

2020 FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINES 1
LESSON 3 – THE BLOOD ATONEMENT
LEVITICUS 17:11, ROMANS 5:11

Leviticus 17:11, For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Romans 5:11, And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement.

1. ATONEMENT GENERALLY MEANS REPARATION AND RECONCILIATION. IT IS AN ATTEMPT TO HEAL A BREACH AND RIGHT A WRONG.

Let's look at the usage of the term a few times in the Scriptures.

A. 2 Samuel 21:1-14 – David gives seven men of Saul for the sin of Saul against Gibeon. Then the Lord hears and answers prayers.

B. Numbers 25:1-13 – Phinehas sees the wrong being done and he attempts to right it by killing man, woman, and? What's the belly got to do with it?

2. ATONEMENT APPEARS IN MORE THAN ONE CONTEXT AND ACCOMPLISHES MORE THAN ONE THING.

A. Atonements were offered for persons, places, and things.

B. Atonements were made from money, human actions, blood sacrifices, and wheat and flour sacrifices.

C. Atonements were made for soldiers before war, for the offense of nations, and for sins against God.

3. THE ATONEMENT THAT WE'RE INTERESTED IN IS THE BLOOD ATONEMENTS FOR SIN.

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5. LET'S LOOK AT BLOOD ATONEMENT FOR SIN IN THE OT.

BLOOD ATONEMENT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Leviticus 4:20 – When a congregation sins, the priest makes blood atonement and sins are forgiven.

Leviticus 4:26 – When a ruler sins, the priest makes blood atonement and sins are forgiven.

Leviticus 4:31 – When common people sin, the priest makes blood atonement and sins are forgiven.

Leviticus 4:35 – ..., the priest makes blood atonement and sins are forgiven.

Leviticus 5:10 – Swearing..., the priest makes blood atonement and sins are forgiven.

Leviticus 5:11, 13 – Too poor..., the priest makes atonement and sins are forgiven.

Leviticus 5:16 – Sin in holy things... the priest makes atonement and sins are forgiven.

Leviticus 6:7 – Sin against neighbor... the priest makes atonement and sins are forgiven.

1. **Procures forgiveness** of sins.

2. Leviticus 8:15; 6:30; 16:20, II Chronicles 29:24 – **Secures reconciliation.**

3. Leviticus 16:30, 34 – **Procures cleansing from sin.**

BUT

OT atonements are Repetitive

OT atonements are Temporary

OT atonements are Incomplete

OT atonements are Typical

5. JESUS CHRIST MADE THE COMPLETED ATONEMENT.

1. **Hebrews 10:1-4** – Sins forgiven but not taken away. Forgiven but not cleared. Exodus 34:6,7

2. **Hebrews 7:26-27; 9:11-14**, - Christ is a Higher Priest
9:24-26 – Offered Himself Once

3. **Hebrews 10:9-17**

4. **Forgiven - Colossians 2:13** And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

5. **Reconciled - Romans 5:10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

6. **Cleansed - 1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, **and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**