

THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the
Old Testament**

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Leviticus

How does a pure and holy God ...
... dwell with an unholy people?

Leviticus 26

11 I will make my dwelling among you, and my soul shall not abhor you.

12 And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be my people.

Burnt Offerings

Unique/important aspect:

Sin transferred to substitute.
Whole offering burnt up
leaving nothing but ashes.

Christ's Fulfillment:

Pre-incarnation.
His perfect yieldedness to the
Father to do His will.
His passive obedience.
Hebrews 10:5-7; Phil. 2:5-8

Our application:

Trust in Christ's fulfillment.
To yield our whole selves.
Passive obedience to God.
Romans 12:1-2
Mark 12:30-31
Luke 9:23; 14:25-33

Grain Offerings

Unique/important aspect:

Holiness is transferred from the
small portion to the whole
offering.

Christ's Fulfillment:

His sinless life.
His active obedience in obey-
ing God's law perfectly; which
has been credited to us.
2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 1:30

Our application:

Trust in Christ's fulfillment.
To imitate Christ in practical
obedience to His commands.
John 14:15-24
Hebrews 13:15-16
1 Peter 1:14-20

Peace Offerings

Unique/important aspect:

Sin transferred to substitute.
Everyone participates in a
fellowship/communion meal.

Christ's Fulfillment:

His atoning death.
His birth, life, death and
resurrection has secured
peace/fellowship between a
Holy God and His people.

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Trust in Christ's fulfillment.
To live in fellowship and
communion with God and His
people through Christ.
Repeatedly share a meal with
His people in remembrance.

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14 when the sin which they have committed becomes known,

the assembly shall offer **a young bull** from the herd for a sin offering and bring it in front of the tent of meeting.

