

## Leviticus Chapter 04 Verses 4-12; Priest's Sins Of Ignorance

**Le 4:4 "And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. 5 And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: 6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the vail of the sanctuary. 7 And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation."**

We are talking about sins of ignorance, which have been revealed to be sin. Being guilty, the priest who is offering the sacrifice for the sin of ignorance, was to bring a bullock into the tabernacle of the congregation, on the right side of the brazen altar, where the sin offerings were slain. He was to lay his hand upon the head of the bullock and kill it before the Lord. (indicative of imputing his sin upon the offering, and a prophetic picture of the work Jesus would do on the cross, when our sins were imputed upon him) This anointed priest was to take the blood of the bullock, dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, in front of the sanctuary, which would be before the veil into the holy place. Why would he be required to sprinkle the blood seven times? Seven, used here, has the first definition of (*as the sacred full one*, which is a picture of Christ), and the root definition is (*completeness*.) This is emblematic of the blood of Christ being shed, and being seen by God, as the full payment of the sins of all of God's people, throughout the bounds of time. Because of the sin of ignorance the priest has committed, he must sprinkle the blood of the sacrifice, as an emblem of cleansing himself before he can enter the holy place. In the holy place is where the prayers were offered, just as Jesus tells us to enter into our closet and pray.

After sprinkling the blood seven times, the priest was to enter the holy place and put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of incense. This is indicative of making his prayer for forgiveness to God acceptable to God, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. This is prophetically emblematic of the prayers of the saints of God being purified by the blood of Christ and God's people being made acceptable to God the Father. We see this imagery in *Re 8:3-4; 3 "And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand."* But the angel used incense not blood. What did the incense do? It made the prayers acceptable to God and made them a sweet savor in nostrils of God. What did the blood of Christ do? It made our prayers acceptable to God, and made us accepted in the beloved, Jesus Christ.

Finally, all the blood was to be poured at the bottom of the altar of sacrifice. Remember, the priest is carrying all the blood of the sacrifice all the time he is doing these things. Jesus carried all his blood until he gave his life on the cross. Why would the blood be poured out at the altar of burnt offering last? It demonstrated that the shedding of Jesus's blood was the fulfillment of the sacrificial law. Thus, we have the prophetic picture of all the blood of the sacrifices being carried throughout the fulfillment of the sacrificial law until Jesus yielded up the Ghost on the cross.

Understand, under the sacrificial law the sacrifices only provided for forgiveness of sin here on earth. How thankful we should be that Jesus fulfilled the sacrificial law, and all the sins, of all of God's people are eternally remitted through the blood of Jesus. (those before and after his crucifixion)

**8 "And he shall take off from it all the fat of the bullock for the sin offering; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, it shall he take away, 10 As it was taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering. 11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung, 12 Even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt."**

God commanded Israel to not eat the fat or the blood, which were dedicated solely to God. The fat of the sin offering being burned upon the altar of sacrifice, is emblematic of how when Christ died for our sins on the cross, our sins are forgotten forever. What do you mean? What happens when you burn fat? It goes up in smoke and is seen no more. It made a sweet savor to the Lord, as the sacrifice of Christ made us a sweet savor to God.

Why was the fat dedicated to God? Fat is a vital organ of the body. Its purpose is to take food and turn it into energy and store the energy as fat, which the body needs to function. As our bodies expend energy, the fat releases the energy needed to provide the strength for the body to function properly. Well, that still doesn't answer your question about the fat being dedicated to God. The fat being dedicated to God is a prophetic picture, which demonstrates that everything needed for the child of God, and the New Testament Church, to function properly is provided by Jesus Christ. It demonstrates to us that we cannot save ourselves eternally, and eternal salvation is the gift of God to us. The fat, which is inside the body, is picturesque of the love that, in his inner being, Jesus had for the Father, and for all the Father gave him to save.

Remember, the remainder of the body was to be carried out of the camp to a clean place and burned completely, where the ashes of the altar were poured out. The clean place where the ashes were poured out is the emblem of the cleanness of Jesus Christ. The ashes, being the refuse of the sacrifice made on the brazen altar, is a picture of the refuse of our forgiven sins being poured out, to be remembered against us no more.

What about the rest of the body being carried out of the camp and burned? This prophesies to us that Jesus was carried out of Jerusalem, to Golgotha, not in the temple, to be crucified. The finished work, of the redemption of all of God's people, was completed upon the cross, which is represented by the altar of sacrifice where the blood was poured out. Remember also, when Jesus gave up the Ghost on the cross, the veil of the temple, into the most holy place, was rent in twain, which revealed the mercy seat, which is an emblem of Jesus. This reminds us that Jesus is our great High Priest, who entered once into the most holy place and got eternal remission of sins for us. How? Just as the blood of righteous Abel cried out to God from the earth: the blood of Jesus, spilled on the earth, cried out to God from earth, and was heard of God the Father in heaven. None of Israel saw the mercy seat after the tabernacle was set up, only the high priest, who went in once a year to make atonement for the nation Israel. Today, we do not look upon the physical body of Jesus, but we see him by the eye of faith with which we have been gifted in the new birth.

In application to our lives today: all the blood was poured out at the base of the brazen altar, the altar of sacrifice: reminds us where our eternal forgiveness of sins comes from, as expressed in ***Eph 1:7-14; 7 "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace; 8 Wherein he hath abounded toward us in all wisdom and prudence; 9 Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself: 10 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory."*** The crucifixion of Jesus, and the shedding of his blood in all his sufferings on earth, is our redemption from sin. Our earnest inheritance will be fulfilled at the second coming of Jesus, in the eternal resurrection of the dead in Christ and the change of the chosen who are alive and remain.

Those, who truly see the crucifixion of Christ, for what it was, shall believe the finished work of Christ, as we see happened in the life of some at his crucifixion in ***Mt 27:54 "Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God."*** We are told in ***Ps 111:10 "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom:"*** This evidence is substantiated by other scriptures like ***Ro 8:30 "Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified."*** And seen in ***Joh 6:37 "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."***

Isn't it wonderful news to hear that Jesus died for the eternal remission of the sins of all of God's people, both willful sins and sins of ignorance? Isn't it good news to hear that just before Jesus gave up his life on the cross, he said ***"It is finished?"*** Thus, seeing that the finished work of Jesus has wrought for us eternal remission of sins, and given to us eternal life in Christ in the new birth; our hearts should be humbled before God, and we ought to serve him with body, soul, spirit, and mind. We ought to give Him all praise, glory, and honor, and shout from the depths of our hearts, with those we see in ***Re 4:8 ¶ "And the four beasts had each of them six wings about him; and they were full of eyes within: and they rest not day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come."*** Hallelujah! Amen!