

Forgiveness of Sin Under OT Law

Scripture Reading:

Leviticus 4:13-20

Luke 24:44-47

INTRODUCTION

The ultimate enemy of mankind is the penalty of death resulting from the guilt of our sin.

The solution to this death penalty isn't to ignore it, dismiss it, deny it, or attempt to provide an alternative payment.

The **ONLY** solution to sin and its' penalty is forgiveness – God's provided forgiveness.

The Bible reveals God's forgiveness of sin.

It is vitally important to understand the differences in God's requirements and provisions for forgiveness throughout human history.

The Requirement of Blood for Forgiveness

- **Lev 4:15-18** – instructions for OT sacrifice
- **Heb 9:22** - under OT Law, the blood of animals was a temporary requirement

The Result of OT Blood Sacrifices – Atonement and Forgiveness (Lev 4:20)

- In relationship to God: sin was atoned, literally = covered
 - Sin could not be taken away by animal blood- Heb 10:4
 - God didn't fully judge sin by these animal sacrifices, so He temporarily "winked" (overlooked) man's ignorance of the only fully acceptable sacrifice for sin - Acts 17:30
 - God tolerated these sins by His forbearance until the blood of His Son was shed – Rom 3:25

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- In relationship to the Law and its requirements
 - Sin was forgiven. The law penalty pardoned, and the unlawful act was removed from one's account
 - **Ps 103:11-12** “For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;
¹² As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.”

The Prophesied Replacement for the Blood of Animals: **Jesus Christ**

Luke 24:25-27, 44-47 –
“...And beginning at Moses
and all the Prophets,
He expounded to them in all
the Scriptures the things
concerning Himself...”

Acts 10:43 – “To Him all the
prophets witness that,
through His name, whoever
believes in Him will
receive remission of sins.”

CONCLUSION

- God's forgiveness of sin and sin's penalty is ultimately and ONLY based of the shed blood of Jesus Christ
- But the way forgiveness is applied varies from dispensation to dispensation