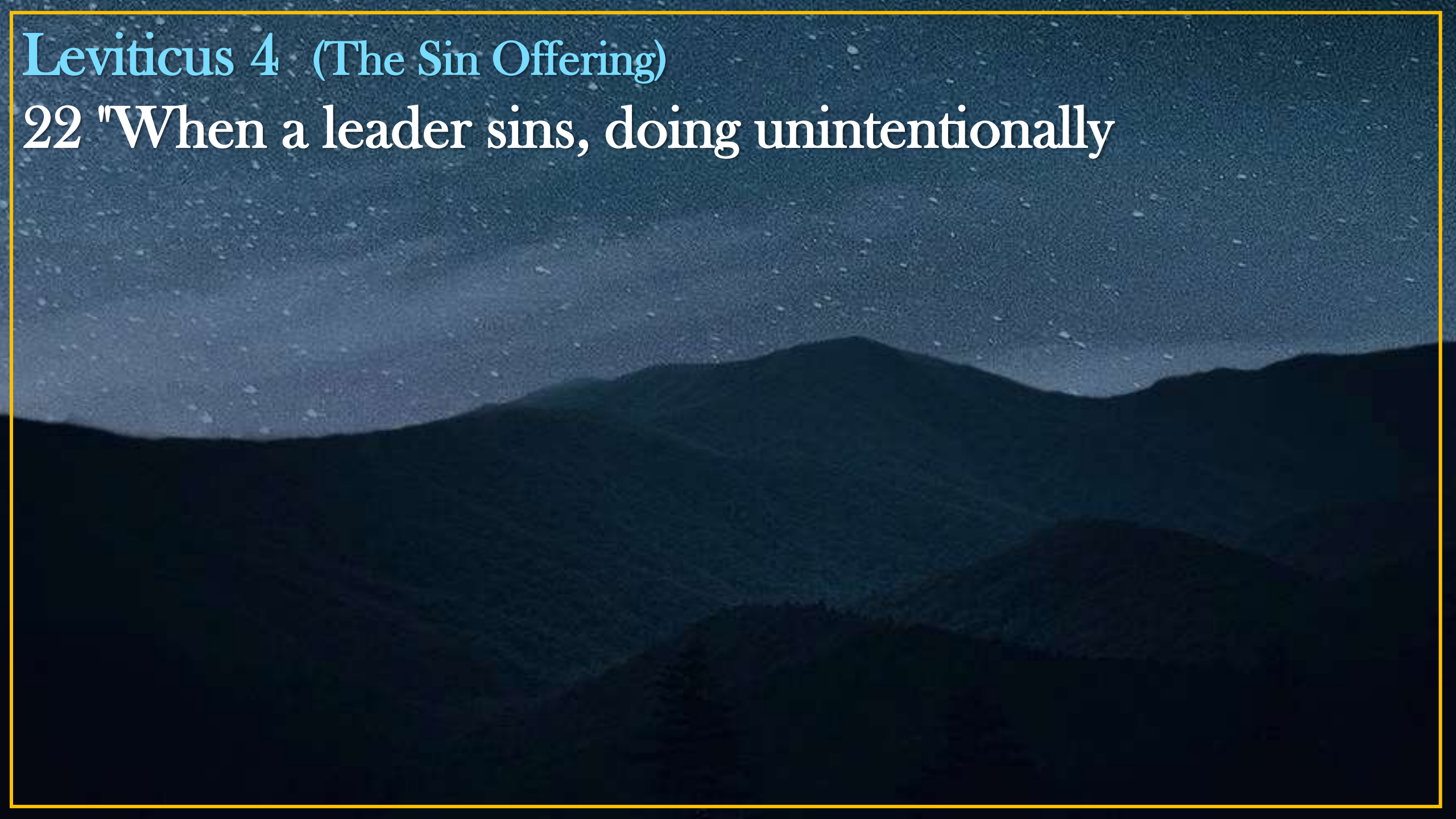
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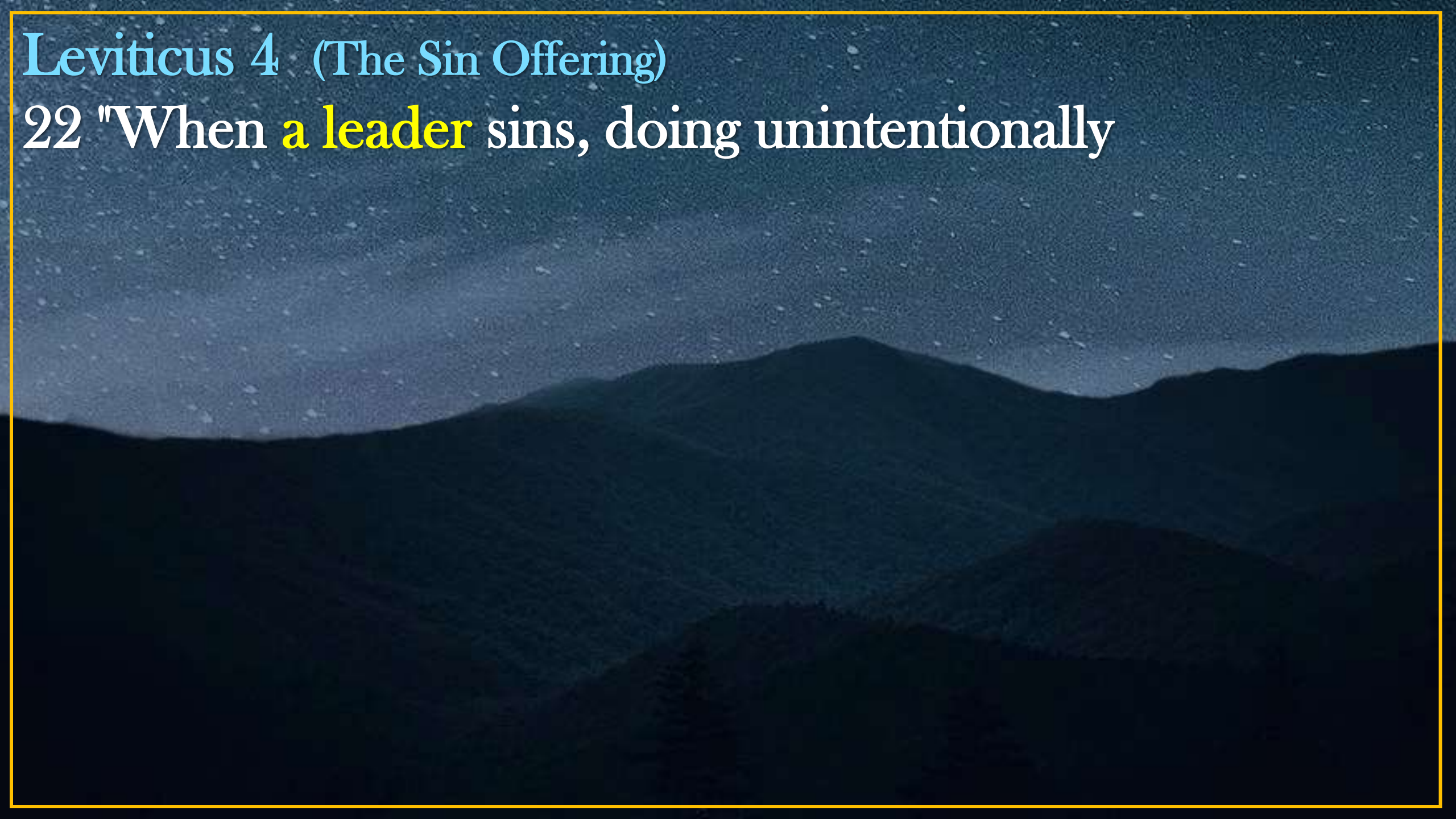
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23 or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring as his offering **a goat, a male** without blemish,

24 and shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the LORD; it is a sin offering.

