

Forgiveness: The Key to Relationship with God

Leviticus 5:1-10

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There are some things that are absolutely essential. Unfortunately, it is also easy for the essentials to be taken for granted. We forget things that are vital to us, and so we need reminders of the really important things.

For every Christian, forgiveness is an essential in our lives. The first thing we must remember is that forgiveness is the key to our relationship with God. Without God's forgiveness, there is no relationship with Him. While forgiveness is available to us, it is not automatic.

What is sin? Sin is anything we do that displeases God, vs. 1-4.

- Sin can be an intentional action or attitude that displeases God, vs. 1.
- Sin can be an intentional inaction that displeases God, vs. 1.
- Sin can be an accidental action or attitude that displeases God, vs. 2-4.
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Why should you be concerned about sin? Vs. 6

- Sin offends Holy God.
- Sin separates us from God.
- Sin can only be forgiven by God.

How does God forgive us of our sin?

- It requires acknowledgement of sin, vs. 5. 1 John 1:8-9
- It requires a blood sacrifice, vs. 7-9. Colossians 1:13-14
- It requires a merciful, gracious God, vs. 10. Acts 13:38