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1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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1 Later, the LORD instructed Moses,

1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land where you are going to live, which I am giving you,

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2 "Tell the Israelis that

2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you,

3 and you make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice to fulfill a special vow, or as a voluntary offering or at your appointed times, to make a soothing aroma to the LORD from the herd or from the flock,

3 then make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice to fulfill a special vow, or as a freewill offering or in your appointed times, to make a soothing aroma to the LORD, from the herd or from the flock.

3 when you enter the land where you'll be living that I'm about to give you, you are to make an offering by fire to the LORD, either a burnt offering, a sacrificial offering to fulfill a vow, or a voluntary offering at the appointed time, to make a pleasing aroma to the LORD either from your cattle or from your flocks.

3 And will make an offering by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering, or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a freewill offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savour unto the LORD, of the herd, or of the flock:

- God's purpose is not destroyed; only delayed

- 38 years later, the following generation would do what they neglected to do

4 then the one who presents his offering shall present to the LORD a grain offering of a tenth of *anephah* of fine flour mixed with a fourth of a hin of oil,

4 The one who presents his offering shall present to the LORD a grain offering of one-tenth of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-fourth of a hin of oil,

4 The offeror is to bring the oblation to the LORD, containing one tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a grain offering, mixed with one fourth of a hin of olive oil.

4 Then shall he that offereth his offering unto the LORD bring a meat offering of a tenth deal of flour mingled with the fourth part of an hin of oil.

5 and you shall prepare wine for the drink offering, a fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for each lamb.

5 and you shall prepare wine for the drink offering, one-fourth of a hin, with the burnt offering or for the sacrifice, for each lamb.

5 Also prepare one fourth of a hin of wine for a drink offering or for the sacrifice of each lamb.

5 And the fourth part of an hin of wine for a drink offering shalt thou prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice, for one lamb.

6 Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with a third of **a hin** of oil;

6 Or for a ram you shall prepare as a grain offering two-tenths of *an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-third of a hin of oil;

6 "For a ram, prepare a grain offering consisting of two tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with one third of a hin of olive oil.

6 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare for a meat offering two tenth deals of flour mingled with the third part of an hin of oil.

- "...a hin" of oil: speaks of Holy Spirit; "a hin" of wine: speaks of joy

7 and for the drink offering you shall offer a third of a hin of wine as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

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7 Now as for your drink offering, offer one third of a hin of wine as a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

7 And for a drink offering thou shalt offer the third part of an hin of wine, for a sweet savour unto the LORD.

8 And **when you** prepare a bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a special vow, or for peace offerings to the LORD,

8 When you prepare a bull as a burnt offering or a sacrifice, to fulfill a special vow, or for peace offerings to the LORD,

8 "When you prepare a bull as a burnt offering, or as a sacrifice to fulfill a vow, or for peace offerings to the LORD,

8 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings unto the LORD:

- "...when you" - "prophetic" tense: the perfected tense, as if it were already done

9 then you shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil;

9 then you shall offer with the bull a grain offering of three-tenths *of an ephah* of fine flour mixed with one-half a hin of oil;

9 then the bullock is to be presented accompanied by a meal offering of three tenths of an ephah of fine flour mixed with half a hin of oil.

9 Then shall he bring with a bullock a meat offering of three tenth deals of flour mingled with half an hin of oil.

10 and you shall offer as the drink offering half a hin of wine as an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

10 and you shall offer as the drink offering one-half a hin of wine as an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

10 "As for drink offerings, offer half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire is a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

10 And thou shalt bring for a drink offering half an hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

11 'This is how it shall be done for each ox, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the goats.

11 'Thus it shall be done for each ox, or for each ram, or for each of the male lambs, or of the goats.

11 Do this for each bullock, ram, male lamb, or goat.

11 Thus shall it be done for one bullock, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid.

12 According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do for each one according to their number.

12 According to the number that you prepare, so you shall do for everyone according to their number.

12 Depending on the number of offerings that you prepare, do for each one according to their number.

12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number.

13 Everyone who is a native shall do these things in this way, in presenting an offering by fire as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

13 All who are native shall do these things in this manner, in presenting an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD.

13 Every native born person is to do these things, bringing an offering made by fire as a pleasing aroma to the LORD."

13 All that are born of the country shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 Now if a stranger resides among you, or one who *may be* among you throughout your generations, and he *wants to* make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so shall he do.

14 If an alien sojourns with you, or one who may be among you throughout your generations, and he *wishes to* make an offering by fire, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, just as you do so he shall do.

14 "Now, if a resident alien lives with you, or whoever else is with you throughout your generations, let him make an offering made by fire, a pleasing aroma to the LORD. Just as you do, so is he to do.

14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever be among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye do, so he

shall do.