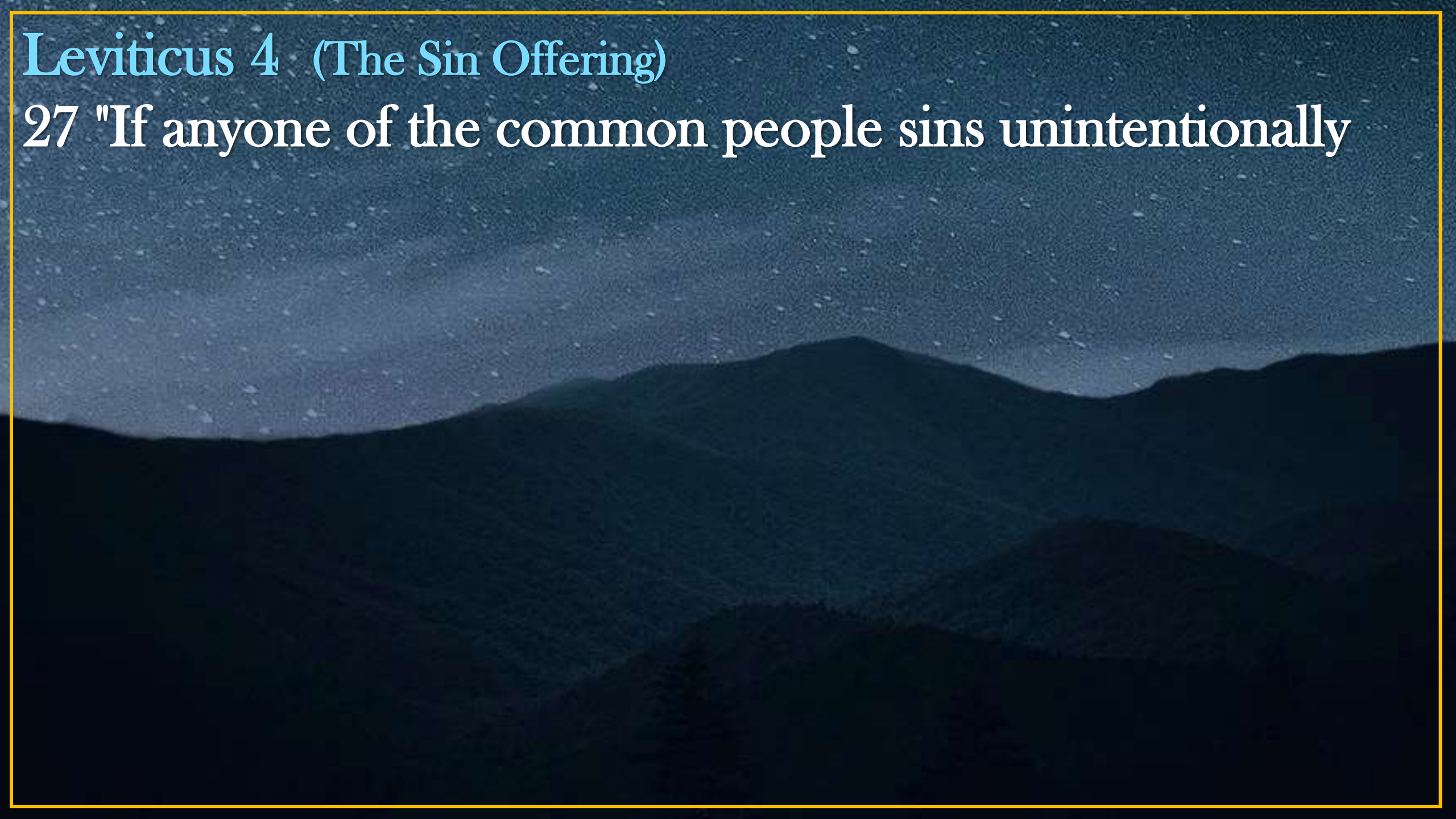
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Questions Provoked by Leviticus 4

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 - Does the New Covenant atone for intentional sins?
2. How does corporate sin work?
 - Am I guilty for sins committed by my nation?
 - Am I guilty for sins committed by my forefathers?
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Numbers 15

27 Also, if one person sins unintentionally, he is to present a year-old female goat as a sin offering.

28 And the priest shall make atonement before the LORD on behalf of the person who erred by sinning unintentionally; and when atonement has been made for him, he will be forgiven.

