

Intro:

Main Point of Text: Trespass offerings were for people to repay debts and their effects for wronging others and God.

Sermon Point: *All Your Debts Have Been Paid.*

Move 1: Jesus Himself has taken care of all your debts by paying them in full.

5:16; 6:7: “shall be forgiven [pardoned] him”. “atonement”: 5:16, 18; 6:7; cover dues and interest. 5:16; 6:5: “add a fifth”, a double tithe to cover debts and damages. Sacrificial substitute acts as compensation. Can only be typical: Prov. 6:35; Ps. 49:7, 15; 130:7-8. Lev. 5:15, 18; 6:6: “Estimation”, appreciate the cost. 5:16; 6:5: “add a fifth”, a double tithe to show value of your Saviour: 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Mat. 20:28; Gal 3:13. Don’t undervalue Him: 1 Pet. 1:18-19.

Move 2: You owed a debt that you could never have paid off and are forever indebted to Christ.

“Trespass/Guilt” Offering: Heb., “faithless.” 5:19: lit., “guilt offering, guilted, guilted”. Some sins not known (5:14, 17, 18). Others willful: 6:1-7; namely, formal fraud/deliberate deceit (2-3, 5). These are sins against neighbor; including priests: 5:16, “in the holy thing”; 6:5, “to whom it appertaineth”. Ultimately, fraudulent to God: Ps. 51:4a. Thus, the sacrifice is to Him. “make amends/restore” (5:16; 6:5); Heb. base is “Shalom”. Peace requires price plus principal. ... *the wages of sin is death* ... (Rom. 6:23) Christ’s cost on the cross. Estimation/double tithe also to show cost of your sins. Jesus warns: ... *thou shalt not depart thence, till thou hast paid the very last mite.* (Luke 12:58-59) What are the causes of debt? Fraud. Deceit. Take heed of Acts 5! And Rev. 21:27; 22:15: habitual liars will not be in heaven. And live a life that shows you are a free man, like Zacchaeus: Luke 19:8)

Fools make a mock at sin [Heb. for “trespass/guilt offering”] ... (Proverb 14:9). So pray as Jesus taught: ... *forgive [let go] us our debts [that which is owed]* ... (Mat. 6:12)

Conclusion:

1 Jn. 1:9!

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