

HEROES OF THE FAITH

MOSES: Life & Worship

Chapter 5

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➤ Sin offering (4:1 – vv. 1-13)

❖ Dealing with unintentional sin. (vv. 1-13)

☐ A witness knowingly did not come forward to testify. (v. 1)

- Person saw a violation of the law take place.
- Possessed first-hand knowledge – heard the violator confess to the sin.

☐ A person unknowingly failed to do something required by the law. (vv. 2-3)

- Might fail to properly deal with ritual uncleanness.
 - Touched an unclean wild animal carcass (death). (v. 2) (11)
 - Touched an unclean livestock – unfit to eat (carriers of disease). (11)
 - Touched someone who was unclean – bodily emissions, skin disease. (v. 3) (12-14)

☐ Speaking thoughtlessly – a rash oath one may not know is wrong. (v. 4)

☐ Confession. (v. 5)

- Once guilt is realized, confession of sin must follow.
- Confession must accompany the sacrifice.
 - Repentance openly acknowledged agreement with God concerning sin.
 - Sacrifice (without true faith) – repentance – obedience to God = Hypocrisy

☐ Compensation for the sin committed. (v. 6)

- A female from the flock – a lamb, or a goat – for a sin offering.
- Priest would make atonement for him for this sin.

☐ If he could not afford a lamb, or a goat as compensation for the sin, he would... (v. 7)

- ...bring either two turtledoves or two pigeons.
- One for the sin offering. The other for a burnt offering.

☐ The sinner would bring them to the priest. (vv. 8-9)

- The priest would offer one for the sin offering. (v. 8)
- He would wring its neck. But he would not completely sever it from the body.
- The priest would sprinkle some of the sin offering blood on the altar's side. (v. 9)
- The priest drained the rest of the blood at the altar's base.



- ❑ He would offer the second turtledove, or pigeon for a burn offering. (v. 10)
 - The priest would make atonement for the sinner.
 - God forgave the sin.
- ❑ If unable to afford two birds, then he would bring... (v. 11)
 - ...a tenth of an ephah (2.2 liters) of fine flour for a sin offering.
 - No olive oil or frankincense was placed upon it.
- ❑ Once received, the priest took a handful (memorial portion) & burned it on the altar. (v. 12)
- ❑ The priest made atonement for the sinner. (v. 13)
 - Once completed, God forgave the sinner's sin.
 - The remainder of the offering went to the priest, as with the grain offering.

➤ Laws for guilt offerings (vv. 14-19)

❖ God spoke to Moses. (v. 14)

- ❑ If anyone sinned unintentionally, in any of the LORD's holy things, he must... (vv. 15-16)
 - ...bring to the LORD a ram without blemish. (v. 15)
 - Valued in silver shekels. God fixed the shekel's value.
 - As a guilt offering.
 - The sinner shall make restitution for what he did. (v. 16)
 - He added a fifth to it (120% restitution) and gave that to the priest.
- ❑ If anyone unknowingly sinned, then realized his guilt, he bore the burden of his immorality. (v. 17)
- ❑ He brought the priest an unblemished ram, or its equivalent, for a guilt offering. (v. 18)
 - The priest made atonement for him for the unintentional sin.
 - God forgave the sinner.
- ❑ The guilt offering was for the sinner's guilt before the LORD. (v. 19)



Group Questions

- 1) *“Worship is the primary purpose of human existence and the chief end of man.”* This chapter also focuses upon being in a right relationship with God. If one was not, God provided clear biblical steps to follow. Today, God has done the same thing with Christians in the NT church. Discuss what one must do to live in, and remain in, a right relationship with God.

- 2) I have repeatedly stated *“Life is worship and worship is life.”* For one to maintain a right relationship with God, he must sanctify himself daily. Define sanctification (Romans 8:13 & Colossians 3:5). What is the primary feature of it? Is/Are there any difference(s) between being an OT Israelite and a NT Christian, as far as, living in a right relationship with God?

- 3) Choice is the elemental component to living a life pleasing to God. Sin is a decision of the mind, an act of will, and a choice of the heart. Read Romans 12:1-2. Biblical worship requires the Christ follower be a “living sacrifice” to God. Discuss what this means. Moreover, the mind (thought life) is the spiritual battleground of life. Verse two tells us why. Discuss this verses significance.

- 4) Discuss with the group any other major takeaway for you in this chapter.

