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Valley Church
Week 12 - Life in the Blood (Leviticus)

Introduction

- Leviticus 17:11
- Leviticus 1:3-4

LEVITICUS TEACHES US THAT GOD...

1) ...ACCEPTS A _____ OF SUBSTITUTION

Leviticus 1:3-4

"...it will be accepted on his behalf..."

2) ...AFFIRMS THE _____ OF SIN

Leviticus 1:3-4

"...to make atonement for him."

Atonement = "At-one-ment"

3) ...ALLUDES TO THE _____ OF A SAVIOR

Leviticus 17:11

"...it is the blood that makes atonement..."

- Hebrews 10:1-4; 11-12
- 2 Corinthians 3:7-11
- Hebrews 4:9-11

PASSING

THE BIG IDEA:

God's wrath against sin is not a contradiction – but a confirmation – of His Fatherly love toward us. The Levitical Law is a graphic reminder that while sin must be punished, God desires to save sinners. This is why Jesus came to die in our place and rise from the dead.

QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES AND PERSONAL REFLECTION

Personal Life:

1. Have you ever actually read Leviticus all the way through? If so, what were some of the challenges you faced in going through it? Discuss...

Ponderings:

2. In the weekend message we encountered 3 significant reasons God gave us the Book of Leviticus:
 - That He accepts a system of substitution in punishing sin
 - That He affirms the seriousness of sin by the details in the book
 - That He alludes to the sacrifice of the Savior in the book

Why are each of these realities significant to His Story as you understand it? Try to be specific...

If any of these three realities were eliminated, how would His Story be diminished or impaired? Explain one by one...

3. Read Deuteronomy 6:1-12 as a group, and discuss the following thoughts and questions...

In these verses we see the “unconditional” and “conditional” promises of God side by side. What was the “unconditional promise” that went back to Abraham? What was the “conditional promise” given through Moses?

Should Christian parents – living under the New Covenant – be teaching their children the Law as a basis for life? If yes, then in what sense? If no, then why not?

In what ways are you committed to passing the torch of faith to the next generation? Try to be specific – regardless of whether or not you are the parent of any biological children...

4. Read Hebrews 9:11-15 as a group and discuss the following thoughts and questions...

How is the grace of God magnified in this passage specifically by contrasting the Old Way versus the New Way?

The Greek word for “ransom” (verse 15 – NIV) refers to “purchasing back” or “redeeming” from a slave market of some kind. In what ways has Jesus “ransomed” us from various dimensions of the slave market of sin? Discuss...

Promptings:

Thinking deeply about passing the Gospel to the next generation, how can we do this with BOTH humility and confidence at the same time? What does this look like in your home (if you are a parent) or in your life (if you are not a parent)?