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chapter fifteen verse sixteen thru chapter sixteen verse four Leviticus

~ Our Spiritual Safari could not have arrived at a more offensive place in Scripture than we did in our last report from this chapter of the Bible. We began examining running issues of the flesh within the camp of the children of Israel. We considered how this correlates spiritually to secret sins - which we all have in our lives in some shape or form. The vivid language is, quite frankly, abrupt, disgusting, offensive, abhorrent, impure, repugnant and utterly corrupt – all at the same time. That is God's evaluation of the flesh according to Scripture, my friends. If you have not read our previous three reports and, indeed, all eighteen safari reports from this book of the Bible, then I can only suggest you go back and do so now. If you have read those reports, I must ask: how about it - do you really believe the Word of God - or not? Do you think I have given the wrong interpretation or emphasis? This is where MANY people part ways with Jesus, my dear safari readers....

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16 And if any man's seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even.

17 And every garment, and every skin, whereon is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even.

18 The woman also with whom man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the even.

~ If it isn't painfully obvious what we are talking about here, let me spell it out for you: pornography. These are sexually transmitted diseases, and they are extremely corrupting. We have a sexual epidemic spreading around this world. They are all the product of unholy desires and lustful thoughts. It's nothing but sinful, friends. Jesus saith, "you have been told

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thou shalt not commit adultery; but I say unto you, whosoever looketh upon a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart!" Spiritual sins require confession and repentance today. Man is reminded here that he is incapable of escaping the conviction of his sins; and this book is the only vessel in the world that can enlighten you to them and what is happening in your life as a result of them. This is what's real, friends. Man cannot produce anything that is sinless - whatsoever - period. Full stop. Man is at one with his sin nature, naturally....

19 And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be put apart seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even.

20 And every thing that she lieth upon in her separation shall be unclean: every thing also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean.

21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

22 And whosoever toucheth any thing that she sat upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

23 And if it be on her bed, or on any thing whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even.

24 And if any man lie with her at all, and her flowers be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and all the bed whereon he lieth shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation: she shall be unclean.

26 Every bed whereon she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation: and whatsoever she sitteth upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation.

27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.

28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean.

29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtles, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

30 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; that they die not in their uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is among them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith;

33 And of her that is sick of her flowers, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

~ King David must have known something about all of this as he said, "... behold, I am shapen in iniquity and in sin did my mother conceive me." The repugnance and repulsiveness of sins is before us now. Sexual sins are the primary consideration of this chapter dealing with running issues. The running issues seem to be restricted to social type diseases. Death is the penalty for failure to obey and heed the commandments of God regarding running issues. Your secret sins are no trivial matter to God! Know ye not that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man shall defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, whose temple ye are!

Believers are to be reminded that their bodies are to be presented a living sacrifice. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you and many are

even dead. You will do well to believe there is a sin unto death. John says, *".... if any man sees his brother sin a sin which is not unto death, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is a sin unto death: I do not say that he shall pray for it."* That means there is a particular sin that God will take you home to Heaven in death for - if you are a child of God. If a man commits this sin, then there's no use praying for that man at all! We don't and can't know what that sin is in the lives of others, so we are not to pray for it. That is what John means. I think we need to seriously recognize the gravity of the grounds that God deals with His children on concerning their chastisement and correctional system of discipline. I, personally, believe God will judge us brutally harshly down here if we are not careful. I do not say that everyone who dies does so this way - because that is not true. Candidly, however, there is a sin unto death. If you continue in your disobedience, then God just might call you home. This reveals that sins are horrid, that God is holy and only the blood and the water can act as a cathartic. Isaiah said, *".... your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have cause Him to hide His face from you that He will not hear you."* The sincere child of God simply must recognize this and confess his sins daily.

We live in a day when this world has literally gone mad in the area of sex and pornography. Simultaneously, the world has seen an explosion of sexually related and sexually communicated diseases. So, with that we're going to gladly turn the page on this chapter because it was an ugly one. Unfortunately, this all just happens to be a painfully accurate picture of the human family that you and I are a part of....

XVI

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they offered before the LORD, and died;

~ Now, this chapter will be a lot like coming out of a hole of pitch-black darkness into the noon day sun! We will observe the Great Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, and what it meant for the children of Israel. This is another one of the greatest pictures we have in the Bible. Great spiritual lessons are available to us here. Thankfully, there are a few bright spots in

Leviticus. Our subjects thus far have been offerings, priests, service and sins. None of these have dealt in finality with the sin question! So, we now come to this section of Scripture that deals more completely with the subject of sin. This will point more clearly to the adequacy of the redemption Christ offers than anything we have seen so far in our entire Spiritual Safari. This is a shadow of the redemptive work of God! Let no man judge you by meat or in drink or in respect of holy days or the new moon or the Sabbath day, which are all but a shadow of things to come, but the body is of Christ! A shadow is only made by light and a shadow is made only by a very real object! Here is a notable quote, “... *the elucidation of the doctrine of types, now entirely neglected, is a detriment to the learning of all future theologians.*” That is an understatement! Aren’t you glad I didn’t write my commentary on Leviticus in that tone? The picture and the type we have in this Great Day of Atonement merit our careful consideration in this safari.

