



Be Holy

Leviticus



A dramatic, dark blue and black image of a stormy sea at night. Multiple bright white lightning bolts are visible, striking down from a turbulent, cloudy sky into the dark, choppy water below. The overall mood is powerful and awe-inspiring.

**HOLY, HOLY,
HOLY**

Isaiah 6:1-7

**What does it mean to be
holy?**



Holiness





100% PURE

A large, faint red circular stamp is centered in the background. It features two concentric circles. Between the circles, there is a horizontal line with a row of twelve small stars below it.

100% PURE
God's Call to Holiness

The Holy Spirit



"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever."

John 14:15-16



**The Spirit
Advocate**

The Paraclete (John 14:16)

Advocate = Counselor = Comforter

Greek = “one who comes alongside”

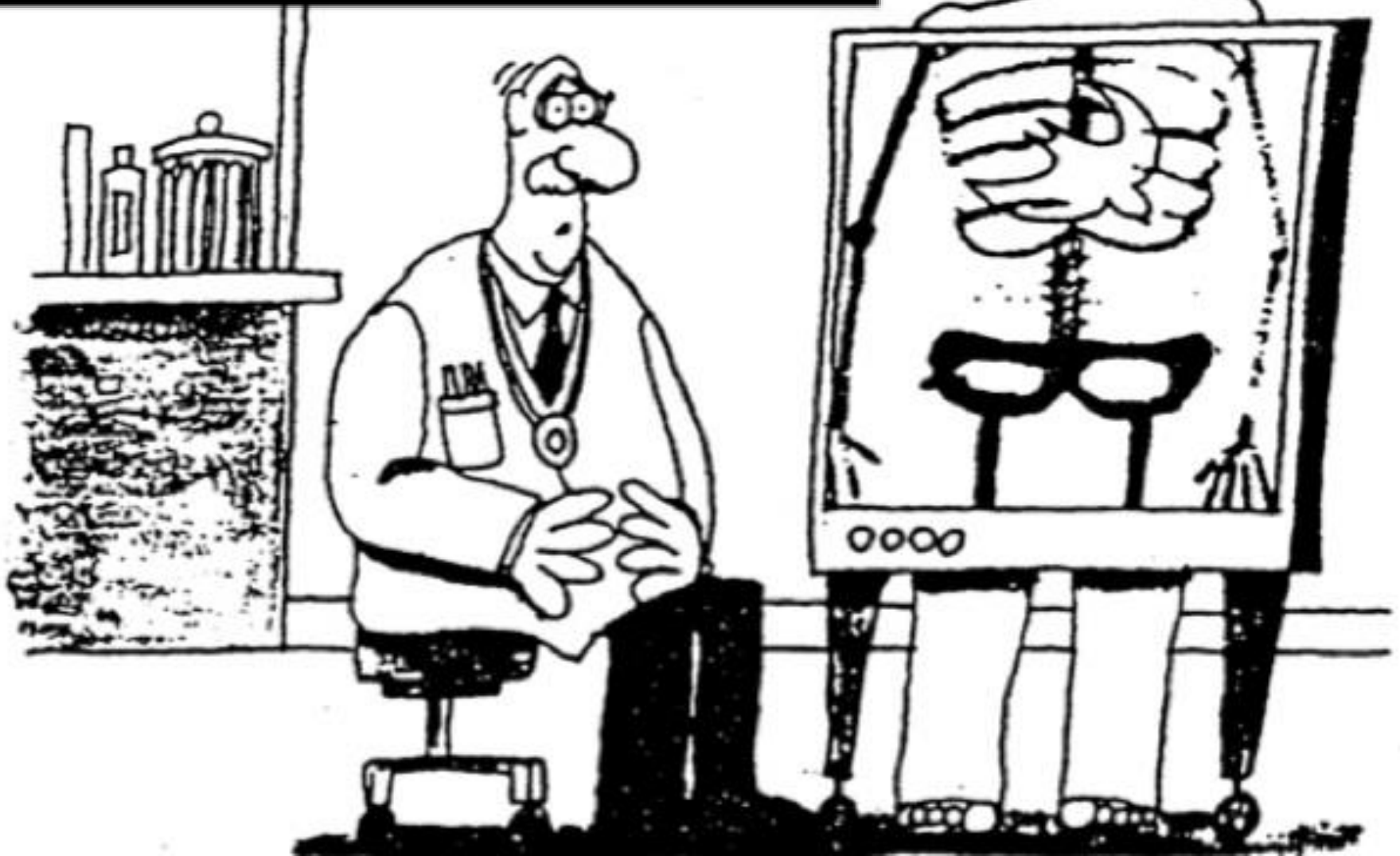
Greek options for “another”:

***Heteros* = “another of a different kind”**

***Allos* = “another of the same kind”**

The Spirit will come alongside us in the same way as Jesus Himself!

**The Spirit indwelling
is God's new work!**





Holiness

Of Course We Take It Seriously.
Why Do You Ask?

A blurred background image showing the lower halves and legs of several people running or walking quickly on a light-colored surface. The motion blur is horizontal, suggesting speed.

pursuing

holiness

The Fruit of the Spirit



Galatians

5:22-23

Holiness



How can we continue to enjoy
God's **presence** after coming to
know him?



Route of the Exodus

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111a

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Canaan

Goshen

**Marah●
Elim●**

**Desert
of Sin**

Midian

**Mt.
Sinai**



Mount Sinai





Main Idea



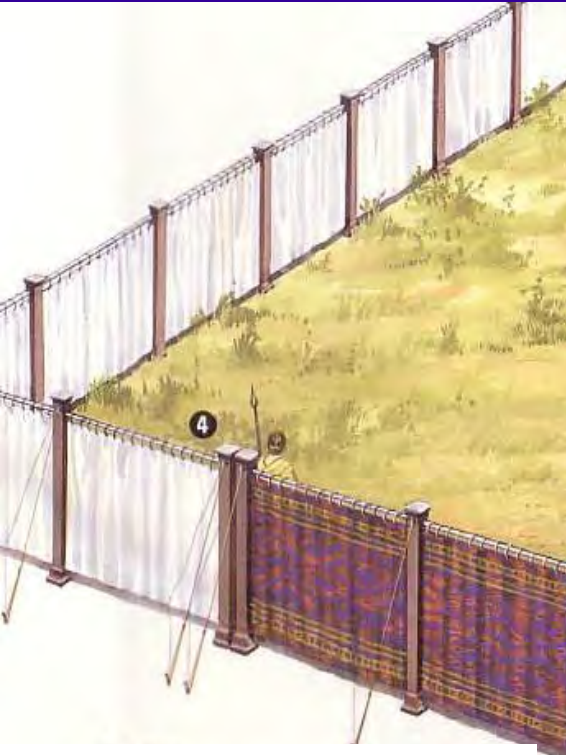
God saved you to enjoy
his **presence**

Exodus

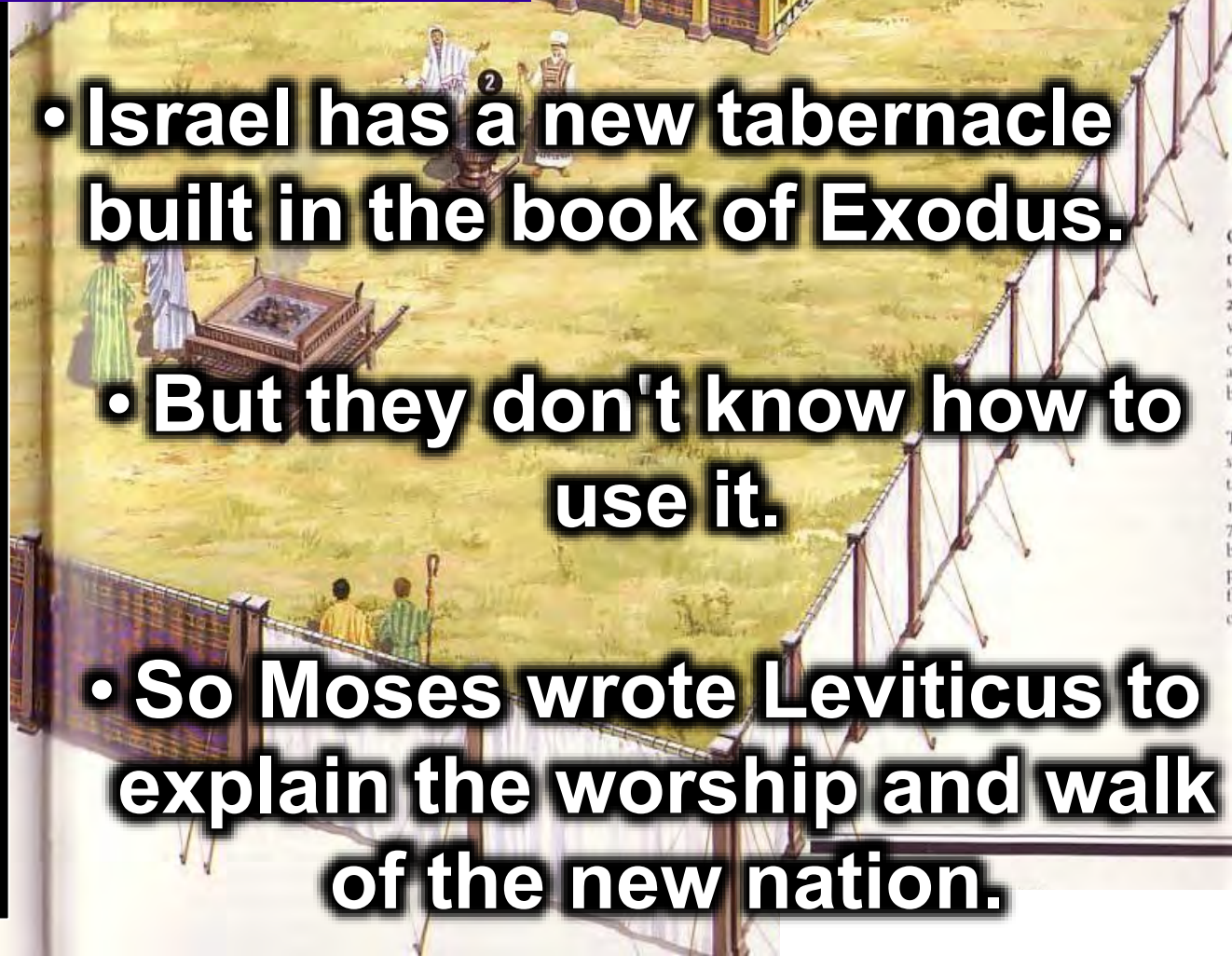


Circumstances When Leviticus Was Written

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- Israel has a new tabernacle built in the book of Exodus.
- But they don't know how to use it.
- So Moses wrote Leviticus to explain the worship and walk of the new nation.



Leviticus



Sanctification
through sacrifice & separation

**Sanctification
= "set apart"**

Leviticus

How can we continue to enjoy
God's **presence** after coming to
know him?



I. Confess that God is all you need.



Leviticus 1–10

Which is the Most Accurate?

Salvation by...

