



Sermon Discussion Guide

CONSEQUENCES OF SIN, CLEANSING FOR SIN

Leviticus 5:14-6:7¹

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Big Idea: Even though our sins are covered in Christ, consequences still remain in this life.

Outline ~ 3 Scenarios for Guilt Offerings:

- (5:14-16) Breach of faith: unintentional use of holy implements
- (5:17-19) Guilty conscience
- (6:1-7) Breach of faith: sinning against neighbor

Questions

1. Kevin described two types of Christians: Some who never seem to feel guilty, and some who seem to wake up every morning feeling guilty. Which end of the spectrum do you tend towards?
2. **Voluntary vs. Involuntary:**² The cost of voluntary restoration in the OT was 120%, while involuntary restoration was 200%. Why was *involuntary* restoration more costly? What does this relate to our present day?
3. **Consequences:** Have you ever heard someone say, “Being forgiven means that you never have to deal with the consequences of sin.” What’s wrong with this line of reasoning?
4. **Conscience:** The Guilt Offering wasn’t just for blatantly obvious sins. The middle category (v. 17-19) was for those who had a guilty conscience. They weren’t sure they had committed a specific sin, but had the sense that they needed to be reconciled to God. How should this second category of guilt offering give us comfort?
5. **Skip Church?** Read Matt 5:21-24. Kevin said, “It’s almost like God is saying, ‘It would be better for you to miss church one week to make things right with your brother.’” Can you think of a person in your life who has modeled biblical reconciliation?
6. **Christ:** Read Isa 53:10. Kevin said, “Satan is the universe’s most persistent collection agency. He’s always calling you up... ‘How will God ever forgive *your* debt?’” But the guilt offering lets you hang up the phone. How does Christ’s fulfillment of the guilt offering comfort you this week?

¹ **Review:** 5 Offerings in Lev 1-6

Burnt offering: atonement. Grain offering: thanksgiving & commitment. Peace offering: fellowship with God and one another. Sin offering: forgiveness for *ongoing* sin. Guilt offering: restitution for harm caused by sin.

² *Voluntary* - admitting your guilt to your neighbor on your own accord.

Involuntary - found to be guilty, and you knew it beforehand.