Dr. Kellogg states the significance of the Day of Atonement by saying, “... *it was, perhaps, the most important event in the whole of the Mosaic legislation.*” Rabbis of that day and later days had one simple word – Yomah! – The Day! It means that on THIS DAY sin was dealt with more adequately and more satisfactorily than with any other ceremony in the Mosaic Law. When we get to verse sixteen and verse twenty-one, we will see this is atonement for ALL their sins – ALL of their iniquities!

What we see is the best the law had to offer until Christ came to the earth. Instructions and restrictions of this day are now growing out of the rebellion and disobedience of Nadab and Abihu that we saw back in chapter ten. The Day of Atonement was observed in the seventh month and on the tenth day. These numbers are significant as the seven speaks to the Sabbatic month denoting rest and cessation from works. It’s no accident that this month was set forth to show the rest of redemption that we have in Christ. He that hath entered into His rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from His. Ten is another Scriptural number that obviously expresses the complete will of God in the life of the believer. We have Ten Commandments and God commanded a tenth be given for the tithe. God defines the remnant of Israel as a tenth, as in Isaiah chapter six at verse thirteen. Many of the offerings have a tenth part. Ten is

seemingly of God's mind and purpose. The tenth day expresses the idea that Christ came to do the will of God. It pleased God to bruise Christ Who came at the fullness of time and at the appointed hour.

The Hebrew word for atonement is "kaphar" which means to cover. Sin was never taken away in the Old Testament by the blood of animals. Sins were covered until Christ came and removed them. Paul says, *".... and the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men everywhere to repent:"* God overlooked their total and complete ignorance for a while – but not forever. Paul also says, *".... whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God...."*

The Great Day of Atonement pointed to Christ, but it did not take away sins. It was an atonement to cover until the payment was remitted on the cross by Christ. The writer to the Hebrews says, *".... and for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."* The "first testament" is the Old Testament and that makes this a tremendous statement. Hebrews also states, *".... the Holy Ghost thus signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;"* We really need to take note of this and emphasize it today. The Great Day of Atonement points to the Lord Jesus Christ....

2 And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat.

3 Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering.

4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and so put them on.

~ The Lord Jesus Christ is our Great High Priest located in the Holiest of Holies right now today. The instructions for the Great Day of Atonement were made an imperative after the death of the two sons of Aaron that we saw in chapter ten. Nadab and Abihu intruded into the Holy Place and were met there by the direct judgment of God. The Great Day of Atonement explained the sudden death of these two men. The utter holiness of God and the utter sinfulness of man are made clear here in this service. A great gulf is set between God and man – but it's NOT fixed – and we can all thank Him for that right now because He is the one that kept the way open! The gap has a bridge today and that is the bridge of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God and the Son of Man! God encourages man to come to Him, but God demands that we come His way! When we know that way then we can come with boldness. By Christ we have access through One Spirit to the Father.

Let's draw near to God in full assurance of faith today on our Spiritual Safari. Let's have our bodies sprinkled with the blood and washed with the pure water that is the Word of God. That means, we're willing to do it God's way! When we do this correctly, we can come to God with great assurance. We actually have this entire chapter given as a direct result of the intrusion of Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, into the presence of God. That's remarkable. Today, we're permitted to come to God any time and any place BUT NOT in any WAY we want to. The only way we can ever come to the Father is through Christ Jesus!

It is actually sinful for many people to pray! I know THAT is not a popular statement. Many people that do not truly and fully trust Christ should not pray; the minister and church member that really just rejects Christ and His deity should never pray! They are usually the one's that will stand up and pray publicly, it seems! They just won't come to God through Christ, and they think they are going some other way. Of course, God does not accept them. I cannot make this much clearer except to write it a hundred more

times, which it seems we probably shall do in this long, dry Book of Leviticus. We can really thank Nadab and Abihu for much of this book, quite frankly. God certainly made examples out of them.

You may have noticed that the high priest always performed the ritual for the Day of Atonement alone; Aaron NEVER had assistance in his work! From the menial tasks to the high priestly duties of office Aaron operated in mono. Christ was alone with the sins of the world. This is important to see. This is a very important Book of the Bible to learn properly, correctly and completely. Our Spiritual Safari concludes this report as Christ goes in alone and makes the atonement for us. Christ asked God why God had forsaken Him. At the same time, they are in fellowship regarding the plan of the world and salvation. God is in Christ reconciling Himself to the world even as Christ offers Himself alone on the altar. Every single apostle was scattered according to prophecy and Christ said, "I am not alone for the Father is with me." If that doesn't blow your thinking cap off - nothing will ~