15 *As for* the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the stranger who resides *among you*, a permanent statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

15 *As for* the assembly, there shall be one statute for you and for the alien who sojourns *with you*, a perpetual statute throughout your generations; as you are, so shall the alien be before the LORD.

15 There is to be a single standard for your community, one statute for you and the resident alien who lives with you, a long lasting statute throughout your generations. Just as you do, so is the resident alien to do in the presence of the LORD.

15 One ordinance shall be both for you of the congregation, and also for the stranger that sojourneth with you, an ordinance for ever in your generations: as ye are, so shall the stranger be before the LORD.

16 There is to be one law and one ordinance for you and for the stranger who resides with you."

16 There is to be one law and one ordinance for you and for the alien who sojourns with you."

16 There is to be one law and one ordinance for you and for the resident alien who lives with you."

16 One law and one manner shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

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17 Then the LORD instructed Moses:

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

18 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land where I am bringing you,

18 "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land where I bring you,

18 "Tell the Israelis that when they enter the land that I'm about to bring you to,

18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you,

19 then it shall be, that when you eat from the food of the land, you shall lift up an offering to the LORD.

19 then it shall be, that when you eat of the food of the land, you shall lift up an offering to the LORD.

19 when you have eaten some of the bread that the land produces, you are to offer a raised offering to the LORD.

19 Then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up an heave offering unto the LORD.

20 Of the first of your dough you shall lift up a loaf as an offering; as an offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

20 Of the first of your dough you shall lift up a cake as an offering; as the offering of the threshing floor, so you shall lift it up.

20 You are to offer a cake made from the first of your bread dough as a raised offering to the LORD. Offer it as a raised offering right off your threshing floor.

20 Ye shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for an heave offering: as ye do the heave offering of the threshing floor, so shall ye heave it.

21 From the first of your dough you shall give to the LORD an offering throughout your generations.

21 From the first of your dough you shall give to the LORD an offering throughout your generations.

21 From then on, throughout your generations give the first of your bread dough to the LORD."

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the LORD an heave offering in your generations.

(b) Offerings for unintentional sins (15:22-29)

22 'But when you unintentionally do wrong and fail to comply with all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses,

22 'But when you unwittingly fail and do not observe all these commandments, which the LORD has spoken to Moses,

22 "Here's what you are to do when you all go astray and fail to observe all these commands that the LORD had spoken to Moses,

22 And if ye have erred, and not observed all these commandments, which the LORD hath spoken unto Moses,

23 *that is*, all that the LORD has commanded you through Moses from the day that the LORD gave commandments and onward, throughout your generations,

23 *even* all that the LORD has commanded you through Moses, from the day when the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations,

23 including anything that the LORD commanded you by the authority of Moses, starting from the day the LORD commanded Moses and continuing through your generations.

23 Even all that the LORD hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the LORD commanded Moses, and henceforward among your generations;

24 then it shall be, if it is done unintentionally, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one bull as a burnt offering, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one male goat as a sin offering.

24 then it shall be, if it is done unintentionally, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one bull for a burnt offering, as a soothing aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one male goat for a sin offering.

24 When anything is done without the knowledge of the congregation, the entire community is to offer one young bull for a burnt offering, a pleasing aroma to the LORD, along with its meal and drink offerings offered according to procedure, and one male goat for a sin offering.

24 Then it shall be, if ought be committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour unto the LORD, with his meat offering, and his drink offering, according to the manner, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering.

- Sins of ignorance: Men are not lost because they haven't heard the Gospel: they are lost because they are sinners

- Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost, and all men are lost. That is their natural state.

- Lost mankind is not sitting down in grief today because they have not heard the Gospel. They are not anxious to hear it.

25 Then the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and they will be forgiven; for it was an unintentional wrong, and they have brought their offering, an offering by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their unintentional wrong.

25 Then the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the sons of Israel, and they will be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their offering, an offering by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their error.

25 Then the priest is to make atonement for the entire community of the Israelis, and they will be forgiven for inadvertent sins. They are to bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, as well as their sin offering, into the LORD's presence on account of their error.

25 And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them; for it is ignorance: and they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance:

26 So all the congregation of the sons of Israel will be forgiven, as well as the stranger who resides among them, for *guilt was attributed* to all the people through an unintentional wrong.

26 So all the congregation of the sons of Israel will be forgiven, with the alien who sojourns among them, for *it happened* to all the people through error.

26 Then the entire community of Israel will be forgiven, along with the resident alien who lives among them, since all the people will have sinned inadvertently."

26 And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; seeing all the people were in ignorance.

27 'Also, if one person sins unintentionally, then he shall offer a one-year-old female goat as a sin offering.

27 'Also if one person sins unintentionally, then he shall offer a one year old female goat for a sin offering.

27 "Now when one person sins inadvertently, then he is to bring a one year old female goat for a sin offering.

27 And if any soul sin through ignorance, then he shall bring a she goat of the first year for a sin offering.

28 And the priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the person who goes astray by an unintentional sin, making atonement for him so that he may be forgiven.

