

**‘Of Offerings & Sacrifices’ –
(Leviticus 4:2 - 3)**

Intro: When we read through the Bible, we come across passages of Scripture which seem to us irrelevant and boring, and we have this tendency to want to just skip over them and move on to what we may call the meatier passages. God has given a great deal of space and attention to, and being very _____ or detailed instructions are given to them. We may wonder, it isn't uncommon for folks to dismiss them as,

1. Pertaining to a different _____ and period, therefore are irrelevant for us to day.
2. Its _____ was on a great deal of blood and animal sacrifices.

Be that as it may be, there are several quick take aways for us in this light,

1. Every aspect of these offerings and sacrifices were _____ of Christ – **Heb. 8:5.**
2. It was to reveal the _____ of God to them – **I Peter 1:15 & 16.**
3. For their own _____ – **Deuteronomy 28:1 – 14; 29:9.**
4. To reveal their need for a _____ – **Romans 3:23; Deuteronomy 28:15 – 68.**
5. For a people to be separated as a _____ to the world – **Deuteronomy 29:10 – 13.**

We could list many more to be sure, but this should give us an idea of God's purpose for being so detailed and voluminous concern the space He gives to the Law.

For all of us –

1. The Law as a _____ to the true nature of the heart of man – **I Timothy 1:8 – 11.**
2. What did the Law reveal – **Galatians 3:24** – **“Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**
3. The Law revealed the need for man to be _____ in order to get close er to God.

I. Some offerings & sacrifices were used to get right with God. **Leviticus 4:2 & 3. – Part I**

A. We notice the word “ignorance” in **verse 2**, which carries the idea of inadvertently or _____ such as accidentally.

1. It is hard to accept that there are people today who have no idea of what constitutes _____.
2. But there are! Some things are very obvious even to the unsaved while they remain

ignorant about other things or areas.

3. Others refuse to accept what God has _____ stated in His Word, and have set about to establish their own norms if you will. – **Romans 10:3** – “**For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.**
 - a. How has this become self-evident in recent years or so?
 - b. The _____ of those very things God has called sin or an abomination.
 - c. When the Bible isn’t the final _____ in a persons or nations life, then there is no firm, _____ to build upon – **Psalm 127: 1** – “**Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh *but* in vain.**
 - d. The further our nation and its people remove God from their lives and this society, the more _____ prevails a we can readily see.
- B. The lessons that God was endeavoring to convey, was to teach and reveal to them and us as Well, all who will read these Scriptures is that we all have a _____ nature.
1. Then as now, we are all born _____ from God and we need a mediator –
 - a. **I Timothy 2:5** - “**For *there is one God*, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;**
 - b. We need to communicate to the lost that we are not alienated from God because of some act done by us, we are _____ alienated because we have inherited this condition – **Romans 5:12 & 18; Romans 6:23.**
 2. God wants us all, past, present and future to know that there is something _____ in each of us – **Romans 3:23.**
 3. One does not deserve hell because they have *done* something worthy of hell, rather we are born sinners **John 3:17 – 19.**
 - a. Note in **verse 18** the word ‘already’.
 - b. This is a reference to some other time such as when we were conceived.
 4. So, the essence of this being that we are not sinners because we sin or sinned, we sin because we were _____ sinners.
 5. This is why for one important reason, the Jewish people couldn’t understand their need for a Redeemer when Jesus came to them first.
 6. Jesus was the _____ of all the Old Testament offerings and sacrifices – **Hebrews 9:8 & 9.**
- C. This offering was given by a person with the understanding that we (they) have a problem due to ignorantly having transgressed against _____ of God’s commandments.
- D. **Job 1:4 & 5**, does this qualify for a sin of ignorance (inadvertently)? If so, then making sure we have our faculties and wit about is very important, is it not?