

# LEVITICUS

## More Than Conquerors—Energized for the Call.



*The Stone Table from The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*

(If you have never read [or can't remember well] CS Lewis's book, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, this might be a good read for this lesson. The movie is nowhere near as good.)

Lecture on ENERGIZED FOR THE CALL

Brief outline of Leviticus by topic. (to be distributed in class)

### **BIG IDEA 1. The reality of evil – its vigor and vitality**



Job 1:6-7

Ephesians 1: 12

1 Peter 5:8

What do you think: Is the world getting better? Are we on the right track?

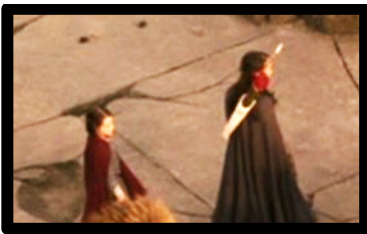
Washington Post asks the question: "The World Is Getting Better: Why Don't We Believe It?"

[W]e would be remiss to discount how much progress has been made in the quarter-century since Bush’s speech. According to the World Bank, the rate of extreme poverty fell from **37 percent** in 1990 to **about 10 percent last year**. The Food and Agriculture Organization **reports** that the rate of undernourishment fell from 18.6 percent to 10.9 percent during that same window. A **major study** by the University of Washington’s Institute of Health Metrics and Evaluation found that life expectancy increased by 5.8 years for men and 6.6 years for women between 1990 and 2013. Doctors have made extraordinary strides in reducing the mortality rates of polio, measles and malaria. And the threat of a nuclear war, as well as that of a war between great powers, has declined significantly. (January 26, 2016)

Liebnitz famously said, “We live in the best of all possible worlds.” Do you agree? What is the result of believing this approach?

Remember “Disintegration?” Have you every heard of “entropy?” What does this observation from thermodynamics have to say about the “pre-set goodness of the world?”

## **BIG IDEA 2: God’s people not exempted – not even the holiest**



Abraham

Jacob

Moses

Aaron

The people themselves—Name some examples

Deuteronomy 24: 16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin. See also Ezekiel 18:4.

**BIG IDEA 3. Evil is overcome. Disintegration reversed and symphony restored.**



Look at Leviticus offerings. What did you learn from the charts?

Chapter 1: How are offerings made? And what do they teach us?

What would be the monetary or comparable VALUE of a bull or a goat or a lamb in today's terms?

**BIG IDEA 4: EVIL IS OVERCOME THROUGH Atonement**



Is atonement necessary? WHY? What is the relationship with forgiveness?

**WEEK 14**



**BIG IDEA 5): Atonement images**

1. **Sacrificial Atonement** – OT sacrificial system  
Man forfeited life; therefore, shedding of blood Heb 9:12, 22, 10.4-12

2. **Penal suffering** –(public law concept) -- legal  
Isaiah 53 – sin forfeits life/ law requires punishment  
The chastisement of our peace was upon him  
Substitution before the bench of God’s justice
3. **Debt** canceled; marketplace analogy: **REDEMPTION**  
What do we owe God?  
bond written in ordinance against us – Parable in Mt 18.21ff—the Lord’s Prayer in Matthew.  
the idea of redemption – buys back; Col 2.13, 1 Peter 1.18
4. **Ransom** – power struggle between God and Satan for hostages – we are passive as hostages  
Col 2.15, Matt 20. 28, Mk 10:45; Hebrews 9:15; Rev 5.4f
5. **Passover sacrifice**  
Like blood over doorpost saved Israel from death;  
So the blood of Jesus shed and seen spares those who depend on it from the wrath of God
6. The theological issue is this: **What does atonement accomplish?** For guilt or just the sense of guilt?  
  
Objective or subjective Atonement? Is it for God or for us?  
  
Subjective: Abelard: the change takes place in man; that is X made is so that we could believe that God loves us – Jesus makes God’s love believable. God’s attitude does not change
- 7: Gustav Aulen: *Christus Victor* Divine **conflict and victory** in which X fights the devil and beats the evil powers of the world to which man is in bondage and in Him God reconciles the world to himself Because Christ [X] subdues the evil powers the whole world comes into a new relationship with God.

**2 Corinthians 2:14**

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as **captives** in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere

**Ephesians 4:8**

This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many **captives** and gave gifts to his people.”

**2 Timothy 2:26**

and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them **captive** to do his will.

