

A Call to Relationship: Sin of the Leader

Main Scripture: Leviticus 4: 22-31

Supporting Scriptures: 1 Peter 1:1-2; 1 John 1:7; Hebrews 9:22; Ephesians 4:30; Galatians 5:5; Ephesians 5:18; 1 John 1:9

In the opening verse, we notice something different from what we have read before with the high priest who sinned. Here we are dealing with the leader, a tribal leader. For the high Priest (lev. 4:1-3) note the “if” in the verses but when the scripture refers to a ruler it shows “when” and this is significant because anyone placed in a position above the people... Leaders do err and sometimes done through ignorance/unintentional.

what is the significance of the laying of hands? The principle of substitution

Whatever we are offering to the lord must be without blemish. Laying on of hands here means leaning against when we sin against the Lord, the Lord is laying a charge against us and so in like manner, the person offering would lay the sin against the animal.

It's God who opens the way for man to find himself in right standing with God. We have all sorts of religion but it's God that makes the way on how mankind can be in right standing with God.

Horn represents: the strength of the Lord/Salvation

All of this is taken place around the burnt altar. They pour out the blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering
And they burnt all the fat.

This occasion for the ruler as to how he will offer his offering is similar to the burnt offering. It says that the fat will be burnt (the prized possession) for it belongs to the Lord.

Our offering to the Lord; our service requires the best.

Once these instructions were carried out by faith the sin, whether its the high priest or ruler their sins were forgiven. We are still dealing with unintentional sins.

Let us recognize is that the Lord is showing us that some sins affect us differently from others. But the sin affects the whole nation as a result the offering must be a more “expensive”

Once we align ourselves with a group we become responsible as a whole. When the assembly is defiled, it's defiled as a body but the beauty about it is that once we are aware of the sin, confession must be made. Sin must not be covered up because sin defies us. It defiles a congregation or a nation. We thank God that Jesus Christ has become the ultimate sacrifice. The shedding of his blood dealt with every sin and the nature of Sin.

1 Peter 1:1-2

Peter is looking at the sanctification process and looks at Jesus' blood as the ultimate sanctification.

1 John 1:7; Hebrews 9:22

Blood had to be shed for atonement but we that God that the perfect sacrifice, the lamb of God came to take away the sin of the world.

Once there is sin in our lives, something becomes broken as it relates to our service, devotion to the Lord. Once guilt sets in the relationship are affected. We no longer enjoy the benefits of God's presence that's why one should be ready to confess to letting Him know exactly what happened

Ephesians 4:30

If we are fulfilling the will of God, once anything affects the relationship we will not seek to fulfill the will of God.

Love not the world, if you love the world the Love for God is not in him. This means you won't be able to perform the will of God.

Sin has a great impact on our lives as it relates to the duty

Galatians 5:5; Ephesians 5:18

With what the Lord has done in giving us his spirit once and for all not like the sacrifices in the old testament that had to be repeated

1 John 1:9 - God is faithful and Just and able to clean us from all unrighteousness. Don't let the enemy allow you to remain in a state of guilt. Open your bible and read it aloud. If there is something that has disrupted our relationship, tell him and he is faithful and just to forgive us and give us a clean bill of spiritual health

Lev. 4: 27 - the Common people sinning in ignorance.

A female goat (less costly than that of a ruler) must slaughter it where the burnt offering is offered. And remove all the fat as they would the peace offering.

There is more than one type of offering so that man is left without an excuse to come to Him.

Believe in Jesus and you will have everlasting life. Everything to deal with sin was dealt with in one sacrifice - Jesus Christ. Once we believe in him we will have everlasting life.

God made it possible for every individual to afford the right offering to be rendered as an atonement

QUESTION:

why is there a difference between the high priest and the tribal leader?

- the rite is taken place for the High priest is outside of the Holy place when the priest sin he has defiled the holy place.

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- the leaders offering is cheaper but watch also where the ritual is taken place, it is in the common area around the burnt offering because his sin has not defiled the holy place

How do we confess our sins now that you have accepted Jesus and you believe in him?

If we have committed a sin we can repent of it. Confession: the beauty of prayer is that this gives us an avenue to open up to him in prayer for the sins that no one else knows. I approach him with confidence and agree with what you say about me eg" Lord I lied and I am leaning on you for your blood to cleanse me" once this happens I make up in my mind to repent and so he will forgive and he cleanses us from all unrighteousness.

In the matter of accountability where someone is in a trap of a cycle of sin the benefit of confessing to another person (a Spiritually mature person) can keep you accountable and pray you through. The church is an institution of Love. We understand that if one person is ailing it means as a body we are affected and if we are all apart of this one spirit it means the Love I have should care for anyone who is struggling to reconcile such a one and be careful lest we fall in the same trap