OT

Works

Faith +
Works

Faith
Alone

Faith +
Works

NT

Faith

Faith
Alone

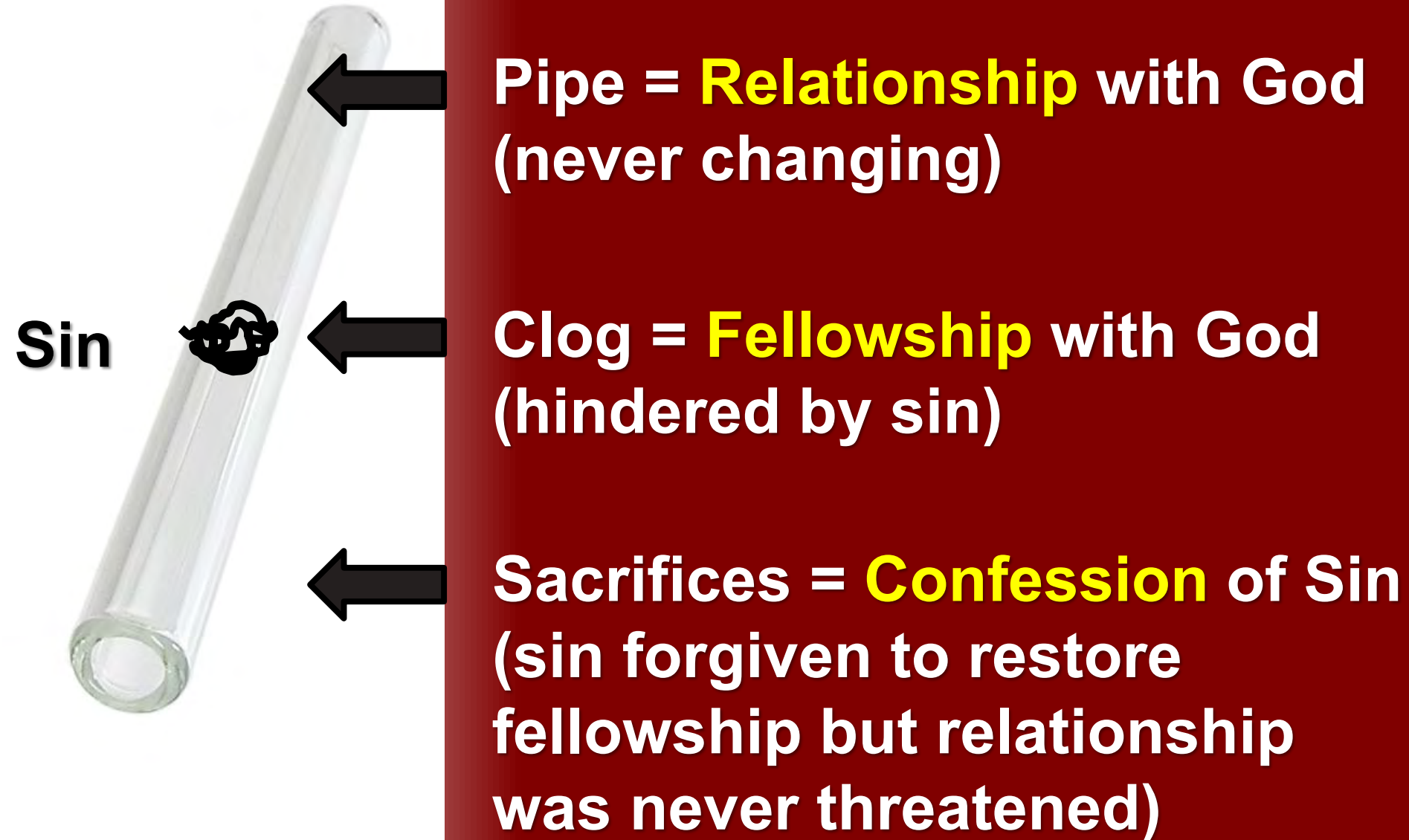
Faith
Alone

Faith +
Works

- *Which verses in the Bible support your answer?*

OT Forgiveness of Sin

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Leviticus 1

**What attitude do you have about
your weaknesses and sins?**



**Do you admit that
you need
forgiveness for sin?**

Why did God prescribe **offerings** for Israel's weaknesses and sins?



God forgave Israelites through
the blood of **offerings**
(Lev 4:1–5:13; 6:24-30).



**Why did God
institute the
sacrificial system?**

**Did the blood actually
forgive sin?**

**Did blood sacrifices save
Israelites under the Law?**

BLOOD

BLOOD

Sacrifices forgave sin



"Through this process, the priest will purify the people, making them right with the LORD, and **they will be forgiven**" (4:20 NLT; cf. 4:26, 31, 35).

Leviticus 2

Tabernacle

Pillars

Linen "Hangings"

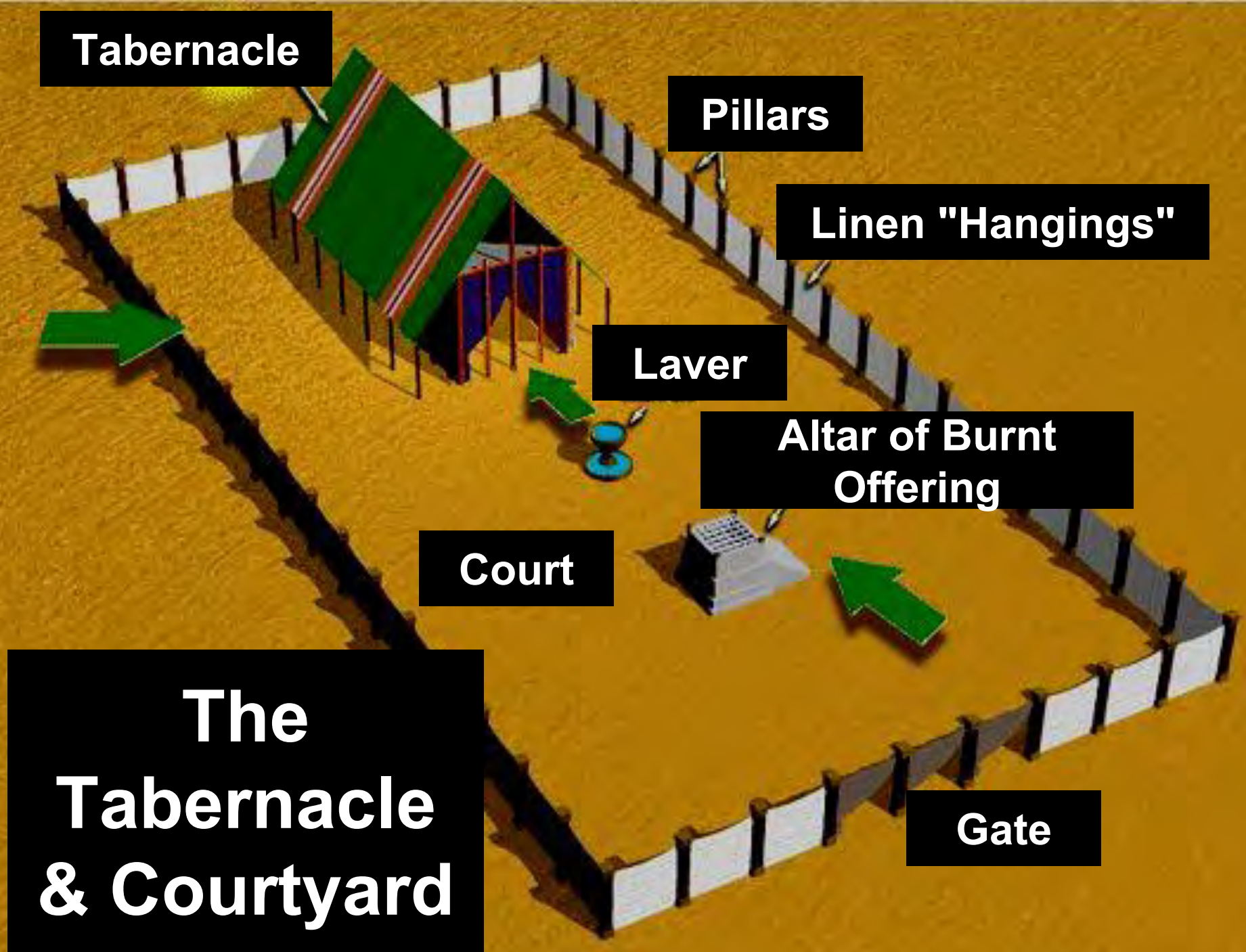
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**Altar of Burnt
Offering**


Court

**The
Tabernacle
& Courtyard**

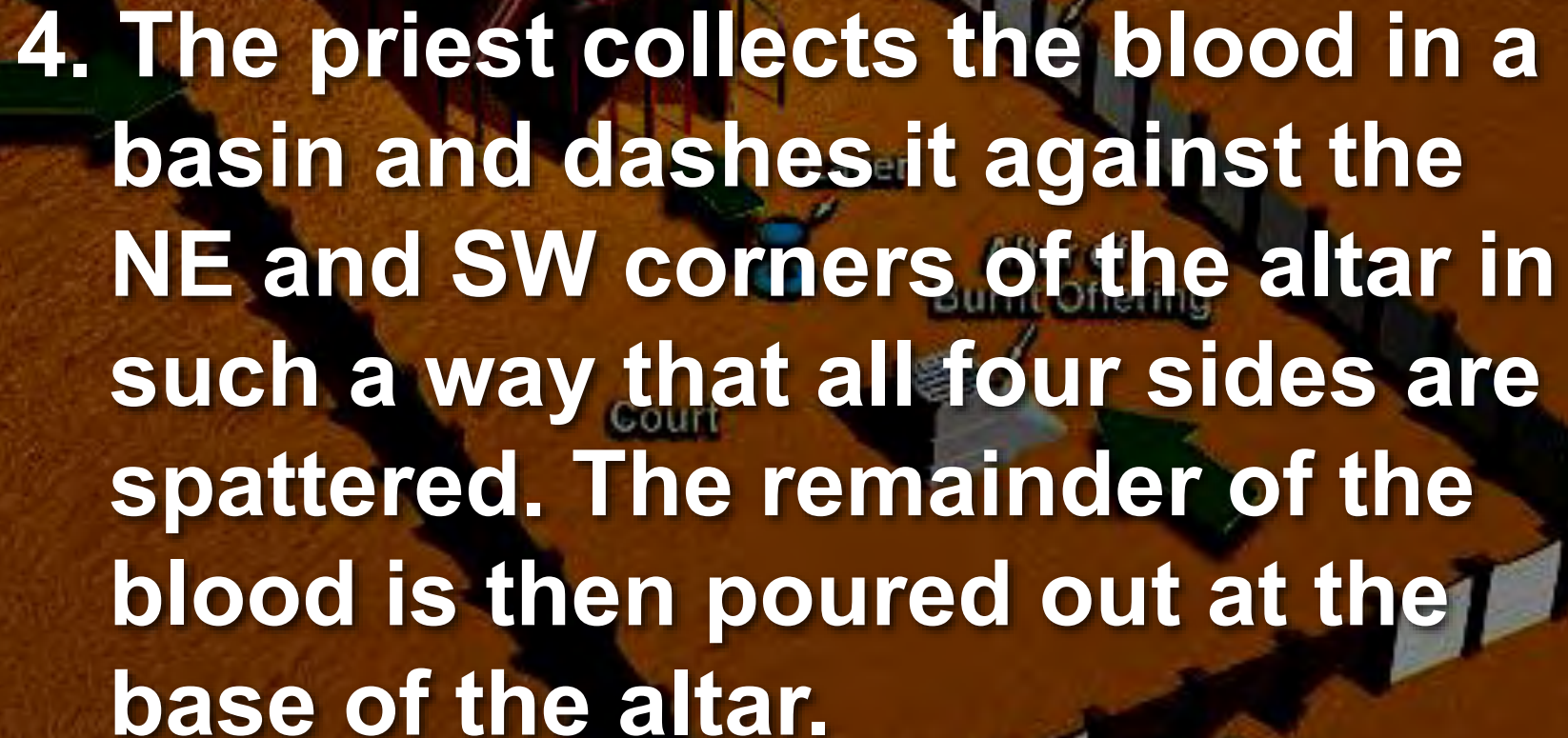
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Offering Rituals in Lev. 1–5

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1. The worshipper presents his offering
 2. He lays his hand(s) upon the victim, and possibly confesses his sin.
 3. The worshipper slaughters the offering.

Offering Rituals in Lev. 1–5



4. The priest collects the blood in a basin and dashes it against the NE and SW corners of the altar in such a way that all four sides are spattered. The remainder of the blood is then poured out at the base of the altar.

Offering Rituals in Lev. 1–5

5. A portion of the sacrifice is burned.

6. Any remaining portions of the sacrifice were eaten in a sacrificial meal, either by the priests and worshippers (fellowship-offering), or by the priests and their families, or by the priests alone.

