

Commentary on Hebrews

Review

SIN OFFERING

I. CHRIST AND THE SIN OFFERING

- A. **He Is the Anti-typical Sin Offering** – Jesus is “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” – John 1:29-36
1. God's Son was only begotten, meaning *the only unique One*, in the sense that He was the Only One adequate to be sacrificed on our behalf that we may have the right to become His children! His blood was the only truly innocent blood that could take away the sins of the world!
- B. **The Whole Book of Hebrews is Dedicated to This Concept**
1. “God made him a sin offering” (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - a. [2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV](#) God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
 - b. Therefore, one can only be saved by the faith of Christ when we obey Him that we may become the righteousness of God because of Jesus' faith.
 2. “Christ gave his life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28).
 - a. [Matthew 20:28 NIV](#) ...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.
 - b. Those “many” are the ones who respond to the message of the Gospel and those who will die in ignorance of their sin, like children, the mentally disabled and the like.
 3. “God made him to be a sin sacrifice” (Romans 8:3).
 - a. Only God's Son in the likeness of flesh could satisfy the law's requirements because:
 - i. **He is perfect** – He was the only one capable to fulfill the law perfectly in the eyes of God. He is perfect in His obedience.
 - ii. **He is adequate** – By dying in our place as one of us (in the flesh), He loosed us from the previous testament that we may be free to join Him in a New one. Only He is able to satisfy the requirements of the holy Law of God and also atone for our sins before God. He is the only one adequate to die in our place that now we may live in Him.
 - iii. **He is willing** – By His perfect faith (Heb 12:2) He completed the task, unwavering and determined. He showed us His perfect love for God and for us on the cross (John 3:16).
 - iv. **He is glorified!** – By being raised on the third day Jesus gives us true hope. It is through the power of the Spirit, the same power living in us now (Rom 1:4; 15:13), that Jesus was raised giving us

- a preview of what lies ahead for those who walk in the Spirit. Jesus is the firstfruit of many more to come: those who are His!
- i. [1 Corinthians 15:20 NIV](#) But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
 - ii. [Romans 8:23 NIV](#) Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.
 - iii. [James 1:18 NIV](#) He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

Continuation

CHRIST AND THE SIN OFFERING – CONCLUSION

C. He was a sacrifice without blemish

1. “Christ offered himself to God without blemish” (Hebrews 9:14).
 - a. [Hebrews 9:14 NIV](#) How much more, then, will the **blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself **unblemished** to God, **cleanse** our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!
 - b. The blood of Jesus is able to clear our guilty conscience from dead works. Satan's cheap grace that turns God's grace into a license to sin doesn't have that power.
 - c. 1 John 3:7-10 – Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil.
2. “Redeemed by the blood of a lamb” (1 Peter 1:18-19).
 - a. [1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV](#) For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, (19) but with the **precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect**.
 - b. Jesus lived a holy life and set the bar for all of us who call ourselves his brothers (Heb 2:10-12). His perfection allows us to ride his coattails into heaven (Eph 4:8; Psalm 68:18).
 - c. Because Jesus was without blemish He alone can cleanse us of dead works (Heb 9:14) and make us alive (Eph 2:4-6)! In order to redeem us from under the curse of the law Jesus had to become the curse. Only He who was without sin could become sin on our behalf so that we could become righteous in Him!
 - d. The Passover Lamb that appears in the book of Exodus introduces the theme of propitiation for the sins of mankind in the sight of a Holy God. The angel of death was coming for all and knew no distinction – it would demand the life of the firstborn of Egyptians or Israelites alike. This is

the judgment of God, without partiality. God's mercy is shown by the venue He allowed that would exempt those who heard His voice from the judgment to come. Those who partook of the blood of that lamb without defect not only were saved from imminent judgment, but were set apart from the rest, on a journey that took them to meet God face to face on the mountain.

- e. In the same way, when we are incorporated in Christ, our sins are not only washed away, but the requirements of the law are fully met in us by the righteousness of Christ – we will see the face of God and be restored to fellowship with Him as it was in the beginning!
 - f. The incredible value of the precious blood of Jesus affirms our value in the eyes of God! We are worth that much! Wow!
3. "...with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased." (Hebrews 10:6).
- a. [Hebrews 10:5-7 NIV](#) Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; (6) with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased. (7) Then I said, 'Here I am--it is written about me in the scroll-- I have come to do your will, my God.'"
 - b. Christ perfectly fulfilled God's desire in His body and thus became the sin offering necessary for human salvation.

The Trespass (Guilt) Offering

This study will come out of Leviticus 5:14-19; 6:1-7; 7:1-7; and Numbers 5:8-9. This study will explain the Trespass Offering, its peculiar ritual, and its obligations of strict justice. This is the sacrifice under the Law of Moses that was built around the concept of strict justice. It was the *eye for an eye* kind of justice that was demanded under the Law. Then we will look at Christ as the fulfillment of the sacrifice of the Guilt Offering.

Trespases involve the last five of the Ten Commandments and all laws later given to amplify and articulate those laws.

I. BACKGROUND

- A. Name: "ASHAM" literally meant "guilt" or "debt."
 - 1. All wrong-doing creates moral responsibility. Those who trespass cannot be right with God until the wrong has been made fully right – by God's law.
 - 2. Fellowship with God is broken – just as in the sin-offering. Fellowship can only be restored by:
 - a. Full restitution of the property – to the satisfaction of the owner
 - b. Plus an addendum fine of 1/5th the value of the property
 - c. Sacrificial atonement must be made
 - d. Open confession of the specific sin committed must be made
 - 3. This offering assumes that the wrong committed broke fellowship with God and with God's people (Leviticus 6:1).
 - a. It means the individual is spiritually lost.

- b. Cannot participate in any Tabernacle worship.
 4. Restoration to fellowship is based on fulfillment of all requirements of strict justice and atonement.
- B. Trespass Offering A Most Holy Type
 1. Nothing “sweet savor” about such actions.
 2. Right relations with man prerequisite to right relations with God.
 3. Herein is expressed the difference between those who sin while “walking in the light” - (1 John 1:7) and those who “sin unto death” (1 John 5:16)
 - a. The first is covered by his faith; his constant, habitual consecration of self and substance; his proper worship of God as seen in the burnt, meal and peace offerings – where atonement is always marginal, and therefore secondary, to his consecration
 - b. But for the other, a total correction of his ways expressed in acknowledgment of the guilt and restitution of the goods, plus the added double-tithe must be made for fellowship to be restored.