

FORESHADOWING THE SAVIOR

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Grade 9 - Unit 1 Lesson 5

Teacher's Preparation

1. Review the concept of covenants, especially the two main types – 1 way covenant (promise) vs 2 way covenant (contract)
2. Examine covenants that God had with Noah (Genesis 9), Abraham (Genesis 15 & 17), and Moses (Exodus 19 & 20)
3. Review how these covenants relate to the promise of a Savior in Genesis 3 and the purpose of the Savior in Hebrews 10
4. Review the necessity God made for punishment to be borne for the sins of His people and who would take that punishment.
5. Review that sacrifice and following of the Law served to a) remind us of our sinful nature b) the futility of trying to atone for our sins by ourselves c) foreshadowing of the Savior

Review the details of the Levitical Laws in Chapters. 1-3.

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Leviticus 1

The LORD summoned Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying: ² Speak to the people of Israel and say to them: When any of you bring an offering of livestock to the LORD, you shall bring your offering from the herd or from the flock.

³ If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you shall offer a male without blemish; you shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, for acceptance in your behalf before the LORD. ⁴ You shall lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be acceptable in your behalf as atonement for you. ⁵ The bull shall be slaughtered before the LORD; and Aaron's sons the priests shall offer the blood, dashing the blood against all sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. ⁶ The burnt offering shall be flayed and cut up into its parts. ⁷ The sons of the priest Aaron shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. ⁸ Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the parts, with the head and the suet, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar; ⁹ but its entrails and its legs shall be washed with water. Then the priest shall turn the whole into smoke on the altar as a burnt offering, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the LORD.

¹⁰ If your gift for a burnt offering is from the flock, from the sheep or goats, your offering shall be a male without blemish. ¹¹ It shall be slaughtered on the north side of the altar before the LORD, and Aaron's sons the priests shall dash its blood against all sides of the altar. ¹² It shall be cut up into its parts, with its head and its suet, and the priest shall arrange them on the wood that is on the fire on the altar; ¹³ but the entrails and the legs shall be washed with water. Then the priest shall offer the whole and turn it into smoke on the altar;

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¹⁴ If your offering to the LORD is a burnt offering of birds, you shall choose your offering from turtledoves or pigeons. ¹⁵ The priest shall bring it to the altar and wring off its head, and turn it into smoke on the altar; and its blood shall be drained out against the side of the altar. ¹⁶ He shall remove its crop with its contents^[a] and throw it at the east side of the altar, in the place for ashes. ¹⁷ He shall tear it open by its wings without severing it. Then the priest shall turn it into smoke on the altar, on the wood that is on the fire; it is a burnt offering, an offering by fire of pleasing odor to the LORD."

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Student Introduction

Have you ever tried to exchange something you had for something you desired? Perhaps it was at lunchtime, when you found your friend's lunch more appetizing than yours? Perhaps it was something more valuable. Maybe it was at home, when you offered to do certain chores knowing that your parents would buy you something you really wanted in return. Within the first three chapters of Leviticus, we see God's prescribing in detail his expectations for various sacrifices. Of the three sacrifices reviewed, the Burnt Offering sacrifice was detailed in its requirements. The person offering the sacrifice was expected to give their best. Did you ever wonder why they had to offer God something that was so valuable? The answer can be found in the covenant made on Mt. Sinai between God and Moses. In Ten Commandments, God made His expectations very clear. Falling short of those expectations meant eternal separation from God. The sacrifices found in Leviticus were the way God reminded the people that unless they paid the price for their sins, their separation would be eternal. Yet they had to constantly offer sacrifices to God, with no end in sight. The reason was that those sacrifices could never make up for all their sins. Because of His immense love for us, God found a better way. He sent His only son to make up for the sins of the people, Jesus Christ.



Bible Exposition

The book of Leviticus goes into many details on worship in Old Testament times. These details come from the experience the Israelites had on Mount Sinai, when Moses received the Ten Commandments. Another term for the Ten Commandments is the Sinai Covenant or Mosaic Covenant. Within the Sinai Covenant, our Heavenly Father lays out the details on how people should live, both in relationships to God and to one another. Within the first three chapters of Leviticus God describes to Moses three specific offerings or sacrifices: a) Burnt Offering - Leviticus 1, b) Grain Offering - Leviticus 2 and c) Fellowship Offering - Leviticus 3.

