



ATONEMENT

The LORD called to Moses and spoke to him from the Tent of Meeting. He said, “Speak to the Israelites and say to them...”

– Leviticus 1:1–2a (NIV)

I. The big picture of Leviticus

- A. Chapters 1–7: Laws on sacrifice
- B. Chapters 8–10: Ordination of the priests and inauguration of tabernacle worship
- C. Chapters 11–15: Laws on purity and impurity
- D. Chapter 16: Law for the Day of Atonement
- E. Chapters 17–25: Laws for holy living
- F. Chapter 26: Blessings and curses
- G. Chapter 27: Further laws for holy living

II. Why such a focus on laws? What do you think of when you think of “laws” in the OT?

- A. Law as a window into the _____

III. Why begin with laws on sacrifice?

- A. A _____ need
- B. The heart of our _____ with God
 - 1. Expressing _____
 - 2. _____ for sin

IV. What is atonement, and why do we need it?

A. Sin is _____ and calls for the Lord's _____.

B. Our need? → _____

1. Our idea of ransom

2. The biblical understanding: A tale of two oxes

(a) _____ penalty

(b) _____ up to the offended party to accept it

(c) _____ us from punishment

(d) _____ peace

3. Lev. 17:11 → Sacrifice as an act of _____

4. The death of Jesus

(a) _____ penalty

(b) _____: not only accepts it, but _____!!

(c) _____ us from punishment

(d) _____ peace

⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! ¹⁰For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! ¹¹Not only is this so, but we also

rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

– Romans 5:7–11 (NIV)