

¹The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship. ²If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, ⁴because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said:

“Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

⁶with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

⁷Then I said, ‘Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, O God.’ ”

⁸First he said,

“Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them” (although the law required them to be made).

⁹Then he said,

“Here I am, I have come to do your will.”

He sets aside the first to establish the second.

¹⁰And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

¹²But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God.

¹³Since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool,

¹⁴because by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

Leviticus 1:10-13

¹⁰ “ ‘If the offering is a burnt offering from the flock, from either the sheep or the goats,

he is to offer a male without defect.

¹¹He is to slaughter it at the north side of the altar before the Lord,

and Aaron’s sons the priests shall sprinkle its blood against the altar on all sides.

¹² He is to cut it into pieces,

and the priest shall arrange them, including the head and the fat, on the burning wood that is on the altar.

¹³ He is to wash the inner parts and the legs with water, and the priest is to bring all of it and burn it on the altar.

It is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

Romans 12:1,2

12¹Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God

— this is your spiritual act of worship.

²Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.

Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Leviticus 2:11-13

¹¹“ ‘Every grain offering you bring to the Lord must be made without yeast,

for you are not to burn any yeast or honey in an offering made to the Lord by fire.

¹²You may bring them to the Lord as an offering of the firstfruits,

but they are not to be offered on the altar as a pleasing aroma.

¹³Season all your grain offerings with salt.

Do not leave the salt of the covenant of your God out of your grain offerings;
add salt to all your offerings.

Hebrews 13:15,16

¹⁵Through Jesus, therefore,

let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise
—the fruit of lips that confess his name.

¹⁶And do not forget

to do good and
to share with others,

for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Leviticus 3:1-5

3¹ “If someone’s offering is a fellowship offering, and he offers an animal from the herd, whether male or female,

he is to present before the Lord an animal without defect.

²He is to lay his hand on the head of his offering

and slaughter it at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

Then Aaron’s sons the priests

shall sprinkle the blood against the altar on all sides.

³From the fellowship offering he is to bring a sacrifice made to the Lord by fire: all the fat that covers the inner parts or is connected to them,

⁴both kidneys with the fat on them near the loins,

and the covering of the liver, which he will remove with the kidneys.

⁵Then Aaron’s sons

are to burn it on the altar on top of the burnt offering

that is on the burning wood, as an offering made by fire,

an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

Leviticus 7:11-15

¹¹ “These are the regulations for the fellowship offering a person may present to the Lord:

¹² “If he offers it as an expression of thankfulness,

then along with this thank offering

he is to offer cakes of bread made without yeast and mixed with oil,

wafers made without yeast and spread with oil,

and cakes of fine flour well-kneaded and mixed with oil.

¹³Along with his fellowship offering of thanksgiving

he is to present an offering with cakes of bread made with yeast.

¹⁴He is to bring one of each kind as an offering,

a contribution to the Lord;

it belongs to the priest

who sprinkles the blood of the fellowship offerings.

¹⁵The meat of his fellowship offering of thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered;

he must leave none of it till morning.

Leviticus 4:27-31

²⁷“ ‘If a member of the community sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord’s commands, he is guilty.

²⁸When he is made aware of the sin he committed, he must bring as his offering for the sin he committed a female goat without defect.

²⁹He is to lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and slaughter it at the place of the burnt offering.

³⁰Then the priest is to take some of the blood with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar.

³¹He shall remove all the fat, just as the fat is removed from the fellowship offering, and the priest shall burn it on the altar as an aroma pleasing to the Lord.

In this way the priest will make atonement for him, and he will be forgiven.

1 John 2:1,2

²¹My dear children,

I write this to you so that you will not sin.

But if anybody does sin,

we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense
Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

²He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins,
and not only for ours
but also for the sins of the whole world.

Leviticus 5:14-19

¹⁴The Lord said to Moses:

¹⁵“When a person commits a violation and sins unintentionally in regard to any of the Lord’s holy things, he is to bring to the Lord as a penalty a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value in silver, according to the sanctuary shekel. It is a guilt offering.

¹⁶He must make restitution for what he has failed to do in regard to the holy things, add a fifth of the value to that and give it all to the priest, who will make atonement for him with the ram as a guilt offering, and he will be forgiven.

¹⁷“If a person sins and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord’s commands, even though he does not know it, he is guilty and will be held responsible. ¹⁸He is to bring to the priest as a guilt offering a ram from the flock, one without defect and of the proper value.

In this way the priest will make atonement for him for the wrong he has committed unintentionally, and he will be forgiven.

¹⁹It is a guilt offering; he has been guilty of wrongdoing against the Lord.”

Luke 19:1-10

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him,

“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter,

“He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’ ”

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord,

“Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

⁹Jesus said to him,

“Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”

Leviticus 8:6-13

⁶Then Moses brought Aaron and his sons forward and washed them with water.

⁷He put the tunic on Aaron, tied the sash around him, clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him. He also tied the ephod to him by its skillfully woven waistband; so it was fastened on him. ⁸He placed the breastpiece on him and put the Urim and Thummim in the breastpiece. ⁹Then he placed the turban on Aaron's head and set the gold plate, the sacred diadem, on the front of it, as the Lord commanded Moses.

¹⁰Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and everything in it, and so consecrated them.

¹¹He sprinkled some of the oil on the altar seven times, anointing the altar and all its utensils and the basin with its stand, to consecrate them. ¹²He poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron's head and anointed him to consecrate him.

