

Leviticus 5:14–6:7  
*The Guilt Offering: God Must be Treated as Holy*  
September 9, 2012  
Sermon Outline

Notes:

## I. Introduction

A. Children’s Sermon: God’s Holiness

### Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.

### Isaiah 6:1–5 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> It was in the year King Uzziah died that **I saw the Lord**. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple. <sup>2</sup> Attending him were mighty seraphim, each having six wings. With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> They were calling out to each other, “*Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Heaven’s Armies! The whole earth is filled with his glory!*” <sup>4</sup> Their voices shook the Temple to its foundations, and the entire building was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> **Then I said**, “*It’s all over! I am doomed, for I am a sinful man. I have filthy lips, and I live among a people with filthy lips. Yet I have seen the King, the Lord of Heaven’s Armies.*”

B. What Makes the Guilt Offering Different?

1. These are Sins against God’s Holiness
2. Sin is a Debt that must be Repaid

“**The sin offering** sees *sin as dirt and pollution*, which inevitably offends the presence of the holy God, and thus offers the *means of cleansing and purification* so that God can continue to dwell among his people. **The guilt offering** sees *sin as a wrong or a debt which has to be repaid* and, therefore, demands full restitution as well as sacrifice.” (*Emphasis Mine*) <sup>1</sup>

3. Only One Offering (A Male Lamb; Ram)

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<sup>1</sup> *New Bible commentary: 21st century edition*. 1994 (D. A. Carson, R. T. France, J. A. Motyer & G. J. Wenham, Ed.) (4th ed.) (Le 5:14–6:7). Leicester, England; Downers Grove, IL: Inter-Varsity Press.

## II. God Must be treated as Holy

### A. The Lesson of Achan's Sin

#### Joshua 7:1, 15

<sup>1</sup> But the people of Israel ***broke faith*** in regard to the *devoted things*, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel. ...

<sup>15</sup> And he who is taken with the devoted things shall be burned with fire, he and all that he has, ***because he has transgressed the covenant of the Lord***, and because he has done an outrageous thing in Israel.' ”

### B. Unintentional Sins against God's Holiness

#### Leviticus 5:15

<sup>15</sup> “If anyone **commits a breach of faith** and ***sins unintentionally*** in any of the holy things of the Lord, he shall bring to the Lord as his compensation, **a ram** without blemish out of the flock, valued in silver shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, for a **guilt offering**.

#### Leviticus 5:17–19

<sup>17</sup> “If anyone sins, doing any of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, ***though he did not know it***, then realizes his guilt, he shall bear his iniquity. <sup>18</sup> He shall bring to the priest a ram without blemish out of the flock, or its equivalent for **a guilt offering**, and the priest shall make atonement for him for the mistake that he made ***unintentionally***, and he shall be ***forgiven***. <sup>19</sup> It is a guilt offering; **he has indeed incurred guilt before the Lord.**”

### C. Defaming God's Name

#### Leviticus 6:1–3

<sup>1</sup> The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup> “If anyone sins and commits ***a breach of faith*** against the Lord by deceiving his neighbor in a matter of deposit or

security, or through robbery, or if he has oppressed his neighbor <sup>3</sup> or has found something lost **and lied about it, swearing falsely**—in any of all the things that people do and sin thereby—

### III. Application: Be Afraid; Don't Be Afraid

#### Key Idea

The Gospel of Jesus Christ teaches us both to be afraid and to not be afraid.

#### A. We Have Been Set Apart for God!

##### 1 Peter 1:14–19

<sup>14</sup> **As obedient children**, *do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance*, <sup>15</sup> **but** *as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct*, <sup>16</sup> since it is written, “*You shall be holy, for I am holy.*” <sup>17</sup> And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one’s deeds, **conduct yourselves with fear** throughout the time of your exile, <sup>18</sup> **knowing that you were ransomed** from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

#### B. God is Training us in Holiness

##### Hebrews 12:7, 10–16

<sup>7</sup> It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ... <sup>10</sup> For they [human fathers] disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but *he disciplines us for our good, **that we may share his holiness.*** <sup>11</sup> For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup> Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup> and make straight paths for your

feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup> *Strive for peace with everyone, and for the **holiness** without which no one will see the Lord.* <sup>15</sup> *See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God;* that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup> that no one is *sexually immoral* or *unholy like Esau*, who sold his birthright for a single meal.

### **Philippians 2:12–13**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, *work out your own salvation with fear and trembling,* <sup>13</sup> **for it is God who works in you,** both to will and to work for his good pleasure.