen and not wool so that they would not sweat

Sweating is picture of the works of the flesh

The Robe with Bells: These bells represent Praise & Worship

If you want to walk as a priest in the anointing you need holiness & joy.

Oil of joy & garment of praise.

Lev. 9:22-24: Celebration

Fire came out from before the Lord and consumed the burnt offering.
The people saw the fire and the glory and they fell on their faces and shouted
Glory and fire will result in a shout!

Lev. 10:1-3: Confrontation

Nadab and Abihu offered up profane and unauthorized or strange fire.
It was fire that they had made on their own. They may have looked into the Holy of Holies. (Lev. 16:2)

This is a picture of Acts 2-5. We have the fire and revival and celebration and we have Ananias and Saphira.

God's love and mercy and compassion dwell in the same person as his Holiness.
Therefore he will not relax His standards for you and for me.

Lev. 13 – Laws dealing with Leprosy. Leprosy is a picture of sin.

- 1- Sin is highly contagious - if you have it you will spread it
- 2- Sin is worse than skin deep – it goes into the very core of your being
- 3- Sin spreads in me - if I don't deal with it - spread until it destroys me
- 4- Sin isolates –lepers had to live outside of town & yell “unclean!”

Lev. 14 – Laws for cleansing the leper. The leper could be cleansed.

He could repent and find forgiveness.

Lev. 16:1-8: The Day of Atonement was the most holy day of the Jewish year.

Once a year the high priest would go into the Holy of Holies to offer sacrifices.
He had to make several offerings – a bull and goat as a sin offering for himself.
And he had to offer to goats – one for the people and one for the Lord.
He laid hand on one of the goats and imparted the sin of a whole nation on him
and sent the goat into the wilderness to die.

The goat is called the scapegoat (escape goat) it escaped into the desert.

Jesus was the scapegoat would took upon him all the sin of mankind.