

Leviticus 5:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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Analysis

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This verse falls within the section on **Guilt Offerings**. The guilt offering (**ונח**, asham) addressed specific trespasses requiring both sacrifice and restitution, emphasizing sin's relational damage.

The five main offerings (burnt, grain, peace, sin, and guilt) addressed different aspects of relationship with God, all fulfilled in Christ's comprehensive sacrifice. The New Testament reveals that Christ's sacrifice accomplishes what the Levitical system could only symbolize—complete forgiveness and restoration of relationship with God.

Historical Context

The guilt offering (**ונח**, asham) addressed specific trespasses requiring both sacrifice and restitution, emphasizing sin's relational damage. Leviticus was given to Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after the tabernacle's construction described in Exodus. The name 'Leviticus' (from Latin Leviticus, referring to the Levites)

reflects its focus on priestly duties, though the Hebrew title Wayyiqra ('And He called') emphasizes God's initiative in revealing these laws. The first seven chapters detail the five main offerings, providing both worshiper instructions and priestly procedures. Ancient Near Eastern cultures had various sacrificial systems, but Israel's sacrificial worship was unique in its ethical foundation, monotheistic framework, and emphasis on atonement rather than appeasement. Unlike pagan rituals focused on manipulating deities, Israel's sacrifices acknowledged God's sovereignty and sought reconciliation based on His gracious provision. Archaeological discoveries at sites like Ugarit reveal Canaanite religious practices Israel's laws explicitly rejected, confirming the Bible's historical reliability and the distinctiveness of Israelite worship.

Related Passages

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. In what ways does this verse deepen your appreciation for Christ's atoning sacrifice and the seriousness of sin?
2. What does this verse teach about the costliness of true worship and dedication to God?
3. How can you use this verse to worship God more fully, obey Him more faithfully, or love others more sacrificially?

Interlinear Text

אַתָּה	וְהַבֵּיא	לֵא	וְאִם	תִּבְרֹא	יְדוֹ	כִּי	דִּלְךָ	שָׁהַ	וְאִם	וְהַבֵּיא	אַתָּה
H518	H3808	to bring	And if he	be not able	a lamb	then he shall bring		H853			
	H5060		H3027	H1767	H7716			H935			
שְׁנַיִם	תְּרַיִם	אֲשֶׁר	אֲשֶׁר	כְּפָטָה	שְׁנַיִם	אֲשֶׁר	כְּפָטָה	שְׁנַיִם	תְּרַיִם	אֲשֶׁר	שְׁנַיִם
his trespass		H834	which he hath committed		or two	turtledoves	H176	or two			
H817				H2398	H8147	H8449	H8147				
בָּנָי	יְוָנָג הַ	לִיהְיוֹן הַ	וְאֶת	וְאֶת	לִמְטָה אֶת	וְאֶת					
young	pigeons	unto the LORD	and the other	and the other	for a sin offering	and the other					
H1121	H3123	H3068	H259	H2403	H259						
לְעַלְתָּה:											
for a burnt offering											
	H5930										

Additional Cross-References

Leviticus 12:8 (Sin): And if she be not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtles, or two young pigeons; the one for the burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

Matthew 10:16 (Parallel theme): Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.

Matthew 3:16 (Parallel theme): And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:

2 Corinthians 8:12 (Parallel theme): For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.

Leviticus 14:31 (Sin): Even such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meat offering: and the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD.