Leviticus 3

Old Testament Sacrifices

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NAME	OT TEXTS	ELEMENTS	PURPOSE
BURNT OFFERING	Lev 1 6:8-13 8:18-21 16:24	Perfect bull, ram or male bird (dove or young pigeon for poor); wholly consumed	Voluntary act of worship; atone for unintentional sin in general; expression of surrender to God
GRAIN OFFERING	Lev 2 6:14-23	Grain, flour, olive oil, incense, bread, with salt & burnt or fellowship offering	Voluntary act of worship; recognition of God's goodness and provisions; devotion to God

Romans 12:1

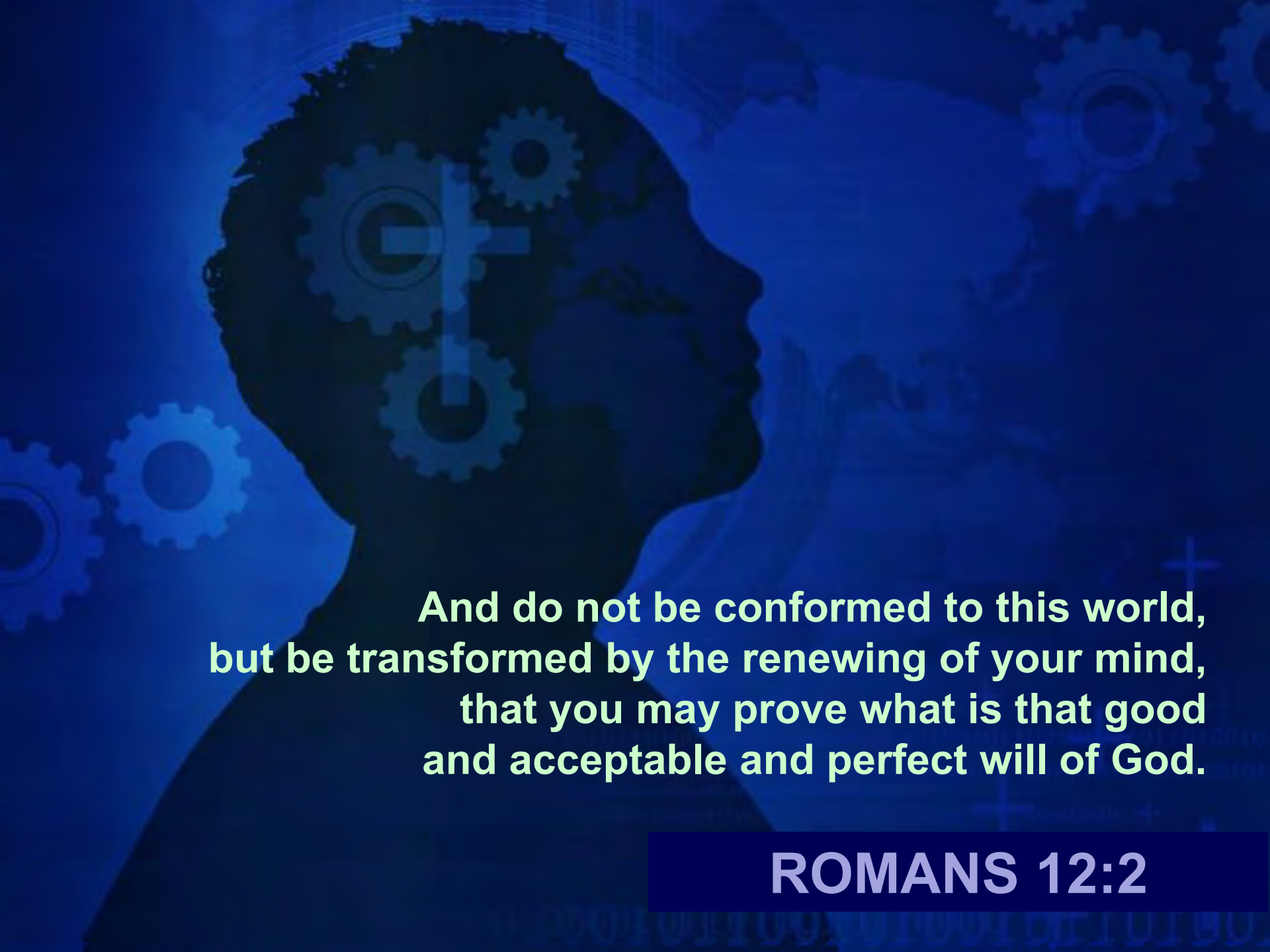
"Offer your body as a living sacrifice..."





ROMANS 12:2

BE TRANSFORMED
BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND



**And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what is that good
and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

ROMANS 12:2

Old Testament Sacrifices

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NAME	OT TEXTS	ELEMENTS	PURPOSE
FELLOWSHIP OFFERING	Lev 3 7:11-34	Perfect goat or sheep; variety of breads	Voluntary; thanksgiving with group meal
SIN OFFERING	Lev 4:1–5:13 6:24-30 8:14-17 16:3-22	Perfect bull, goat, or lamb; dove/pigeon (poor); 1/10 ephah fine flour for very poor	Mandatory; atoned for unintentional sin; confession, forgiveness & cleansing
GUILT OFFERING	Lev 5:14–6:7 7:1-6	Perfect ram or lamb	Mandatory to atone for unintentional sin; pay 20% fine

Leviticus 4

The blood of the **sin offering** forgave unintentional sin (4:1–5:13; 6:24-30).



Leviticus 5

The blood and restitution of the **guilt offering** forgave unintentional sin
(5:14–6:7; 7:1-10).



Leviticus 6

Offerings in Leviticus 1–7

Whole burnt offering

Grain offering

Fellowship offering

Sin offering

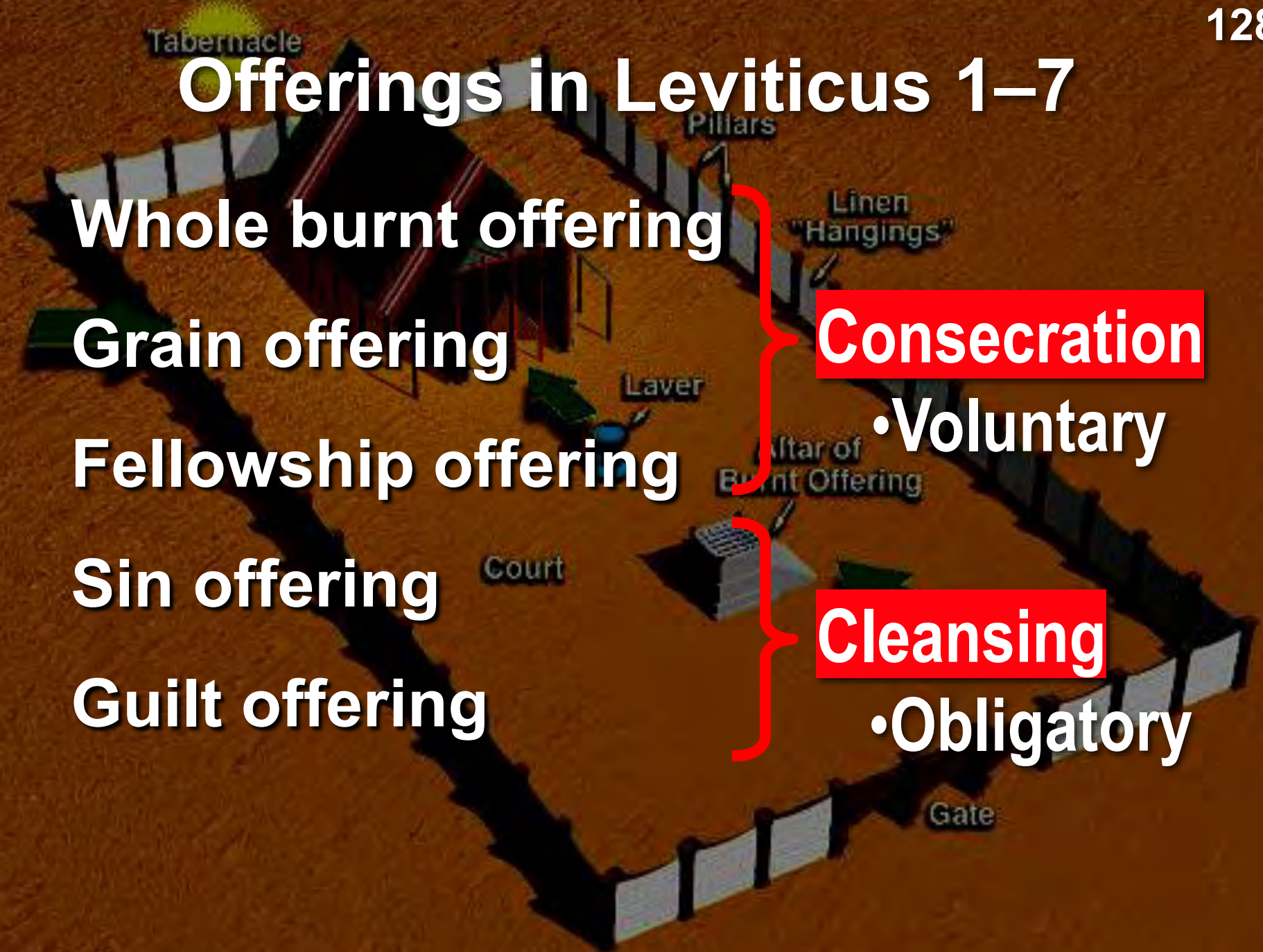
Guilt offering

Consecration

• Voluntary

Cleansing

• Obligatory



Leviticus 7

Do animals save?



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**God forgives us through the
blood of Christ**

So why did God send Jesus?

NT Forgiveness of Sin

Sin



Pipe

(new)

Clog

(hindrance)

"If we confess our sins,
He is faithful and righteous
to forgive us our sins and
to cleanse us from all
unrighteousness"
(1 John 1:9 NAU)

Christ's Sacrifice = The Basis
for **Confession** of Sin (sin is
forgiven to restore fellowship
but relationship has never
been never threatened)

Blood & Forgiveness

"In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness."

Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)

Holiness



Christian holiness is not a matter of painstaking conformity to the individual precepts of an external law code; it is rather a question of the Holy Spirit's producing His fruit in the life, reproducing those graces which were seen in perfection in the life of Christ.

—F. F. Bruce—

AZ QUOTES

Leviticus 8

Offerings 1–7		Priests 8–10			
<i>Worship 1–3</i>		<i>Restoration 4–6:7</i>		<i>Directions 6:8–7:38</i>	
<i>Commenced 8–9</i>		<i>Contaminated 10</i>			
Sacrifices					
Worship					

The Priesthood Begins

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"Next Moses presented Aaron's sons. He clothed them in their tunics, tied their sashes around them, and put their special head coverings on them, just as the Lord had commanded him" (Leviticus 8:13 NLT).

Leviticus 9

Ordination of Aaron and His Sons as Priests

Leviticus 8–10



Contrasting Levites and Priests

Abraham



Isaac



Jacob



12 Sons: Reuben–Simeon–Levi–Judah– etc.



All other lines

Aaron



Levites

see p. 171a



Priests

see p. 202



Contrasting Levites and Priests

Levites

Priests

Descendants of...	Levi	Aaron (also a descendant of Levi)
Population	Many (the larger group)	Few (a subset of the Levites, Josh. 21:4)
Role	Assisted priests and supervised religious activities permitted outside of the sanctuary: teaching, singing, leading worship, officials, administration, judges & gatekeepers	Mediators between God and Israel
Sacrificial Role	Didn't offer sacrifices though they did offer incense (Deut. 33:10b)	Offered sacrifices (Deut. 33:10b)
Location of Homes	Extensive—in 35 cities throughout the tribes in the central, northern, and eastern parts of Israel (Josh. 21:5-7)	Limited to 13 cities in Judah, Simeon, & Benjamin that were near the temple (Josh. 21:4, 9-13)

Leviticus 10

Nadab & Abihu



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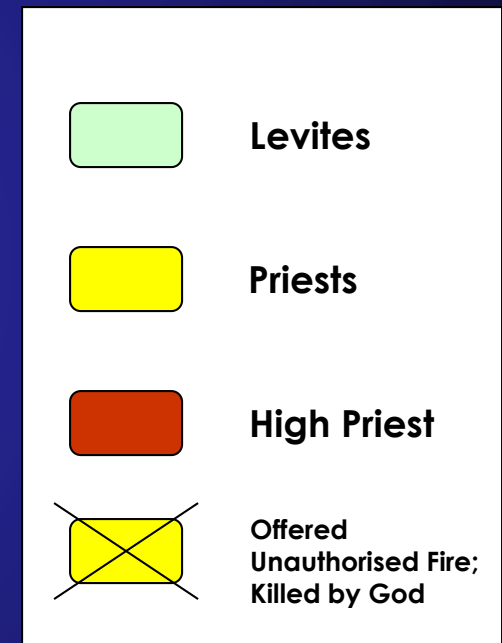
Then the LORD said to Aaron, "You and your descendants must never drink wine or any other alcoholic drink before going into the Tabernacle. If you do, you will die. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation."



Leviticus 10:8-9

Levi's Family Tree

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I. Confess that God is all you need.



Leviticus 1–10



WITHOUT
THE SHEDDING
OF
BLOOD
THERE
IS NO
FORGIVENESS
OF SINS

HEBREWS 9:22

Salvation in All Ages:

The Centrality of the Cross

B.C.

