of all that he hath done in transgressing

chapters six and seven Leviticus

~ Our Spiritual Safari expedition through the entire Word of God has now received the instructions for each of the five offerings found in Scripture. All of them are required to establish a proper, correct and complete approach to and worship of the True and Living God. The burnt offering, the peace offering, and the meal offering were the first three - and they are all sweet savor offerings. They each speak of Christ and His relationship to our Father in Heaven. The sin offering and the trespass offering are non-sweet savor offerings. The sin offering was given to speak of forgiveness of the nature of our sin; which is typically abject ignorance. The trespass offering is for those deliberate acts of willful disobedience that we all commit. God already knows all about it, friends.

It's really not that complicated when we take the time to lay it all out in words. Most people don't understand simply because they do not study the Bible. So, our safari combines these two chapters into one very long report in order to consider the ordinances that accompany the five offerings we have painstakingly examined previously. We have observed the laws as we went along completely; so, we're in an area that doesn't need a great deal of comment and explanation. If you have spiritual understanding, Leviticus will be a thrilling Book to complete. If not, we are in some of the most confusing, boring, and seemingly redundant sections of the Word of God that the Bible has to offer. Well, don't give up; pray that God will open your mind and heart to receive wisdom, judgment and discernment in Holy Writ from the Holy Spirit - and then spend some time reading the text....

VI

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and lie unto his neighbour in that which was delivered him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or hath deceived his neighbour;

3 Or have found that which was lost, and lieth concerning it, and sweareth falsely; in any of all these that a man doeth, sinning therein:

4 Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found,

5 Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and shall add the fifth part more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his trespass offering.

6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest:

7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it.

~ We need to note the very specific instructions for the priests. This section could be labeled "Special Rules for the Priest that Ministers at the Altar of God." The laws for the offerings are directed at the priests. Notice Moses is to "command" Aaron and his sons concerning the law. Of course, the priests were the only ones who could serve at the altar, and each was involved in all of the offerings. Notice the fire was kept burning all night and the offering was on the altar all night. The purpose of that is that it might

be totally consumed. This speaks of the continual consecration of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are told to make ourselves a living sacrifice but when the fire gets hot, I find myself crawling off of it. I found that's true of just about everyone, so it doesn't bother me anymore. Well, maybe a little.

Only the Lord Jesus could say He did ALWAYS the things that please God. I wish I could say that, but none of us can make that statement. Christ makes that challenge to every believer today, though. See, God delights in the continual OBEDIENCE of His children. Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice and to hearken than the fat of rams. Rebellion is the same as the sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. These are the words that got King Saul dethroned. We need to recognize the importance of offering our own hearts and lives completely to God if we say we belong to Him! John writes, ".... in the mean while his disciples prayed him, saying, Master, eat. But he said unto them, I have meat to eat that ye know not of." That's the obedience God delights in! King Saul was rejected because of disobedience; the woman at the well was accepted because of her obedience. The work of God is that you believe on Him Whom He hath sent.

Hebrews 8: 3 For every high priest is ordained to offer gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is of necessity that this man have somewhat also to offer. 4 For if he were on earth, he should not be a priest, seeing that there are priests that offer gifts according to the law: 5 Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount ~

~ What that passage from Hebrews tells us is: not only did the high priest alone serve at the altar, but everything we're looking at is a shadow of the reality in Heaven where our Great High Priest serves today. This is a tremendous spiritual lesson. Another striking feature about the law of the offerings is that Christ is not only the sacrifice, but He is also the Priest making the sacrifice. Christ offered Himself.

Hebrews 10: 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6 In

burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. 8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: 12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God ~

~ It's imperative to be acutely conscious of this tenet of truth. Modern religions that wear robes and burn candles and incense and march around so piously preliminarily - and all that sort of thing - have absolutely NO value; it has no place in the life of a true Christian today. In the average church, I estimate a full seventy-five percent of the service is really not worthwhile. We can ONLY worship in Spirit and in Truth. We have a High Priest in Heaven today and He is busier than ever! Christ died down here to save us, and He lives today in Heaven to KEEP us saved. When the Bible says He sat down it means His redemption is complete! When God rested on the seventh day, He wasn't tired – He was finished! You and I should stay in touch with God. This is our spiritual reality! The problem with Christians today is they're out of touch with the living Christ - and He is no longer a reality in their lives....

10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place.

~ God has instructions for every detail of the priest's life; from clothes to location. The long robe and the linen breeches speak of how the flesh must be covered completely. God will not receive or accept the works of the

flesh. Paul said, ".... the works of the flesh are manifest...." And he goes on to name a whole brood of bad things. They which do those things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. God can do without the works of the flesh; and He will be doing without them. Only the fruits of the Holy Spirit are acceptable to God and only He can produce them in our lives. Now, we see the old dirty clothes taken off and a fresh change of garment is put on. This is a CONTINUAL reminder of the utter pollution of sin. The ashes speak to the judgment of sins, and even they are contaminated. These have to be taken all the way out of the camp and put in a clean place to put them away properly. This is an intentionally tedious and burdensome picture of exactly how defiling sin really is - and how arduous, inconvenient and difficult it is to deal with....

12 And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings.

13 The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out.

14 And this is the law of the meat offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD, before the altar.

15 And he shall take of it his handful, of the flour of the meat offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meat offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour, even the memorial of it, unto the LORD.

16 And the remainder thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: with unleavened bread shall it be eaten in the holy place; in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation they shall eat it.

