

Leviticus 5:14–6:7

The Guilt Offering: Sin is a Debt that Only Jesus Can Pay

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Sermon Outline

Notes:

I. Introduction

A. Children's Sermon: Knowing about...

/Knowing... (Sin & Jesus)

Colossians 2:13–14 (NLT)

¹³ *You were dead because of your sins* and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. *Then God made you alive with Christ*, for he forgave all our sins. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away **by nailing it to the cross**.

B. What Makes the Guilt Offering Different?

1. These Sins Robbed God Directly (Review)

Leviticus 5:15

¹⁵ "If anyone commits a breach of faith (also 6:1) and *sins unintentionally in any of the holy things of the Lord*...

The 'holy things of the LORD' refer to all the property in the tabernacle, such as the ark, the incense, the table and bread of the Presence (the shewbread) and the sacrifices to the Lord, as well as the portion of the offerings given to the priests and the tithes belonging to the tabernacle staff and their families (see 22:2–13; 27:9, 23, 28–33).¹

Isaiah 42:8

I am the Lord; that is my name; *my glory I give to no other*, nor my praise to carved idols.

(Put yourselves in Israel's shoes)

2. Sin is a Debt that must be Repaid

¹ Eveson, P. H. (2007). *The Beauty of Holiness: The Book of Leviticus Simply Explained*. Welwyn Commentary Series (75). Darlington, England: Evangelical Press.

“**The sin offering** sees sin as dirt and pollution, which inevitably offends the presence of the holy God, and thus offers the *means of cleansing and purification* so that God can continue to dwell among his people. **The guilt offering** sees sin as a *wrong or a debt which has to be repaid* and, therefore, demands full restitution as well as sacrifice.” (Emphasis Mine)²

3. Only One Offering (A Male Lamb/Ram)

II. Sin is a Debt that Must be Repaid

A. Sin as Debt

Leviticus 5:15b–16a (Cf. Leviticus 6:4–6)

...he shall bring to the Lord as his compensation, a ram without blemish out of the flock, valued in silver shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for a guilt offering. ¹⁶ *He shall also make restitution* for what he has done amiss in the holy thing **and shall add a fifth to it** and give it to the priest. ...

B. Two Kinds of Payment

1. The Offering “Compensation”

2. Restitution + 1/5

(Repentance that Produces Fruit)

Luke 19:8–10 (chief tax collector and was rich)

⁸ And **Zacchaeus** stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.”⁹ And **Jesus said** to him, “*Today salvation has come to this house*, since he also is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For **the Son of Man** came to seek and to save the lost.”

III. Only One Offering (Only Jesus Can Pay God Back for Our Debt)

A. A Male Lamb (Cf. Sin Offering)

B. **Compensation**/Atonement

² *New Bible commentary: 21st century edition*. 1994 (D. A. Carson, R. T. France, J. A. Motyer & G. J. Wenham, Ed.) (4th ed.) (Le 5:14–6:7). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press.

Leviticus 6:6–7 (Cf. Leviticus 5:15–16)

⁶ And he shall bring to the priest as his **compensation** to the Lord *a ram without blemish out of the flock, or its equivalent for a guilt offering*. ⁷ And the priest shall make **atonement** for him before the Lord, and he shall be **forgiven**...”

Isaiah 53:10–11

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes **an offering for guilt**, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

¹¹ Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and **be satisfied**; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and **he shall bear their iniquities**.

IV. Application

- A. We Have Robbed God by Not Treating the Things He has Declared to be Holy, as Holy!
1. Do we treat our own bodies as holy?

1 Corinthians 6:18–20

¹⁸ Flee from *sexual immorality*. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹ *Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,* ²⁰ *for you were bought with a price. **So glorify God in your body.***

2. Do we treat our lives as holy?

Philippians 1:20–22 (Phil. 2 – Jesus; 3 – Paul, Press on)

...my eager expectation and hope [is] that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always **Christ will be honored in my body**, whether by life or by death. ²¹ For to me *to live is Christ, and to die is gain*. ²² If I am to **live in the flesh**, that means **fruitful labor for me**. ...

3. Do we treat other Christians as holy?
(Acts 9:4)
- B. Repent & Believe!
1. Believe that God has Been Paid
Everything we Owe Him (Cross)
- I hear the Savior say,
"Thy strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray,
Find in Me thine all in all."
- Jesus **paid** it all,
All to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain,
He **washed** it white as snow.*
2. Produce Fruit in Keeping with
Repentance (You must be Born Again)

Matthew 3:8

⁸ Bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Key Idea

The new life given us through the Spirit and the Gospel produces an **obsession with the cross**, a **zeal for obedience** and a **tender heart toward others**, especially toward the household of faith.

Hebrews 12:14–16

¹⁴ Strive for *peace* with everyone, and for the *holiness* without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ ***See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God***; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; ¹⁶ that no one is *sexually immoral* or *unholy like Esau*, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

(e.g. Puritan Prayer)

Do you know Jesus or just know about Jesus?