Looked

forward to the
Cross of Christ



A.D.

Look

back at the
Cross of Christ



Focus of Leviticus 1–10

JESUS **PAID** IT ALL

ISAIAH 53:5

**Jesus is our sin offering
and our High Priest.**

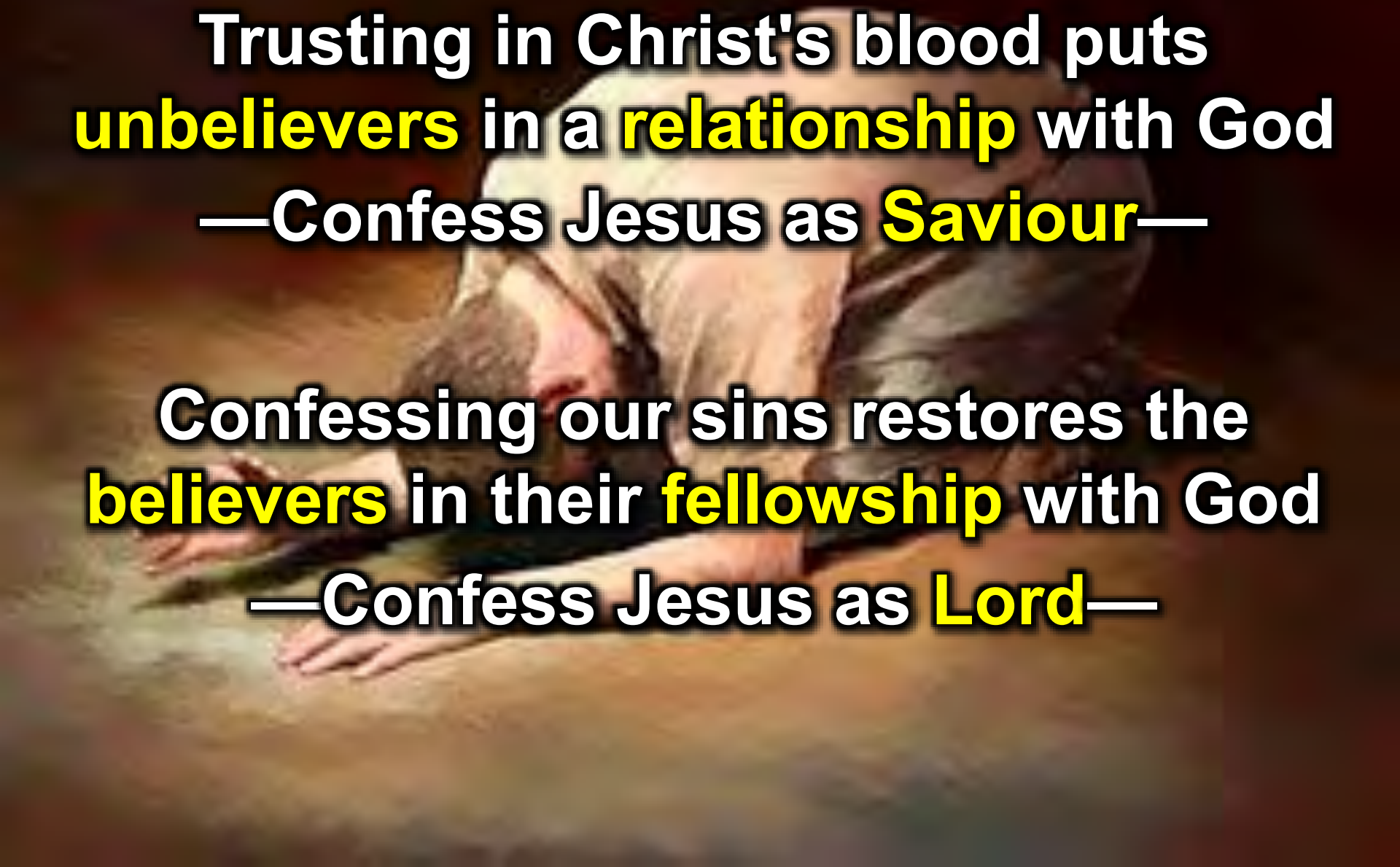
**How can Christ's blood
forgive our sins?**



Christ's blood forgives in two ways:

Trusting in Christ's blood puts
unbelievers in a **relationship** with God
—Confess Jesus as **Saviour**—

Confessing our sins restores the
believers in their **fellowship** with God
—Confess Jesus as **Lord**—



Holiness



**Holiness is not the way to Christ.
Christ is the way to holiness.**

—*Adrian Rogers*—

AZ QUOTES

Leviticus 11

How can we continue to enjoy
God's **presence** after coming to
know him?



Argument

Two ways Israel could be holy (11:45):

1. **Sacrifices** (1-10)
2. **Separation** from the paganism of her neighbors (11-27)



I. Confess that God is all you need.



Leviticus 1–10

II. Practice **godly habits** **(Lev 11–27).**



Leviticus

Sanctification through sacrifice and separation

Purpose: that the LORD might be able to remain with the nation

Place: Mount Sinai

Time: One Month

Chapters 1–10

Sacrifice

Worshipping a Holy God

Securing Fellowship with God

Approaching God

Perfect Sacrifices
(1–7)

Perfect Priests
(8–10)

Chapters 11–27

Separation

Walking with a Holy God

Continuing Fellowship with God

Appeasing God

Laws of Sanctification for...
(11–27)

Uncleanness
(11–15)

Unintentional
Sin (16)

Tabernacle
(17)

Crimes
(18–20)

Priests
(21–22)

Worship
(23–24)

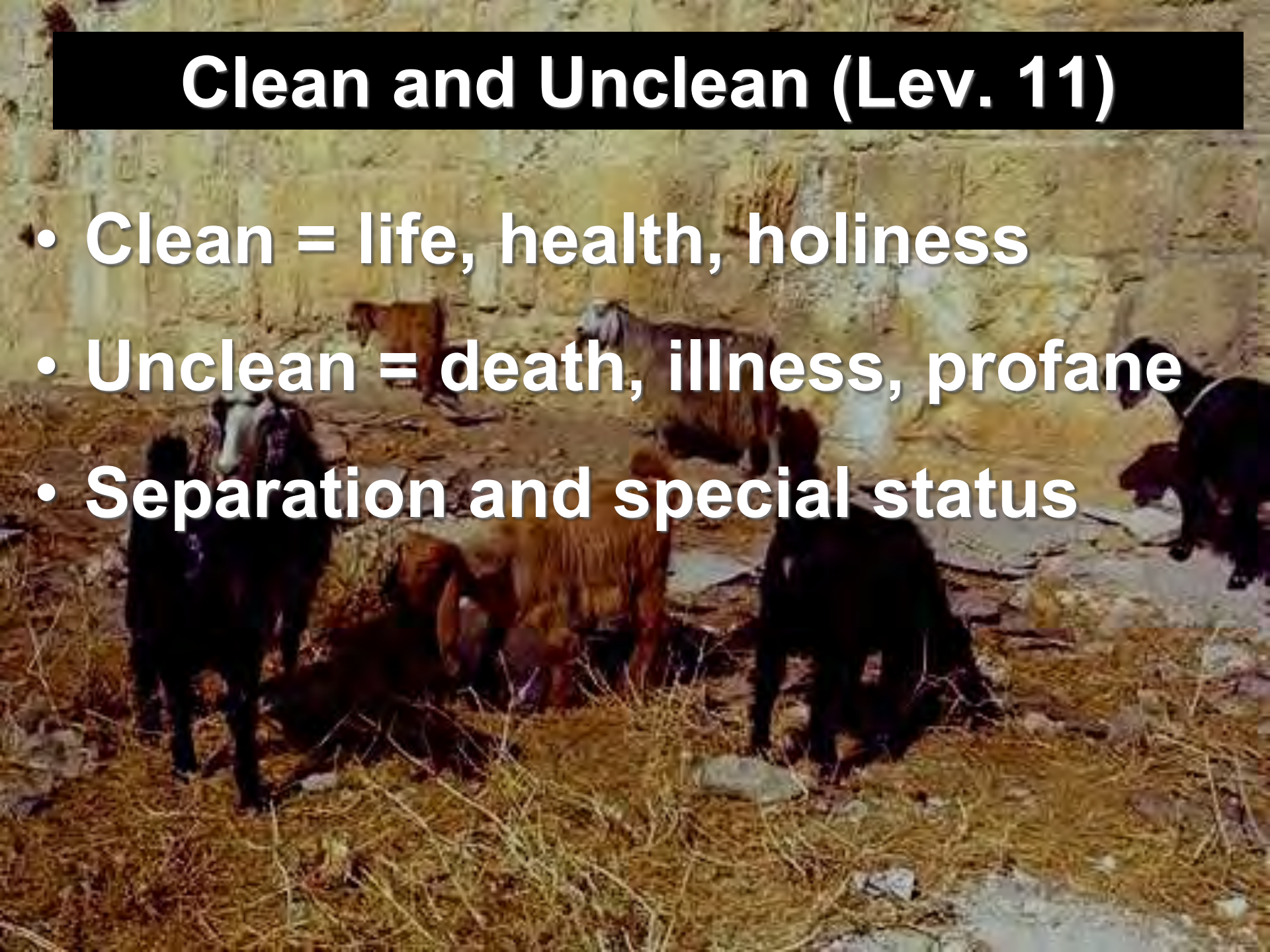
Canaan
(25–26)

Vows
(27)

Offerings 1–7		Priests 8–10		Purity 11–16			
Worship 1–3		Restoration 4–6:7		Directions 6:8–7:38		Commenced 8–9	
Contaminated 10		Food 11		Body 12–15		Atonement 16	
Sacrifices				Separation			
Worship				Walk			

Clean and Unclean (Lev. 11)

- Clean = life, health, holiness
- Unclean = death, illness, profane
- Separation and special status



What foods?

Camel, rabbit, bacon,
ham, snake, and the
eagle, vulture, raven,
certain kites and owls,
the gull, any kind of
hawk, the stork, any kind
of heron, and the bat.