30 But the person who sins defiantly, whether a native or foreigner, blasphemes the LORD.

That person shall be cut off from among his people.

31 He shall certainly be cut off, because he has despised the word of the LORD and broken His commandment; his guilt remains on him.”

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2 Samuel 12

13 Then David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

“The LORD has taken away your sin,” Nathan replied. “You will not die.”

14 Nevertheless, because by this deed you have shown utter contempt for the word of the LORD, the son born to you will surely die.”

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- 4. No – sin offerings were for unintentional sins; and guilt offerings were for intentional sins.**
- 5. No – intentional sins were atoned by the Burnt/Grain/Peace offerings; but temporal punishments still applied.**

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Romans 4

5 However, to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

Hebrews 8

6 But as it is, Christ obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second.

1 Corinthians 6

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Genesis 18

23 Abraham stepped forward and said, “Will You really sweep away the righteous with the wicked?

24 What if there are fifty righteous ones in the city?

Will You really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous ones who are there?

25 Far be it from You to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous and the wicked are treated alike. Far be it from You!

Will not the Judge of all the earth do what is right?”

26 So the LORD replied, “If I find fifty righteous ones within the city of Sodom, on their account I will spare the whole place.”

2 Peter 2

4 For if God did not spare the angels when they sinned, but cast them deep into hell, placing them in chains of darkness to be held for judgment;

5 if He did not spare the ancient world when He brought the flood on its ungodly people, but preserved Noah, a preacher of righteousness, among the eight;

6 if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction, reducing them to ashes as an example of what is coming on the ungodly;

2 Peter 2

7 and if He rescued Lot,
a righteous man distressed by the depraved conduct
of the lawless

8 (for that righteous man, living among them day
after day, was tormented in his righteous soul by the
lawless deeds he saw and heard)—

9 if all this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue
the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for
punishment on the day of judgment.



1 Corinthians 5

1 Corinthians 5:9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people.

10 I was not including the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters.

In that case you would have to leave this world.

11 But now I am writing you not to associate with anyone who claims to be a brother but is sexually immoral or greedy, an idolater or a verbal abuser, a drunkard or a swindler.

With such a man do not even eat.

12 What business of mine is it to judge those outside the church?

Are you not to judge those inside?

13 God will judge those outside.

“Expel the wicked man from among you.”

2 Corinthians 6

**14 Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers.
For what partnership can righteousness have with
wickedness?**

Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?

**15 What harmony is there between Christ and Belial?
Or what does a believer have in common with an
unbeliever?**

**16 What agreement can exist between the temple of
God and idols? For we are the temple of the living God.**

2 Corinthians 6

As God has said:

“I will dwell with them
and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they will be My people.” [Leviticus 26:12; Jeremiah 32:38; Ezekiel 37:27]

17“Therefore come out from among them
and be separate, says the Lord.

Touch no unclean thing,
and I will receive you.” [Isaiah 52:11; Ezekiel 20:34]

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 - The Lord definitely will judge nations/rulers.
 - Israel's national sins are not the same.
 - But we are called to be separate; not share in their sins.
 - That doesn't mean we won't suffer with them.
 - That doesn't mean we should not lament/care/sorrow.
 - That doesn't mean we have no responsibility.
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Ezekiel 18

1 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,
2 “What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel:

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
and the teeth of the children are set on edge’?

3 As surely as I live, declares the Lord GOD,
you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, every soul belongs to Me; both father and son are Mine.

The soul who sins is the one who will die.

Jeremiah 31

29 "In those days, it will no longer be said:

'The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
and the teeth of the children are set on edge.'

30 Instead, each will die for his own iniquity.

If anyone eats the sour grapes,
his own teeth will be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,
when I will make a new covenant
with the house of Israel
and with the house of Judah.

Jeremiah 31

**32 It will not be like the covenant
I made with their fathers
when I took them by the hand
to lead them out of the land of Egypt—
a covenant they broke,
though I was a husband to them,”
declares the LORD.**

**33“But this is the covenant I will make with the house of
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Jeremiah 31

I will put My law in their minds
and inscribe it on their hearts.

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34 No longer will each man teach his neighbor or his
brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,'
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Revelation 2 & 3

2:4 (Ephesus) But I have this against you: You have abandoned your first love.

2:14 (Pergamum) But I have a few things against you, because some of you hold to the teaching of Balaam,

15 In the same way, some of you also hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

2:20 (Thyatira) But I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess.

3:1 (Sardis) you have a reputation for being alive, yet you are dead.

2 Wake up and strengthen what remains, which was about to die; for I have found your deeds incomplete in the sight of My God.

4 But you do have a few people in Sardis who have not soiled their garments,

3:16 (Laodicea) because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to vomit you out of My mouth!

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