

Series: LAW AND ORDER

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Text: Leviticus 1-7

Title: Animal Sacrifices

Felt Need: Why does sin make me feel bad? What am I supposed to do about my sin? Why did God command the bloody deaths of animals?

Gospel Need: God commanded the bloody sacrifices of animals to be a substitute atonement for our sin, but the ultimate atonement for our sin was Jesus.

Series

We are starting a new series tonight called Law And Order.

Leviticus is a really weird book of the Bible. We'll be talking about:

- Animal Sacrifices
- The Priests
- Clean and Unclean
- The Day of Atonement
- Sexual Sin
- Food, Feasts, and Festivals

Leviticus is the devotion killer.

Bible, Gospel, Personal

I've seen many students saved through Leviticus!

Bible

1The Lord called Moses and spoke to him from the tent of meeting, saying,

This is from God!

2"Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of livestock from the herd or from the flock.

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They sacrificed food, God sacrificed His own, only Son.

3"If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the Lord.

You couldn't just offer any animal, had to be an unblemished male.

Not just anyone could be sacrificed, but sinless Jesus had to.

4He shall lay his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him.

I was covered with mud (substitutionary atonement)

Jesus took on our sin in His body.

5Then he shall kill the bull before the Lord, and Aaron's sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting.

This was a bloody sight!

Animals like us. Jesus like us. What we deserve.

Jesus was a bloody mess.

6Then he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into pieces, 7and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. 8And Aaron's sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar; 9but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to the Lord.

There are certain food smells I love: coffee shops, popcorn at the movies, a steak being grilled.

How could this smell good to God? God is not saying that it just smells good to Him, but He's saying that He is PLEASED by Jesus' death.

Because Jesus died for us, God is pleased with us!

Gospel

Jesus became the bloody sacrifice for our sin.

Jesus is our pleasing aroma to God.

Hebrews 10:11 ¹¹And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

Application

What to do with your sin. Some:

- Sweep it under the rug
- Try to ignore and forget it
- Get angry
- Take it out on others
- Vent
- Punish themselves
- Depressed
- Keep doing it to make themselves feel better
- Deny it
- Forgive yourself

- Convicted, Confess, Repent, and Obey

We are like a pleasing aroma to the world.

2 Corinthians 2:¹⁵For we are the aroma of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among

those who are perishing, 16to one a fragrance from death to death, to the other a fragrance from life to life.

Conclusion