Leviticus 11

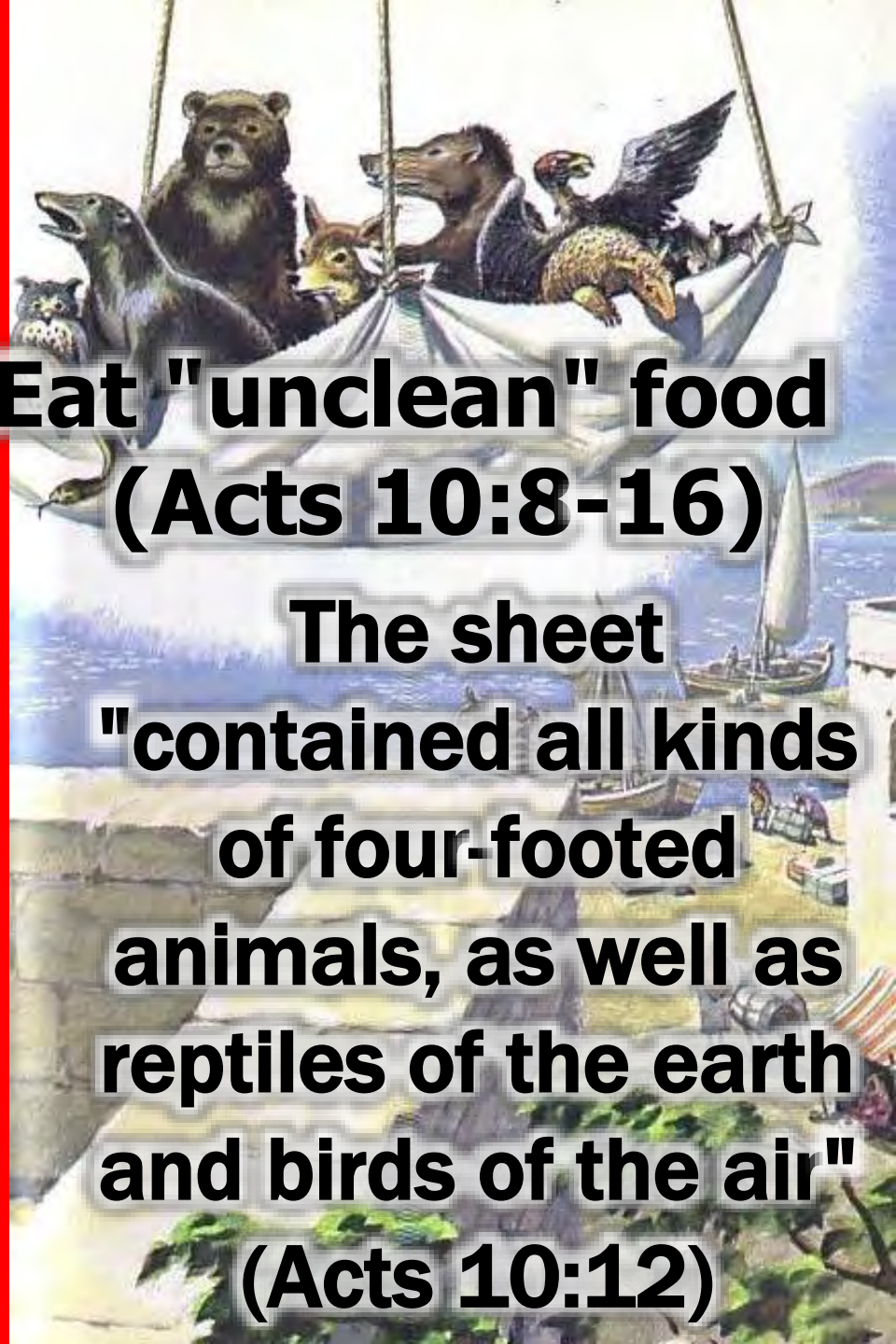
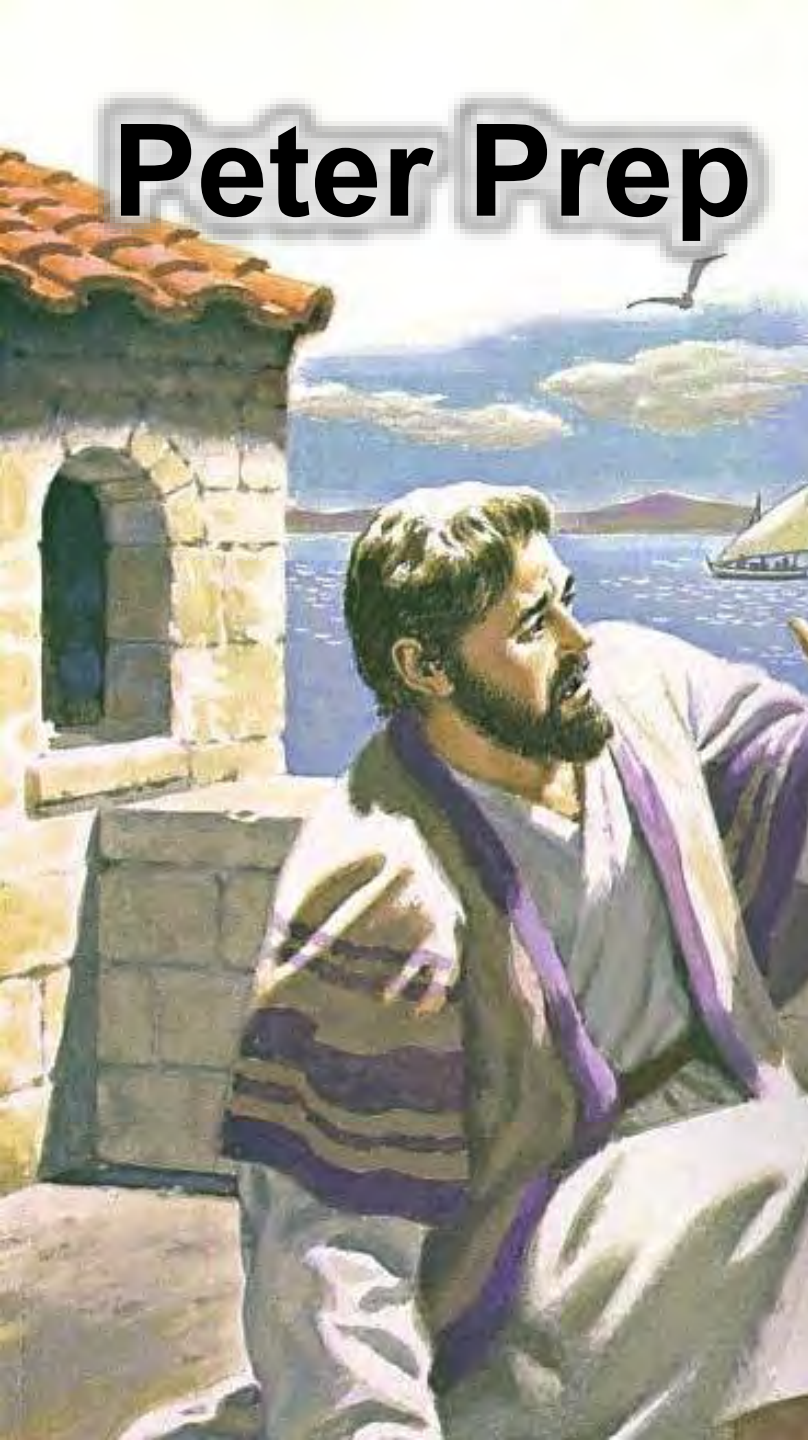


Peter Prep

"Get up, Peter! Kill and eat!"

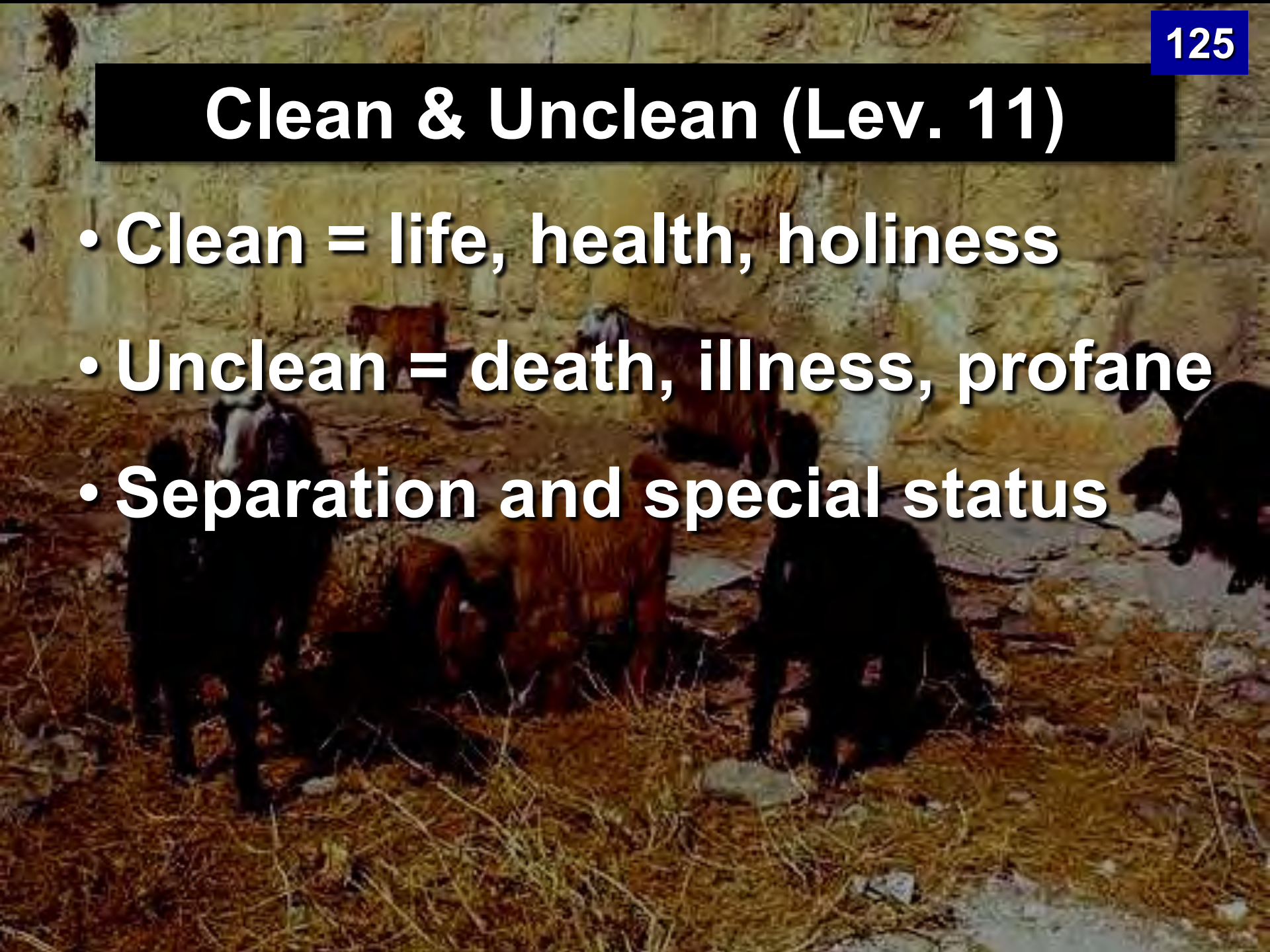
**Eat "unclean" food
(Acts 10:8-16)**

**The sheet
"contained all kinds
of four-footed
animals, as well as
reptiles of the earth
and birds of the air"
(Acts 10:12)**



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Why No Pork? (And Other Law Questions)

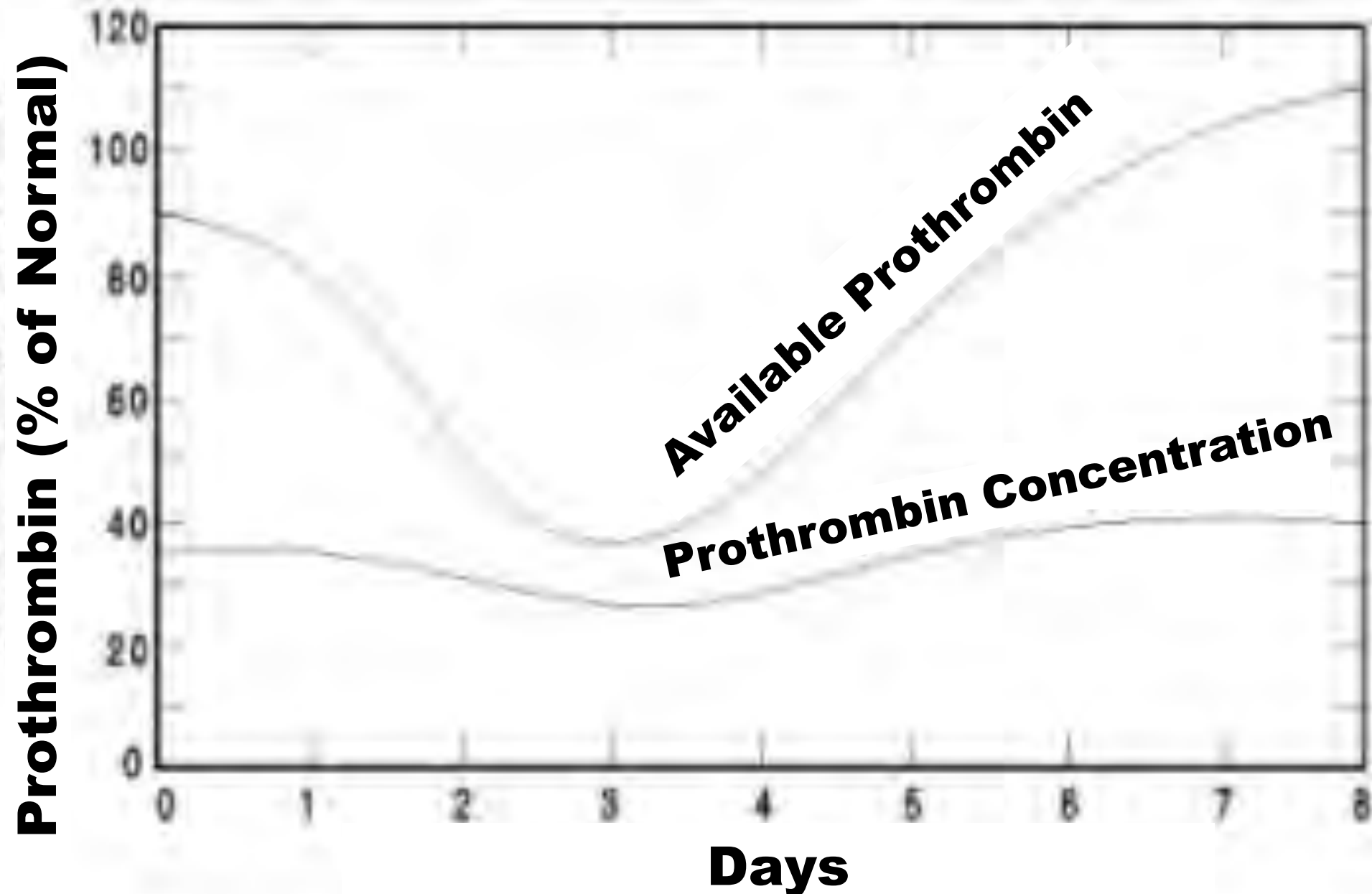
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Issue	Law Command	Reasons
Why not eat pork, bacon, or ham?	"And the pig, though it has a split hoof completely divided, does not chew the cud; it is unclean for you" (Lev. 11:7-8).	Prohibited foods: (1) carried disease (2) are... uneconomical to raise (3) are favored for pagan sacrifice Food laws... kept Israel away from some allergies [but] the main source of Israel's meat—lamb—is the least allergic of all major meats (Fee & Stuart, 145).