¹³Then he brought Aaron's sons forward, put tunics on them, tied sashes around them and put headbands on them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

1 Peter 2:9

⁹But you are

a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
a people belonging to God,

that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

¹On the eighth day Moses summoned Aaron and his sons and the elders of Israel. ²He said to Aaron,

“Take a bull calf for your sin offering and a ram for your burnt offering, both without defect, and present them before the Lord.

³Then say to the Israelites:

‘Take a male goat for a sin offering, a calf and a lamb—both a year old and without defect—for a burnt offering, ⁴and an ox and a ram for a fellowship offering to sacrifice before the Lord, together with a grain offering mixed with oil.

For today the Lord will appear to you.’ ”

⁵They took the things Moses commanded to the front of the Tent of Meeting, and the entire assembly came near and stood before the Lord. ⁶Then Moses said,

“This is what the Lord has commanded you to do, so that the glory of the Lord may appear to you.” ...

²²Then Aaron lifted his hands toward the people and blessed them.

And having sacrificed the sin offering, the burnt offering and the fellowship offering, he stepped down.

²³Moses and Aaron then went into the Tent of Meeting.

When they came out, they blessed the people; and the glory of the Lord appeared to all the people.

²⁴Fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed the burnt offering and the fat portions on the altar.

And when all the people saw it, they shouted for joy and fell facedown.

¹The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ²“Say to the Israelites:

‘Of all the animals that live on land, these are the ones you may eat: ³You may eat any animal that has a split hoof completely divided and that chews the cud.

⁹“ ‘Of all the creatures living in the water of the seas and the streams, you may eat any that have fins and scales.

¹³“ ‘These are the birds you are to detest and not eat because they are detestable:

the eagle, the vulture, the black vulture, ...

²⁰“ ‘All flying insects that walk on all fours are to be detestable to you.

²¹There are, however, some winged creatures that walk on all fours that you may eat: those that have jointed legs for hopping on the ground.

²²Of these you may eat any kind of locust, katydid, cricket or grasshopper.

²⁰“When Aaron has finished making atonement for the Most Holy Place, the Tent of Meeting and the altar, he shall bring forward the live goat.

²¹He is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat’s head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. ²²The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert.

²³“Then Aaron is to go into the Tent of Meeting and take off the linen garments he put on before he entered the Most Holy Place, and he is to leave them there. ²⁴He shall bathe himself with water in a holy place and put on his regular garments.

Then he shall come out

and sacrifice the burnt offering for himself and the burnt offering for the people, to make atonement for himself and for the people. ²⁵He shall also burn the fat of the sin offering on the altar.

²⁶“The man who releases the goat as a scapegoat must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water; afterward he may come into the camp.

²⁷The bull and the goat for the sin offerings, whose blood was brought into the Most Holy Place to make atonement, must be taken outside the camp; their hides, flesh and offal are to be burned up.

²⁸The man who burns them must wash his clothes and bathe himself with water; afterward he may come into the camp.

²⁹“This is to be a lasting ordinance for you:
On the tenth day of the seventh month you must
deny yourselves and not do any work
—whether native-born or an alien living among
you—

³⁰because on this day atonement will be made for
you, to cleanse you. Then, before the Lord, you will
be clean from all your sins.

³¹It is a sabbath of rest, and you must deny yoursel-
ves;

it is a lasting ordinance.

³² The priest who is anointed and ordained to succeed
his father as high priest is to make atonement.

He is to put on the sacred linen garments

³³and make atonement

for the Most Holy Place,

for the Tent of Meeting and the altar,

and for the priests

and all the people of the community.

³⁴“This is to be a lasting ordinance for you:
Atonement is to be made once a year for all the sins
of the Israelites.”

And it was done, as the Lord commanded Moses.

Leviticus 18:20-25

²⁰Do not have sexual relations with your neighbor's wife and defile yourself with her.

²¹Do not give any of your children to be sacrificed to Molech, for you must not profane the name of your God. I am the Lord.

²²Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable.

²³Do not have sexual relations with an animal and defile yourself with it. A woman must not present herself to an animal to have sexual relations with it; that is a perversion.

²⁴Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, because this is how the nations that I am going to drive out before you became defiled. ²⁵Even the land was defiled; so I punished it for its sin, and the land vomited out its inhabitants.

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

⁹Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?

Do not be deceived:

Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders

¹⁰nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

¹¹And that is what some of you were.

But

you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

19²The Lord said to Moses,

²“Speak to the entire assembly of Israel and say to them:

‘Be holy because I, the Lord your God, am holy.

³Each of you must respect his mother and father, and you must observe my Sabbaths.

I am the Lord your God.

⁴Do not turn to idols or make gods of cast metal for yourselves. I am the Lord your God. ...

¹⁷Do not hate your brother in your heart.

Rebuke your neighbor frankly so you will not share in his guilt.

¹⁸Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people,

but love your neighbor as yourself.

I am the Lord.

³⁵Do not use dishonest standards when measuring length, weight or quantity.

³⁶Use honest scales and honest weights, an honest ephah and an honest hin.

I am the Lord your God,

who brought you out of Egypt.

³⁷Keep all my decrees and all my laws and follow them.

I am the Lord.’ ”

³If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands,

⁴I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit. ⁵Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land.

⁶I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid.

I will remove savage beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country.

⁷You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. ⁸Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.

⁹I will look on you with favor and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you.

¹⁰You will still be eating last year's harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new.

¹¹I will put my dwelling place among you, and I will not abhor you.

¹²I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my people.

¹³I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians;

I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

¹⁴But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands,

¹⁵and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant,

¹⁶then I will do this to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it. ...