8. **Satisfaction theory:** Propitiation /expiation Rom 3.24-25; Heb 2: 17; 1 Jn 2.2 & 4: 10  
Heb 8. 13-10:14 – Compares Levitical offerings to Christ’s once for all shedding of his blood.  
Heb 9: 22—without the shedding of blood there is no remission (FORGIVENESS) of sins  
Heb 9: 26 -- [appeared not to offer blood that was not his own]...he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.  
1 Cor 10: 16—The cup of blessing ... is it not participation in the blood of Christ?  
Eph 2:13—You who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ

1 Pt 1.2, 18-19—sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to J C and to be sprinkled with his blood; you were ransomed from futile ways... not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without defect or blemish.

1 Jn 1: 7 ... the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin

Romans 3.25 ... whom God put forward as an “atoning sacrifice” (propitiation) by his blood, effective through faith → to prove that he is righteous

2 Cor 5: 17-21 God made him, who had no sin, to be sin for us that through him we might become the righteousness of God

Heb 2: 17 therefore he had to become like his brothers in every way ... to make a sacrifice of atonement (propitiation) for the sins of the people.

1 Jn 2.2... and he is the “atoning sacrifice” [propitiation] for our sins and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

1Jn 4.10 In this is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his son to be the “atoning sacrifice” [propitiation] for our sins.

**1 Thessalonians 1:10, Paul says Jesus “delivers us from the wrath to come.”**

### **Expiation and Propitiation**

Let’s think about what these words mean, then, beginning with the word *expiation*. The prefix *ex* means “out of” or “from,” so expiation has to do with removing something or taking something away. In biblical terms, it has to do with taking away guilt through the payment of a penalty or the offering of an atonement. By contrast, *propitiation* has to do with the object of the expiation. The prefix *pro* means “for,” so propitiation brings about a change in God’s attitude, so that He moves from being at enmity with us to being for us. Through the process of propitiation, we are restored into fellowship and favor with Him.

In a certain sense, propitiation has to do with God’s being appeased. We know how the word *appeasement* functions in military and political conflicts. We think of the so-called politics of appeasement, the philosophy that if you have a rambunctious world conqueror on the loose and rattling the sword, rather than risk the wrath of his blitzkrieg you give him the Sudetenland from Czechoslovakia or some such chunk of territory. You try to assuage his wrath by giving him something that will satisfy him so that he won’t come into your country and mow you down. That’s an ungodly manifestation of appeasement. But if you are angry or you are violated, and I satisfy your anger, or appease you, then I am restored to your favor and the problem is removed.

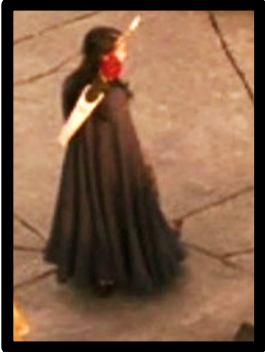
The same Greek word is translated by both the words *expiation* and *propitiation* from time to time. But there is a slight difference in the terms. Expiation is the act that results in the change of God’s disposition toward us. It is what Christ did on the cross, and the result of Christ’s work of expiation is propitiation—God’s anger is turned away. The distinction is the same as that between the ransom that is paid and the attitude of the one who receives the ransom.

## **Worksheet:**

Write down all the words that you can think of that relate to  
SALVATION or ATONEMENT.



**BIG IDEA 6): Activation of the Atonement—FAITH**



Atonement overcomes key obstacles to taking the land and engaging the Commission to be a blessing.

Consider the inhibiting power of SIN.

**BIG IDEA 7): THE PURPOSE OF THE ATONEMENT: To make God's Project a reality.**



Prior to attempting the enter and take Canaan as the means to the end of blessing the whole world, the tribes have to

Unload their baggage.

Clean up their relationships

Own obedience free of conflicts with God, each other, themselves and the land—in other words begin the reversal of DISINTEGRATION.

Enable the Conquest.

## The Bible Project

### Assignment for week 14 (Atonement product):

What progress have you made on Psalms reading regarding rescue from Egypt and redemption in general? Bring your homework on this for discussion next week.

Review DISINTEGRATION LESSON (two weeks) for class review next week.

READ: Numbers 20-21, Deuteronomy 1-3

The whole book of Joshua

Give special attention to Josh 5:2-9, Achan's sin; Joshua 24: 13-15; Deut 11: 26-32; 27: 9-26 & 28; Joshua 8: 30-35

### NEW for NEXT WEEK 15

READ JUDGES

As you read, consider the relationship of its moral integrity and its national security.

PREPARE for a mega review: TEST TO COME. WEEKS 2-14 (not Judges)

Review the Macro Picture first—consider how the whole picture comes together.  
Then the BIG IDEAS  
Then the Markers