Leviticus 12

Issue	Law Command	Reasons
Why require circumcision (Lev 12:13)?	"You are to undergo circumcision, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and you" (Gen. 17:11).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">•Jewish women have far less cervical cancer than those married to uncircumcised men.•Uncircumcised men can deposit cancer-producing bacteria in the uterus.•The <i>eighth</i> day of life has the highest levels of vitamin K and prothrombin for clotting blood.

Circumcision, Vitamin K & Prothrombin

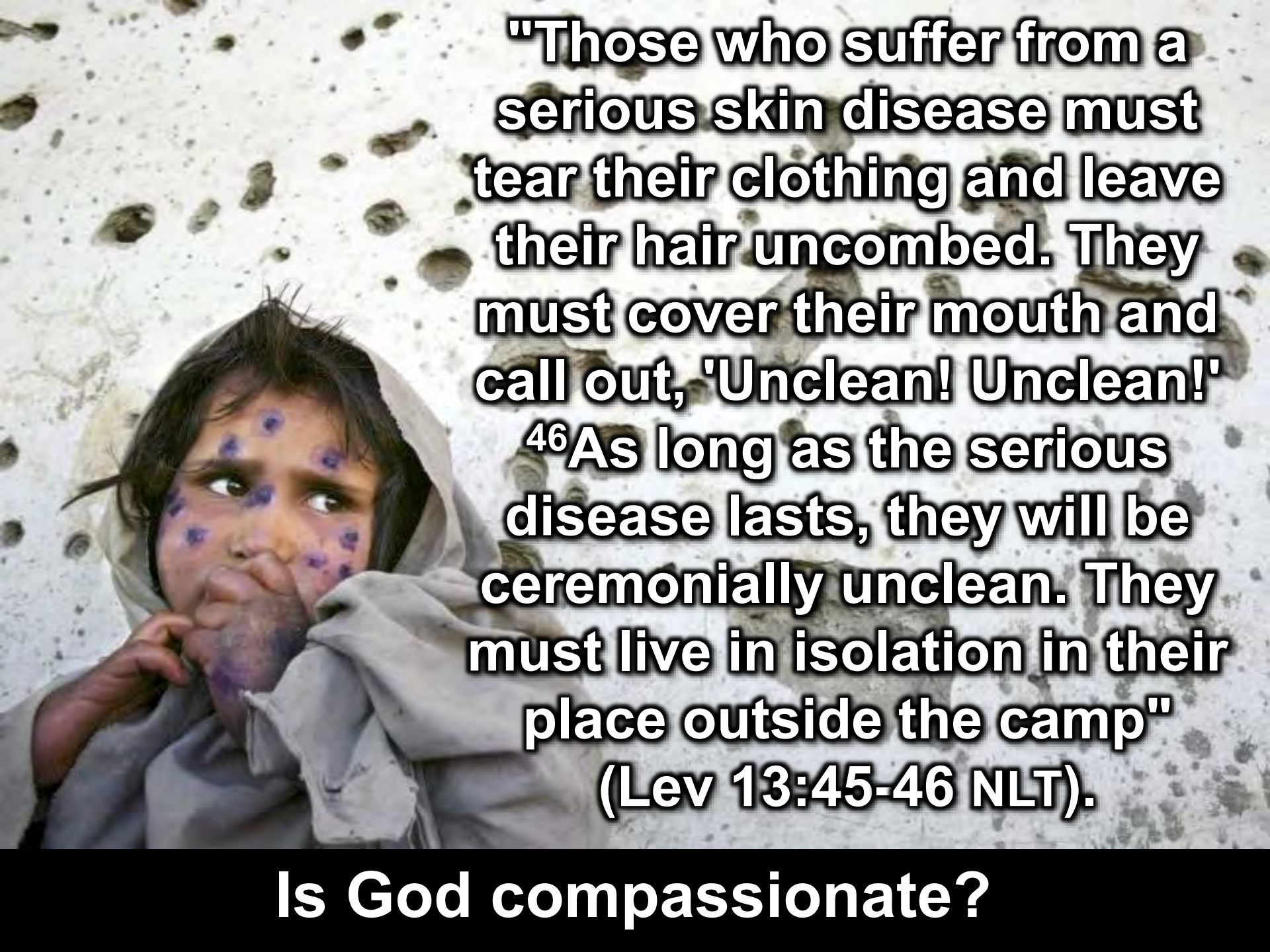


"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law" (Gal. 5:1 NLT).



"Listen! I, Paul, tell you this: If you are counting on circumcision to make you right with God, then Christ will be of no benefit to you. ³I'll say it again. If you are trying to find favor with God by being circumcised, you must obey every regulation in the whole law of Moses. ⁴For if you are trying to make yourselves right with God by keeping the law, you have been cut off from Christ! You have fallen away from God's grace" (5:2-4 NLT).

Leviticus 13

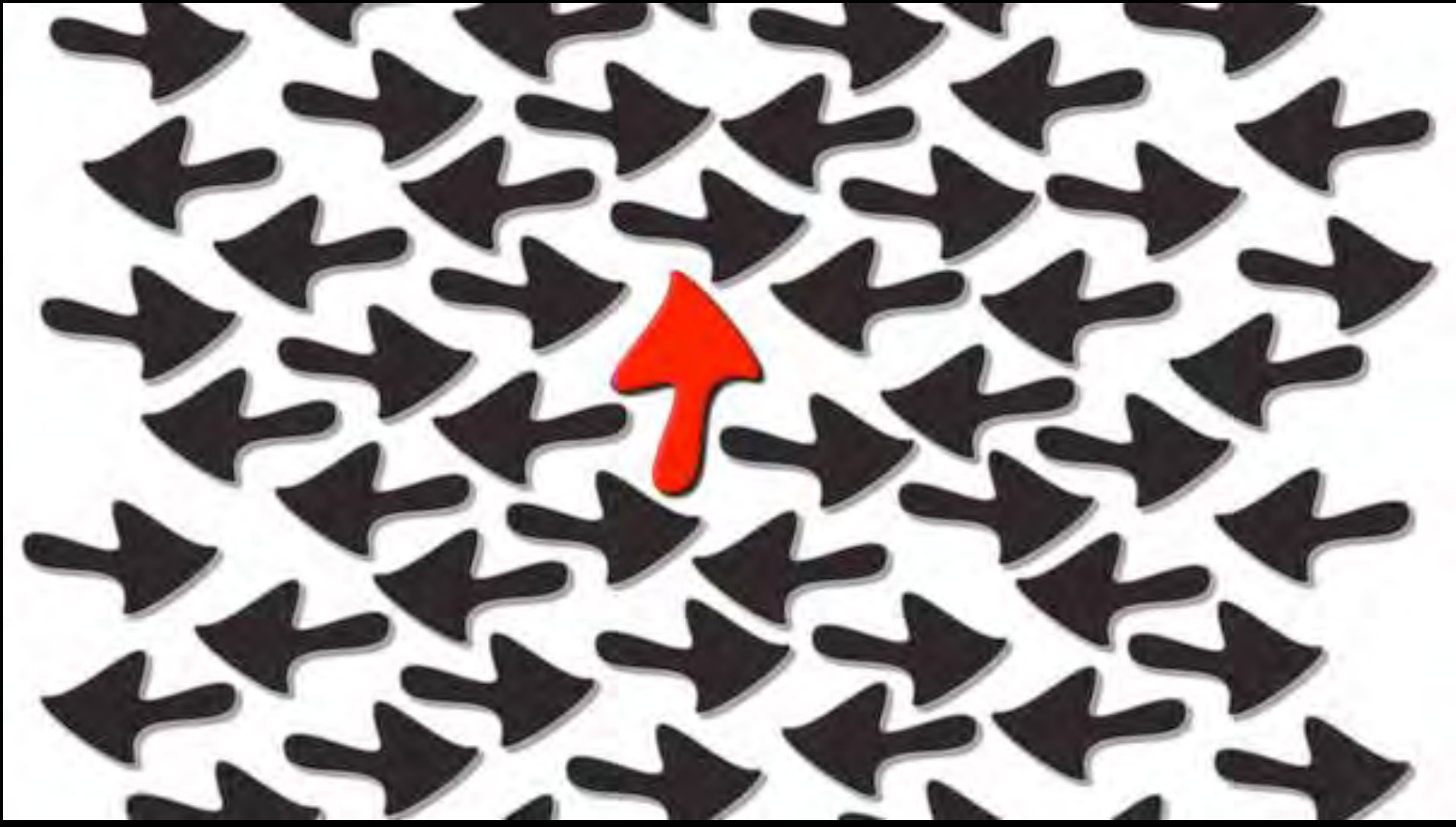


"Those who suffer from a serious skin disease must tear their clothing and leave their hair uncombed. They must cover their mouth and call out, 'Unclean! Unclean!'

⁴⁶As long as the serious disease lasts, they will be ceremonially unclean. They must live in isolation in their place outside the camp"
(Lev 13:45-46 NLT).

Is God compassionate?

**How could a leper be lifted out of
his plight?**



Issue	Law Command	Reasons
"Lepers feel bad about their disease, so why isolate them?"	"The priest is to examine the sore on his skin... If the spot on his skin is white... the priest is to put the infected person in isolation for seven days... He must live alone... outside the camp" (Lev. 13:3-4, 46).	Between the 6th-14th centuries leprosy killed hundreds of millions of Europeans. Some suggested unsuccessful, wild ideas. After the physicians had nearly given up, the Church suggested the scriptural quarantine of lepers, which finally stopped the dreadful plague

Leviticus 14

Why No Pork? (And Other Law Questions)

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Issue	Law Command	Reasons
What's wrong with mixing meat and milk?	"Do not cook a young goat in its mother's milk" (Deut. 14:21; Exod 23:19; 34:26).	(1) Avoid Canaanite fertility practices (2) Calcium cannot be assimilated easily on a milk and meat diet, which weakens teeth and slows the healing of broken bones

