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Leviticus 5 - 7

The Offering You Didn't Know You Needed

Leviticus 5 begins with a list of situations that make a person guilty - and some of them are things that happen without any deliberate intention. You touch something unclean without knowing it. You make a careless oath without realising the weight of the words. You fail to testify when you should have spoken. And the text says: when you realise it, you are guilty.

When you realise it. The guilt was real before the realisation. The person was responsible before they knew it. And the moment awareness comes, a path opens: bring the offering, confess, be forgiven, be restored. The discovery of sin is not a condemnation. It is an invitation.

The moment you realise you have done wrong is not the moment of your judgment. It is the moment of your opportunity. God designed the guilt offering precisely for the moment of awakening - the sudden awareness that something in you or about you is not what it should be. That awareness is a gift. It means the conscience is still working. And where there is awareness, there is a path.

Chapter 5 also introduces something remarkable: the guilt offering for things done in ignorance concerning the holy things of the Lord. Not knowing something was sacred. Not realising a boundary had been crossed. God provides atonement even for that - even for the violation of holiness that happened before the person understood what they were dealing with.

“If anyone sins and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord's commands, even though they do not know it, they are guilty and will be held responsible.”

- Leviticus 5:17

They are guilty even without knowing. But notice: God does not leave them there. He gives them a ram, a priest, an altar, a process of restoration. The discovery does not end in condemnation. It ends in atonement. The law that defines guilt also defines the path out of it.

God does not leave you in the guilt He reveals. The same Spirit who brings conviction brings the Advocate. The same God who shows you the sin provides the sacrifice. You will never be shown something in yourself that He has not already made provision to cover. The revealing and the healing travel together.

Chapter 6 gives the laws for the burnt offering - and the detail here is about continuity. The fire on the altar must not go out. The priest rises early in the morning, puts on his linen garments, removes the ashes, goes outside the camp to deposit them, changes back into his

garments, returns, and keeps the fire burning. Every morning. Without exception.

- The fire must not go out. The continuous burning is not dramatic or spectacular. It is the daily discipline of someone who tends something sacred and does not let it die. Most of the spiritual life looks like this - not the mountain, not the miracle, but the daily tending of a fire that must not go out.

The altar fire that never goes out is the image of a life of prayer. Not the occasional grand gesture. The daily tending. Rising early. Removing the ashes of yesterday. Keeping the flame alive. The most ordinary disciplines are the ones that produce the most enduring heat. Tend the fire. Every morning.

The grain offering that belongs to the priests cannot have leaven in it. Whatever belongs to God and is touched by His holiness is freed from the thing that corrupts. The priests eat their portion in the courtyard of the Tabernacle - never outside, because it is holy. Even the way they eat is a declaration: this belongs to God's space. You do not consume holy things in ordinary places.

Chapter 7 gives the law of the guilt offering and the peace offering - and the peace offering is where the communal meal lives. The priest who offers it gets a portion. The person who offers it gets a portion. The family gets a portion. It is designed to be shared. It is designed

to draw people together around a table.

And the text is specific about timing: the meat of the peace offering for thanksgiving must be eaten on the day it is offered. Nothing left over until morning. If it is a vow offering, it can be eaten on the second day, but nothing left for the third. The freshness matters. The presence at the table matters. The offering is not efficient - it is relational. It pulls people together now, today, around what God has provided.

The peace offering insists on presence. Eat it today. Do not leave it for later. The invitation to feast on what the sacrifice has provided is always an invitation for now, not eventually. The table is set. The offering has been made. The portions are warm. God's invitation has never been: come when you're ready. It has always been: come now.

The fat of animals offered to God belongs to the Lord. The blood belongs to the Lord. These two things - the richness and the life - are His, in every offering, without exception. The richest part of what you have and the life that animates it all: both belong to Him. Not as an extraction. As an acknowledgment of what was always true.

The richness and the life are already His. Leviticus is teaching Israel - and teaching us - to recognise what was always true: everything came from Him, everything belongs to Him, and what we offer back is not payment but acknowledgment. The offering is not transaction. It

is truth-telling. I came from You. I live because of You. I give back because I know it was Yours all along. Speak this over yourself today:

What God reveals in me, He has already made provision to cover.

I will tend the fire. Every morning. Without exception.

The table is set today - not eventually.

I will come now.

TOMORROW - Day 46 Leviticus 8-10

Aaron and his sons are consecrated as priests. And then one of the sons does something that seems small but costs him his life.

Come back tomorrow - because what happens to Nadab and Abihu is one of the most sobering moments in all of Leviticus.

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