

#3. The Purification Offering – Nothing but the Blood (Leviticus 4)

- Focus of this passage – contamination from unintentional sin
 - God made provision for sin, so His people may safely enter His presence
 - Sinful acts, defiled condition must be dealt with to maintain communion
- I. God Provides for Cleansing by Means of a Death Substitute: (4:3-4, 13-15, 22-24, 27-29, 32-33)
 - A. *All sin, known and unknown, must be forgiven*
 - B. *Sinful defilements must be purified before participation in the sanctuary*
 - C. *Who Could Appropriate the Purification Offering? Anyone could!*
 - II. The Blood of the Substitute Provides Purification for the Sinner (4:5-7, 16-18, 25, 30, 34)
 - III. God is pleased to accept the sacrifice as purification for sin (4:8-12, 19-21, 26a, 31a, 35a)
 - IV. The purification offering brings atonement for forgiveness of sin (4:26b, 31b, 35b)

Concluding Observations and Application

- 🔑 God will restore the sinner who appeals to Him for forgiveness on the basis of the purifying blood of the sacrifice.
- Under law everything is purified by shedding blood: without it, no forgiveness!
1. This offering highlights the seriousness of sin: even unintentional sins
 2. This offering highlights the terrible cost of sin: no blood, no forgiveness
- 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 1:2; 1 John 1:7,9; 2:1; Isa 53:12; Heb 9:22-24; 10:22