

Leviticus 4:1–35
The Sin Offering: Jesus Answers the Cry for Blood
August 12, 2012
Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Children’s Overview

- A. Sin is Our Chief Enemy
- B. Fighting Over a Toy vs. Sharing a Toy
- C. When someone knocks your tower down...
 - 1. Who feels like our biggest problem?
 - 2. What is really our biggest problem?

II. Understanding the Sin Offering

- A. **Review:** Israel was being taught to love God’s holiness, to despise their sins and to trust in God’s mercy.
 - 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
- B. More Observations Concerning the Sin Offering (There are still more)
 - 1. Why Does Blood Purify Our Defilement?
 - 2. Why Did God Command Israel to Put the Blood on the Horns of the Altars?
 - 3. Why Pour Out the Blood at the Base of the Bronze Altar?

III. The Why & Where of the Blood

- A. Why Does Blood Purify Our Defilement?
 - 1. The General Principle

Hebrews 12:22–24

²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the

righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than **the blood of Abel**.

Genesis 4:10

¹⁰ And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of *your brother’s blood is crying to me* from the ground.

Leviticus 17:11

¹¹ For *the life of the flesh is in the blood*, and **I have given** it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

2. The Evil of Unintentional Sins

Genesis 6:5

⁵ The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that *every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually*.

- B. Why Did God Command Israel to Put the Blood on the Horns of the Altar?
- C. Why Pour Out the Blood at the Base of the Bronze Altar?

1 Peter 3:7

⁷ Likewise, husbands, live with your wives *in an understanding way*, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so *that your prayers may not be hindered*.

IV. We are at War to Protect the Way of Salvation!

A. Unintentional Sin is Our Chief Enemy

Key Idea

If we do not address our natural inclination to be ruled by our own desires than we have not addressed the heart of our rebellion against God and we cut ourselves off from the power of the Gospel to purify us and unify us in Christ.

B. The Body of Christ is God's House/Way

1 Peter 1:22–25

²² Having **purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love**, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; ²⁴ for “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, ²⁵ but the word of the Lord remains forever.” ***And this word is the good news*** that was preached to you.

1 Peter 2:1–5, 9–11

¹ So put away all ***malice*** and all ***deceit*** and ***hypocrisy*** and ***envy*** and all ***slander***. ² Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ **you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.** ...

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from ***the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.***

C. Fight Sin with Our God given Weapons

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. Trust in the cleansing blood of Jesus
5. Rejoice!/Worship!

Philippians 3:12–16 (Strive for Purity)

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but ***I press on to make it my own***, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and ***straining forward to what lies ahead***, ¹⁴ ***I press on toward the goal*** for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ *Let those of us who are mature think this way*, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. ¹⁶ Only let us hold true to what we have attained.

2 Corinthians 2:10–11 (Strive for Unity)

¹⁰ Anyone whom you **forgive**, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, ¹¹ ***so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs***. (Cf. Ephesians 4:32)