17 It shall not be baken with leaven. I have given it unto them for their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as is the sin offering, and as the trespass offering.

18 All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy.

~ All believers can participate in the enjoyment of the beauty and glory of the holy humanity of our Savior and Lord Jesus Christ. We ought to rejoice in Him much more than we do. Notice the priests that took a tenth were, in turn, to also give a tenth. Everyone must offer a tithe. Priests must give as well as receive; ministers are to set an example to their congregation in giving....

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

20 This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat offering perpetual, half of it in the morning, and half thereof at night.

21 In a pan it shall be made with oil; and when it is baken, thou shalt bring it in: and the baken pieces of the meat offering shalt thou offer for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

22 And the priest of his sons that is anointed in his stead shall offer it: it is a statute for ever unto the LORD; it shall be wholly burnt.

23 For every meat offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering: In the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD: it is most holy.

26 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in the holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation.

27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in the holy place.

28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a brasen pot, it shall be both scoured, and rinsed in water.

29 All the males among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy.

30 And no sin offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation to reconcile withal in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt in the fire.

~ The sin offering speaks of the work of the Person of Christ on the cross; and that Christ is holy, harmless and without spot or blemish – free from sin – so He is able to be a satisfactory sacrifice for our sins. The virgin birth becomes essential in this section of Scripture if Christ is to fulfill our plan of salvation. A true, born-again believer cannot deny the virgin birth. Christ is acceptable as the sin offering because He was free from sin, though He was made sin for us on the cross. It was OUR sins that caused Christ to have to die! His death had nothing to do with His sins and nothing to do with Rome arresting and trying Him....

VII

1 Likewise this is the law of the trespass offering: it is most holy.

~ It seems these laws and instructions for offerings will never end; and here we have some more. This is all a picture of what Jesus did and what He is doing today for us in Heaven at Gods right hand! Jesus is still girded with a towel and ready to cleanse and forgive us our sins. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. This law of the trespass offering follows the same pattern as the sin offering and this is for specific acts of deliberate sins. The offerer is reminded that the sacrifice is holy! The worth and merit of Christ cannot be overemphasized. When we see our sinful acts properly, in their extreme awfulness, then we shall see the wonderfulness and the holiness and the greatness of Christ. You will never appreciate the

Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior until you see yourself as a lost sinner; and that's what you are. God calls you that – not me.

Now, the blood is mentioned in the sin offering but not emphasized. There is a real danger today of making the blood a common item. I don't think we can over-emphasize the blood when done in a correct context - but when we have no reverence, it quickly becomes untenable. See, the blood is precious, and I think we need to keep our diamonds and pearls in a safe place; not displaying them everywhere, particularly not in front of pigs! Treating holy things as common place is a deadly sin that we will discuss in Scripture - but not here....

2 In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the trespass offering: and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle round about upon the altar.

3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards,

4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away:

5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a trespass offering.

6 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in the holy place: it is most holy.

7 As the sin offering is, so is the trespass offering: there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith shall have it.

8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered.

9 And all the meat offering that is baken in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying pan, and in the pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it.

10 And every meat offering, mingled with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as much as another.

11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he shall offer unto the LORD.

12 If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried.

~ By the Lord Jesus Christ let us offer unto God a sacrifice of praise continually! The fruit of our lips giving thanks to His Name. It's extremely hard to go to a Bible teaching church and it's impossible to study the Word of God correctly if you're not prepared to praise the Name of the True and Living God for all of the blessings in your life. The complaining and criticizing Christian is in no condition to worship God....

13 Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings.

~ Wait a minute – did someone say leavened bread? This is certainly a strange specific. Well, in verse twelve Christ is in view but here in verse thirteen the offeror is in view. This is where the redeemed enter into the rest Christ has made and provided. If we had to wait until we became perfect, then none would enter and none would ever have peace; but our sins have been forgiven us! Our peace with God does in no way depend on attaining sinless perfection – so, leaven is present here! Friends, this is a critical fundamental key to the Bible and to a total understanding of the Word of God....

14 And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an heave offering unto the LORD, and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings.

15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until the morning.

~ Eating the offering the same day speaks to the manner in which we should stay very close to the Lord Jesus Christ. The closer we stay to Him, the more power we have over temptation - and peace of conscience can be realized in one's life. How close are you to Christ? God only gives peace to His own - and He only gives it to those who have entered into the wonderful, glorious fellowship that looks to Him and rests upon Him. Most Christians are very unhappy and dissatisfied in their so-called Christian life. When we find Christ adequate and wonderful as our perfect sacrifice, then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will enter your heart and the Bible will finally begin to make sense....

16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

17 But the remainder of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire.

18 And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten at all on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire: and as for the flesh, all that be clean shall eat thereof.

20 But the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, that pertain unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

- 21 Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.
- 22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat.
- 24 And the fat of the beast that dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it.
- 25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.
- 26 Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings.
- 27 Whatsoever soul it be that eateth any manner of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.
- 28 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
- 29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the LORD shall bring his oblation unto the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace offerings.
- 30 His own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the fat with the breast, it shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before the LORD.
- 31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons.

32 And the right shoulder shall ye give unto the priest for an heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings.

33 He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part.

34 For the wave breast and the heave shoulder have I taken of the children of Israel from off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons by a statute for ever from among the children of Israel.

35 This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office;

36 Which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them, by a statute for ever throughout their generations.

37 This is the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;

38 Which the LORD commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai ~