Each of these offerings has very specific requirements but we will delve deeper into the details of the Burnt Offering in particular. The Burnt Offering is described in Leviticus 1. God makes it clear that if anyone brings an offering, it should come from their respective herd or stock. This implies that what is offered should be of value to the worshiper, not something that was caught wild and therefore did not cost the worshiper. In verses 3 and 10, God delineates that the animal must be without blemish. For people of this time period, this would further raise the value of what they were offering to

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also known as the
Sinai or Moses
Covenant***

Activities

Divide in 2 groups and discuss the following questions. Regroup and share the answers with other members.

What was the purpose of sacrifice in the Old Testament?

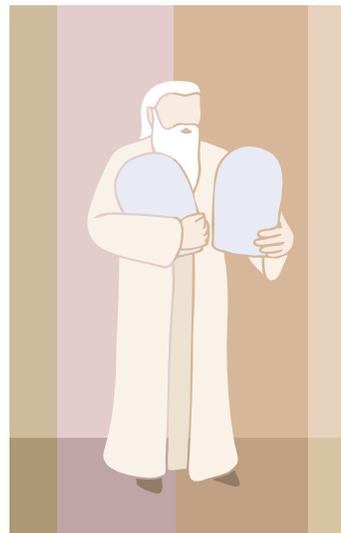
How God's plan for salvation was different in the Old Testament vs the New Testament?

Identify ways that you to atone for your sins.

Can you earn salvation?

God. Verses 4 to 9 and 10 through 16 dictate exactly how the sacrifice is to be made, both in the context of the worshiper as well as the priest. In verses 9, 13 and 17, God instructs the people that the offering should be an aroma pleasing to Him. Leviticus chapters two and three describe the details of the Grain Offering and the Fellowship Offering, respectively. Similar to the pattern of Leviticus 1, we see that the details for each offering are precise, both for the worshiper and the priest. Within the context of the Old Testament, each of these offerings had a specific purpose.

The overarching theme within these chapters cannot be understood without remembering the Mosaic covenant. The bondage in Egypt was a result of the wayward nature of the Israelites. God saved them from this punishment and reminded them through the Mosaic Covenant that he had an expectation of perfection from His creation. Knowing that the Israelites would again turn away, the precise prescriptions found in Leviticus served as a continuous reminder that redemption could not be found in the actions of the people, but rather through a Savior. There are some that say that redemption, for the Israelites was found in their sacrifices, but if this is true, why did they constantly have to make sacrifices day after day? All of the sacrifices described in Leviticus serve as a strong reminder to us that we can only have hope if we are saved by the blood of the one and only true sacrifice – Jesus Christ. Jesus is the one true offering because He is the only one without blemish, and being God's Son, the sacrifice of His life is the only thing that can satisfy the wrath of God. Only His blood can pay the cost for the redeemed, both past present and future. The writing through Leviticus is a foreshadowing of God's eventual work through His Son, Jesus Christ.



Lesson Review

Why is God so concerned with sacrifices?

Name the three primary types of sacrifice described in Leviticus 1, 2 and 3

Detail the similarities between these different types of sacrifices.

Detail the differences between these types of sacrifices.



Essay:

Do you live your life constantly offering sacrifices to atone for your sins? If so, describe what are the things you do to become holy and acceptable before God. Detail your thoughts on the effectiveness of these actions.

What value is there in studying the laws within Leviticus? Do they help people today, understand more about Christ, or should this section be reserved for advanced study?

“If your gift for a burnt offering is from the flock, from the sheep or goats, your offering shall be a male without blemish.”

Leviticus 1:10

Values for Life:

2. Do you do good works to be saved or maintain your salvation, or do you do good works for another reason?

2. How does the Bible call you to live, both inside and outside the Church?

Memory Verse:

You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵ Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine.

Exodus 19:4-5

Closing Prayer:

Heavenly Father, we are sometimes puzzled by what you have done and what you will do. Lord, please send Your Holy Spirit to guide our minds and hearts. You have revealed to us that only Christ's sacrifice satisfies Your demands, thus we pray that we know Jesus personally. Guide us by the power of your Spirit to submit our lives to your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Jesus is the perfect
offering that our
Heavenly Father made
in order to redeem
mankind*
