

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP – April 22, 2018

Announcements

- A one-day college conference will be held here in Bellevue on Saturday (4/28). Please contact Sally Smith and Mary Shih if you can help with food preparation.
- The deadline to order the Collected Works of Witness Lee at a discount is April 30. Please go to www.livingstream.com/cwwl to place an order.
- We are continuing week 7 in the Holy Word for Morning Revival on “The Crystallization-Study of Leviticus”. Please pick up volume 2 in the bookroom.
- We will read messages 22-24 in the Life-Study of Leviticus.
- Registration for the Summer Training is due by May 1; please sign up with the bookroom.
- The Puget Sound conference will be May 11-13 in Bellevue and Seattle.
- Wednesday night ministry webcast 7:30 pm at the following locations:
 - Smith - South Bellevue, (206) 914-3447, in English
 - Miyake - Central Bellevue, (425) 451-7294, in English
 - Kim - South Bellevue, (714) 213-5213, in Korean
 - Lancaster - Kenmore, (206) 724-4535, in English
 - Wang - South Bellevue, (425) 653-2249, in Chinese
 - Lu - Kirkland, (206) 696-2543, in Chinese

Burdens for Prayer

- ITERO
- Germany
- Dormant saints

This Week: April 23 – April 29

Morning Revival: *The Crystallization Study of Leviticus*, Week 7

Hall Cleaning: Downstairs – Central Bellevue
Upstairs – Downtown

Tuesday	10:00 am	Sisters' prayer meeting
Tuesday	7:30 pm	Corporate prayer meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	Breakfast
Lord's Day	9:30 am	Lord's Table

April	
28	One-day college blending
May	
11-13	Puget Sound conference

Ministry Reading Portion

LIFE-STUDY OF LEVITICUS

In this message we will begin to consider the trespass offering. We may think that, as the last of the five basic offerings, the trespass offering is not very important and rather easy to understand. Actually, the trespass offering is extremely important and is difficult to understand adequately. Therefore, in our study of Leviticus, we need to read 5:1-10 carefully and attentively.

In talking about sin, many people do not realize that there is a great difference between sin and sins. Sin is a matter of indwelling sin as the nature of Satan within us. Sins are a matter of outward sinful deeds. The sin offering deals with sin, and the trespass offering deals with sins, transgressions, and trespasses, including lies, mistakes, and all kinds of wrongdoing. Trespasses are transgressions, and transgressions are different kinds of sins.

I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE TRESPASS OFFERING

We first need to see the significance of the trespass offering.

A. The Difference between the Sin Offering and the Trespass Offering

There is an important difference between the sin offering and the trespass offering. The sin offering signifies Christ as our offering resolving sin in our fallen nature (Rom. 8:3; 2 Cor. 5:21). The trespass offering signifies Christ as our offering resolving the problem of sins in our conduct (1 Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:5-6, 10-11 in ASV).

Romans 8:3 says, "God sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh." God has condemned sin. How did He do this? He did it by sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin.

The phrase "likeness of the flesh of sin" combines sin and the flesh. Our flesh today is the flesh of sin. As we have pointed out, sin and the flesh are related to Satan, the world, and the prince of the world. Whereas our flesh is the flesh of sin, Christ came only in the likeness of the flesh of sin. In Him there was no sin; He did not have

sin in His human nature. Nevertheless, in appearance He bore the likeness of the flesh of sin.

The flesh of fallen mankind is the flesh of sin. In other words, the flesh of the fallen human race is one with sin. Where the flesh is, there is sin. The word flesh signifies a fallen person, and every fallen person is sin. Whether we love others or hate them, we are sin. Genesis 6:3 says that fallen man became flesh. Since man has become flesh and the flesh is of sin, the flesh and sin are one. They are identical. As fallen human beings, we are flesh, and the flesh is sin.

God condemned sin by sending His Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin. When the Lord Jesus was on the cross, He was sin in the eyes of God. Christ was crucified in His flesh. This means that His flesh was crucified. Since His flesh was crucified, sin was condemned because sin and the flesh are identical. God judged the flesh, and He judged sin. He did this by judging Jesus on the cross. When God judged Jesus, He judged the flesh and sin. Moreover, at that time God destroyed Satan in the flesh, judged the world that was hanging on Satan, and condemned the prince of the world and the power struggle. One was crucified, but five things were dealt with: sin, the flesh, Satan, the world, and the power struggle. These five things are one.

Second Corinthians 5:21 says, “Him who did not know sin He made sin on our behalf.” The Lord Jesus did not know sin, but God made Him sin on the cross for our sake. When the Lord Jesus was on the cross, He was not only a sinful person in likeness, even as the brass serpent was a serpent in form (John 3:14), but He was also made sin by God. If Jesus had not been made sin, sin could not have been judged when He was crucified. Sin was condemned because Christ, while He was on the cross, was made sin on our behalf by God.

Whereas the sin offering deals with the sin in our nature inwardly, the trespass offering deals with the sins in our conduct outwardly (1 Pet. 2:24). As the marginal notes in the American Standard Version indicate, Isaiah 53:10 puts the trespass offering together with the sin offering. The same thing is true of chapter five of Leviticus.

B. The Trespass Offering Eventually Becoming the Sin Offering

The trespass offering eventually becomes the sin offering (Lev. 5:6-8, 11-12). This signifies that Christ’s redemption for our sin resolves the problem of sin in its two aspects—sin in our inward nature and sins in our outward conduct. These two aspects of sin make up the totality of sin. John 1:29 speaks of this totality: “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” Although the

word sin is in the singular, it does not refer merely to the sin in our nature; it denotes the totality of sin, comprising both inward sin and outward sins.

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Bible Reading Schedule with Footnotes	
Sunday, April 22 nd	Mark 14:27-52
Monday, April 23 rd	Mark 14:53-72
Tuesday, April 24 th	Mark 15:1-15
Wednesday, April 25 th	Mark 15:16-47
Thursday, April 26 th	Mark 16:1-8
Friday, April 27 th	Mark 16:9-20
Saturday, April 28 th	Luke 1:1-4