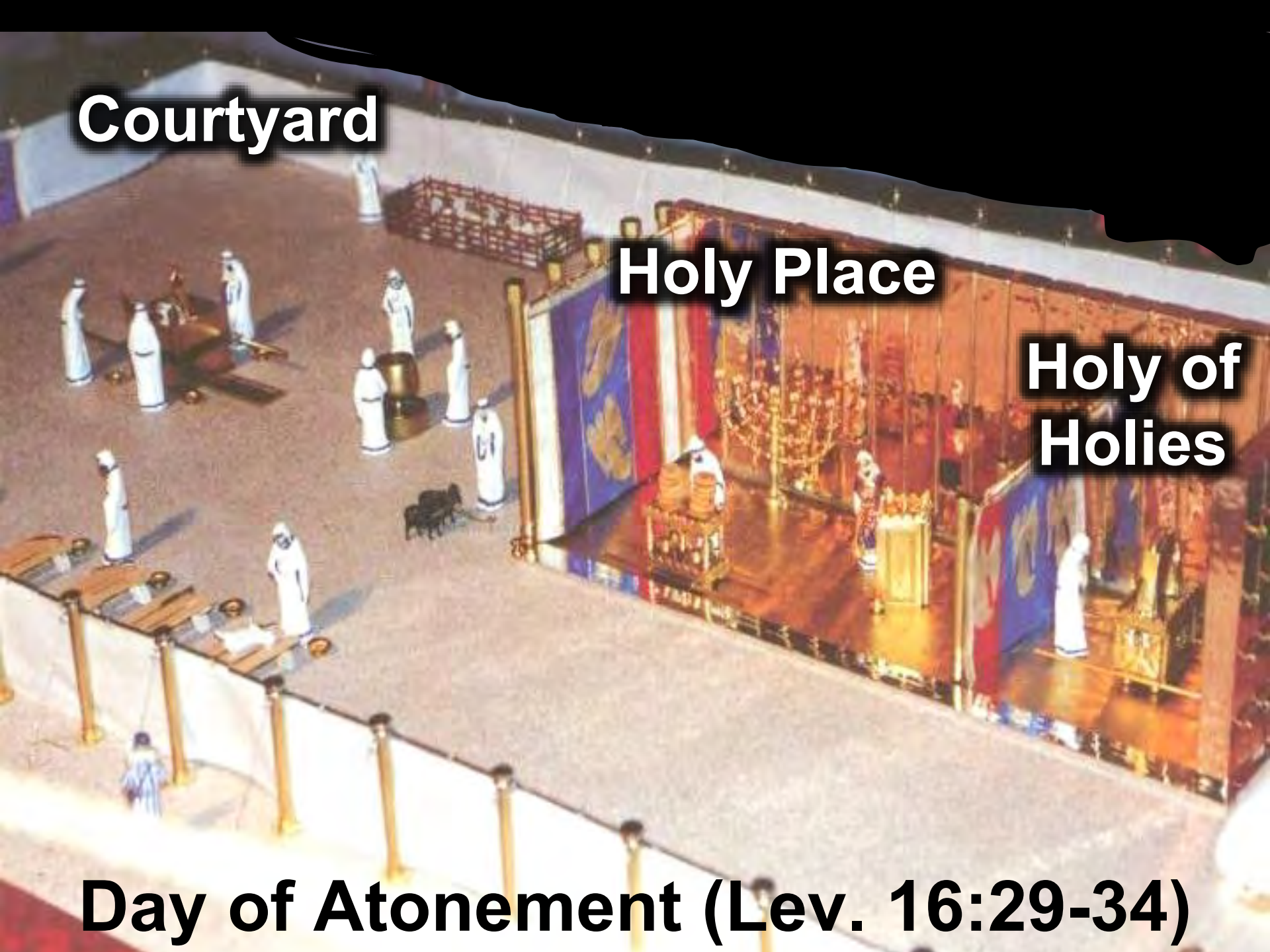
Leviticus 16

Courtyard

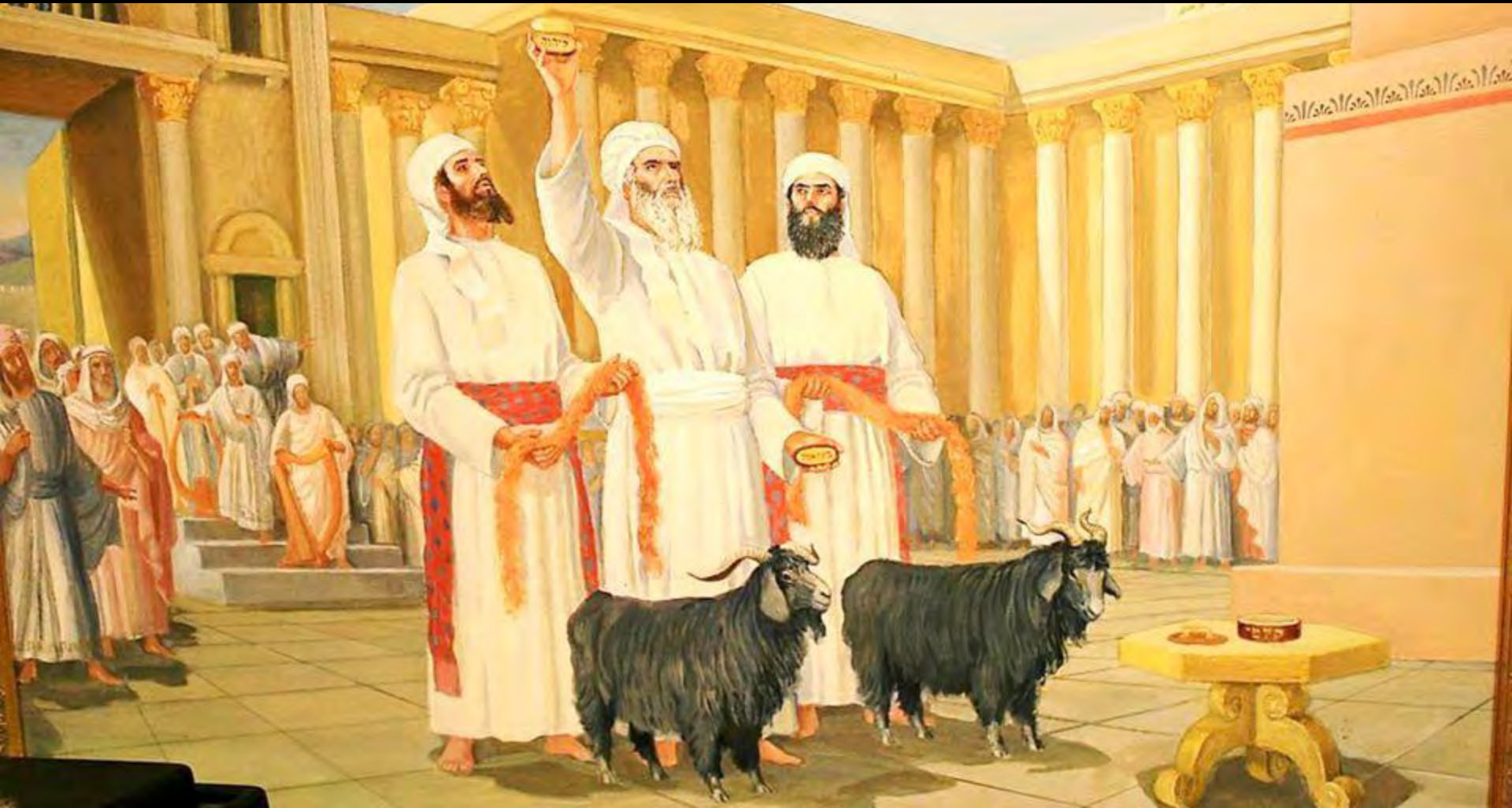
Holy Place

**Holy of
Holies**

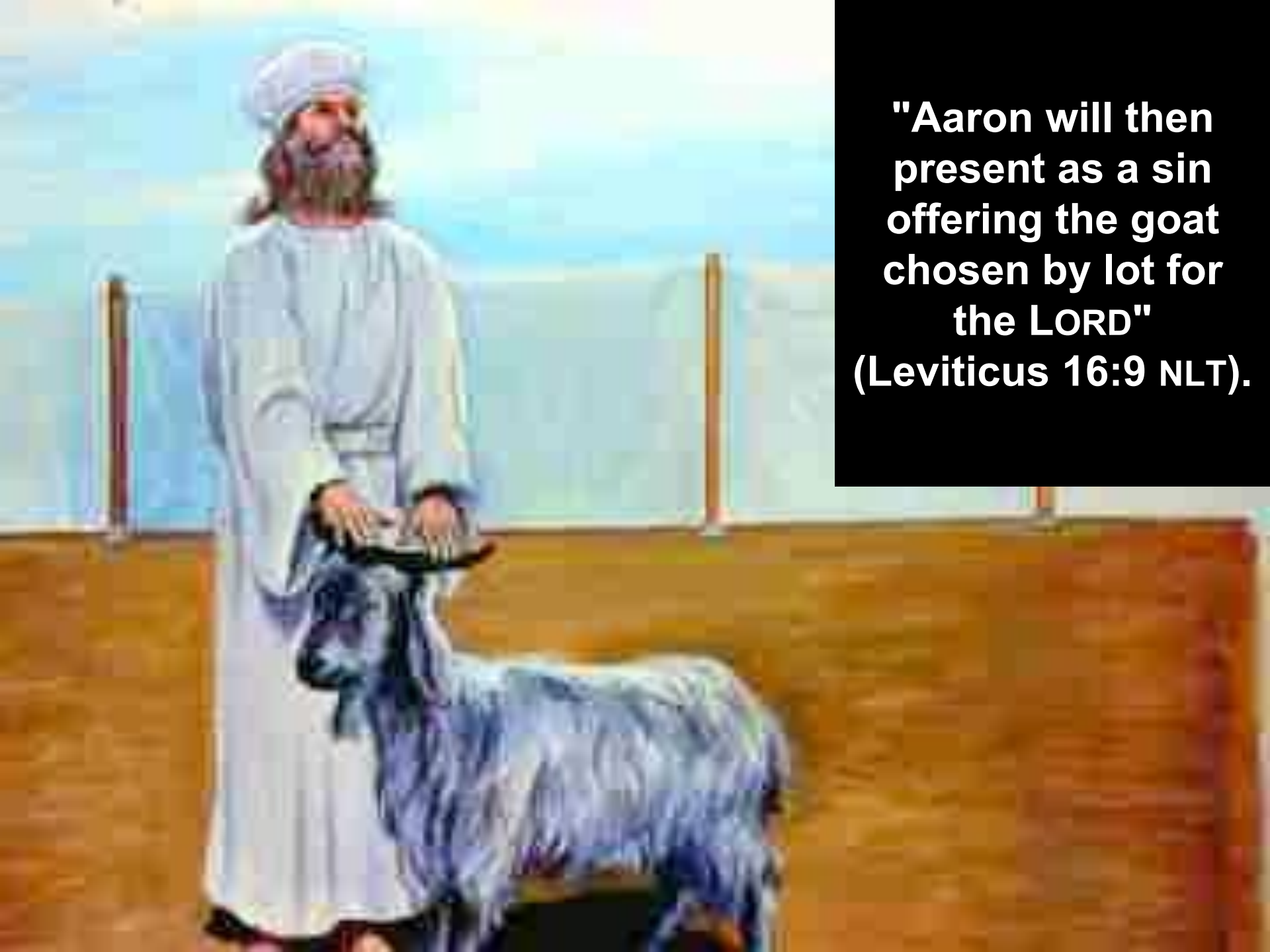
Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29-34)



"Then he must take the two male goats and present them to the Lord at the entrance of the Tabernacle. ⁸He is to cast sacred lots to determine which goat will be reserved as an offering to the Lord and which will carry the sins of the people to the wilderness of Azazel" (Leviticus 16:7-8 NLT).



**"Aaron will then
present as a sin
offering the goat
chosen by lot for
the LORD"
(Leviticus 16:9 NLT).**



"Then Aaron must slaughter the first goat as a sin offering for the people and carry its blood behind the inner curtain. There he will sprinkle the goat's blood over the atonement cover and in front of it, just as he did with the bull's blood" (Leviticus 16:15 NLT).