28 The priest shall make atonement before the LORD for the person who goes astray when he sins unintentionally, making atonement for him that he may be forgiven.

28 Then, in the LORD's presence, the priest is to make atonement for the person who sinned inadvertently, that is, to make atonement on his behalf so he may be forgiven.

28 And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sinneth ignorantly, when he sinneth by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him.

29 You shall have one law for the native among the sons of Israel and for the stranger who resides among them, for one who does *anything wrong* unintentionally.

29 You shall have one law for him who does *anything* unintentionally, for him who is native among the sons of Israel and for the alien who sojourns among them.

29 You are to have a single law for the one who does things inadvertently, whether for the native-born Israeli or for the resident alien who lives among you."

29 Ye shall have one law for him that sinneth through ignorance, both for him that is born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them.

(c) Intentional sins (15:30-36)

(i) Severity of intentional sins (15:30-31)

30 But the person who does *wrong* defiantly, whether he is a native or a stranger, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

30 But the person who does *anything* defiantly, whether he is native or an alien, that one is blaspheming the LORD; and that person shall be cut off from among his people.

30 "But if some person acts with a high hand, whether a native-born or a resident alien, he blasphemes God, and that person is to be eliminated from among his people.

30 But the soul that doeth ought presumptuously, whether he be born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

31 Since he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt *will be* on him."

31 Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt *will be* on him."

31 Because he has despised the law of the LORD and has broken his commands, that person is certainly to be eliminated. His iniquity will remain on him."

31 Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.

(ii) Example of an intentional sin (15:32-36)

32 Now while the sons of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering wood on the Sabbath day.

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32 As it was when the Israelis were in the wilderness, they found a man who was gathering wood on the Sabbath day.

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the sabbath day.

33 And those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation;

33 Those who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation;

33 The ones who found him gathering wood brought him to Moses, Aaron, and all the people.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

- Some have attempted to identify this severe judgment with the Sabbath ideas of the Pharisees, against whose misinterpretations Christ spoke

- The two situations are not the same

- The Pharisees added to Jewish religious law Sabbath regulations not contained in the Old Testament, and so provided loopholes for themselves

- The Lord of the Sabbath teaches that the Sabbath law is designed for man's spiritual enjoyment and to satisfy his deepest needs

- The Bible nowhere takes a light attitude toward deliberate transgression of any of God's laws

34 and they placed him in custody, because it had not been decided what should be done to him.

34 and they put him in custody because it had not been declared what should be done to him.

34 Then they confined him until it could be declared what should be done to him.

34 And they put him in ward, because it was not declared what should be done to him.

35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man must be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."

35 Then the LORD said to Moses, "The man shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp."

35 Then the LORD told Moses, "The man is certainly to die. The entire community is to stone him to death outside the camp."

35 And the LORD said unto Moses, The man shall be surely put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.

36 So all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death with stones, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

36 So all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him to death with stones, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

36 So the whole community brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones so that he died, just as the LORD had commanded Moses.

36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the LORD commanded Moses.

- The death penalty was the penalty for breaking any of the Ten Commandments
- We need to see this to understand what it means that the Lord Jesus Christ died our death for us

(d) Visual reminder to keep the Law (15:37-41)

37 The LORD also spoke to Moses, saying,

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37 Later, the LORD instructed Moses,

37 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

38 "Speak to the sons of Israel and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a violet thread.

38 "Speak to the sons of Israel, and tell them that they shall make for themselves tassels on the corners of their garments throughout their generations, and that they shall put on the tassel of each corner a cord of blue.

38 "Tell the Israelis that they are to make tassels at the edges of their garments throughout their generations and that they are to put a violet cord on the tassels at the edges of their garments.

38 Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribband of blue:

- That border of blue, which is a heavenly color, was to remind them of the fact that they were God's people and they were to have a heavenly walk down here on this earth
- There are many believers today who need to have that "border of blue" to remind them that as God's children they are set apart and are to live for the Lord Jesus Christ
- This was Israel's "string around the finger"

39 It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, so that you will do them and not follow your own heart and your own eyes, which led you to prostitute yourselves,

39 It shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the LORD, so as to do them and not follow after your own heart and your own eyes, after which you played the harlot,

39 That way, when you see the tassel, you'll remember all the commands of the LORD and you'll observe them. Then you won't seek your own interests and desires that lead you to be unfaithful.

39 And it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them; and that ye seek not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a whoring:

40 so that you will remember and do all My commandments and be holy to your God.

40 so that you may remember to do all My commandments and be holy to your God.

40 Therefore, remember to observe all my commands and to be holy in the presence of your God.

40 That ye may remember, and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God.

41 I am the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD your God."

41 I am the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the LORD your God."

41 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to be your God. I am the LORD your God."

41 I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD your God.