

GLEANINGS

THE PAYMENT FOR KNOWN SINS

The second suggestion which will enable us to glean the truth from God's word while we stay away from the seeds of error in our translation is, if we are a child of God, we need to make sure we are in fellowship with Him. Have we repented of every known sin in our life and confessed them to God? If we will repent and confess our known sins, God will forgive us of our unknown sins.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9 New International Version)

When Jesus Christ died He fulfilled all seven of the offerings that the Jewish Theocracy was required to offer. Since they did not have the finished Bible as we have today, God instituted those offerings as a picture of the complete sacrifice that Jesus Christ would offer by His death on the cross. It helped the people of that day to understand what sins the Messiah was going to pay for when He came to the earth and gave His life. I would like to call your attention to two of the seven offerings in particular.

One was the Burnt Offering (Leviticus 1:1-17). As the Burnt Offering was being completely consumed by the fire on the brazen altar, the worshiper was to repent of and confess all of their known sins. They were to look forward in faith and ask that the sacrifice the Messiah would give one day pay for their known sins. God tells us that the death of the animal did not pay for their sins.

"4. For it is impossible that sins should be taken away with blood of bulls and goats. Hebrews 9:4 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition).

We will examine the second offering in our next article, GE-12.

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