**"As the goat goes into the wilderness,
it will carry all the people's sins upon itself into a
desolate land" (Leviticus 16:22).**

**"So Christ has now become the High Priest over all the good things that have come. He has entered that greater, more perfect Tabernacle in heaven, which was not made by human hands and is not part of this created world"
(Hebrews 9:11 NLT).**



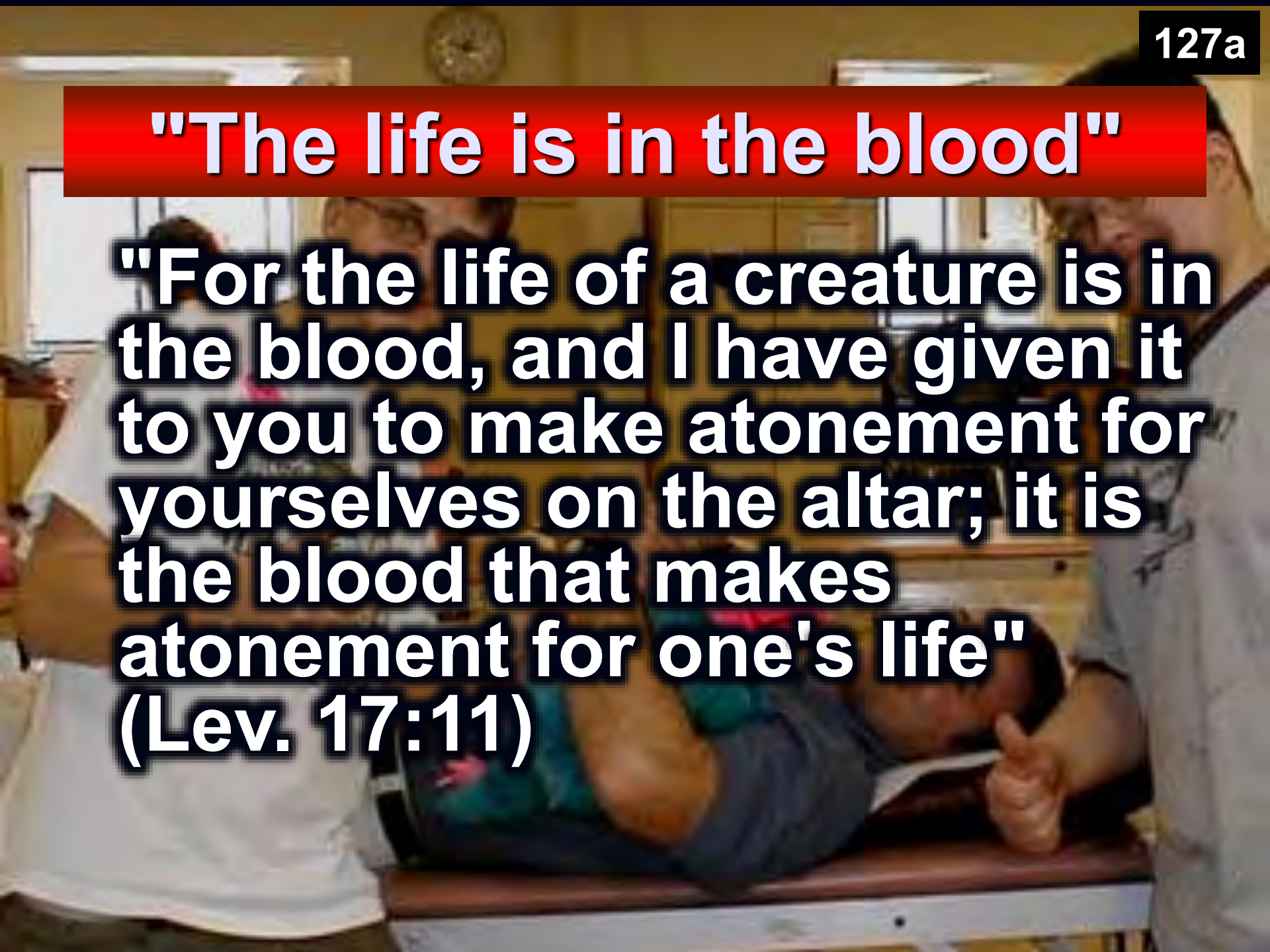
Leviticus 17

What's the Significance of **Blood?**

"In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Heb. 9:22 NIV)

"The life is in the blood"

**"For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life"
(Lev. 17:11)**

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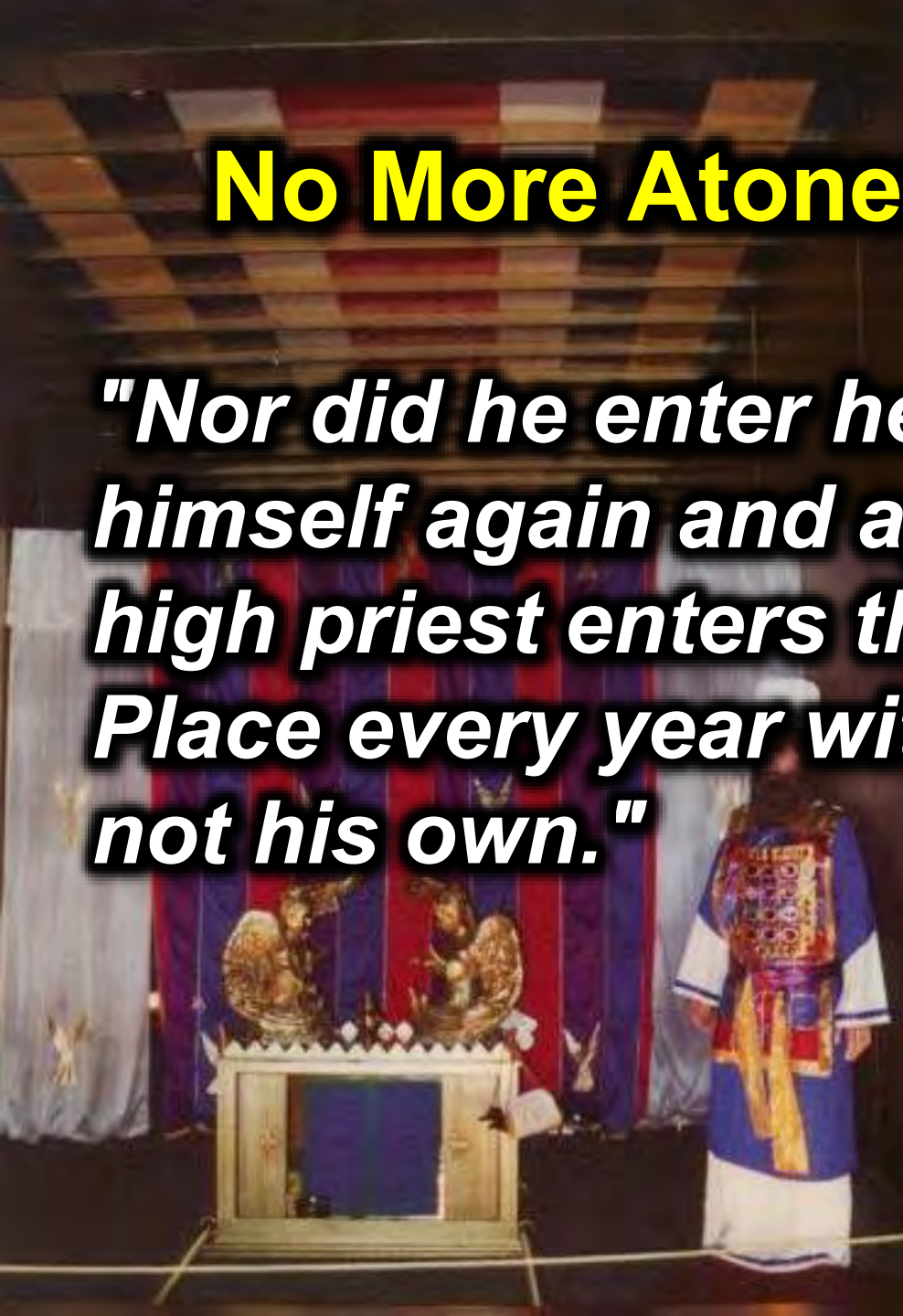
Once with His Own Blood for All!

"He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption."

Hebrews 9:12 (NIV)

No More Atonement Needed

"Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own."



Hebrews 9:25 (NIV)

Sin Done Away With (Not Just Covered)

"Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Hebrews 9:26 (NIV)

A Seat in the Holy of Holies?

"But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God."



Hebrews 10:12 (NIV)

Leviticus 18

**“Do not practice homosexuality,
having sex with another man as with
a woman. It is a detestable sin.”**

——*Leviticus 18:22 NLT*——



Homosexuality

Leviticus 19

No Prisons or Jails in the Law of Moses



"So Christ has truly set us free. Now make sure that you stay free, and don't get tied up again in slavery to the law" (Gal. 5:1 NLT).



Leviticus 19:28

"Do not cut your bodies for the dead, and do not mark your skin with tattoos. I am the LORD."

Leviticus 21

Leviticus 21 Requirements: What Did it Take to Be a Priest?

- Ritually clean (1-4)
- No shaven heads, beards, or bodies (5)
- Marriage to a divorcee prohibited (7)
- Marriage to a former harlot prohibited (7, 14)
- Not physically disabled (17-21)



Leviticus 22

Uniqueness:

How did Israel's Priests Differ from Pagan Priesthoods?

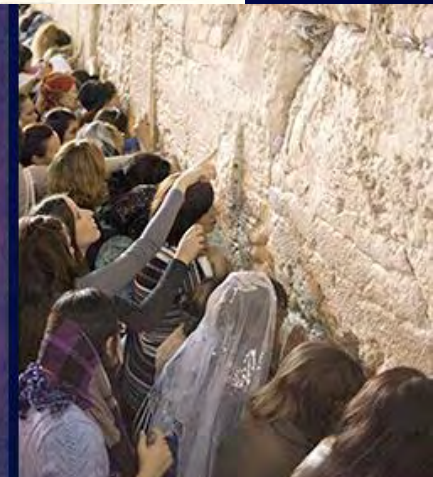
- **Genealogically determined**
- **Appointed by God**
- **Salary paid by worshippers**
- **No tribal allotment**
- **High standards**
- **Served two weeks annually**



Leviticus 23

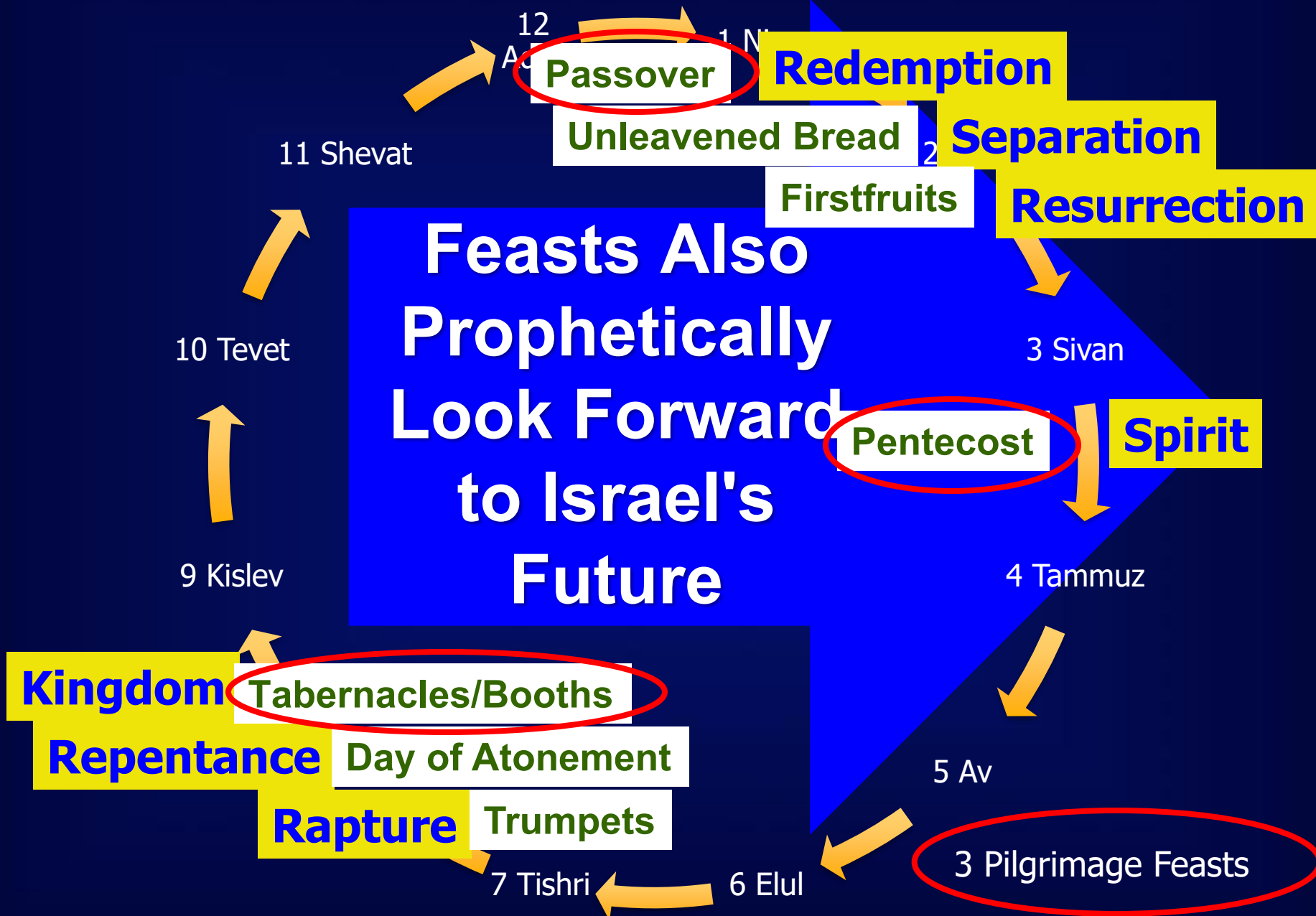
Bible Feasts

Holy Day Celebrations in the Old Testament





Feasts Also Prophetically Look Forward to Israel's Future

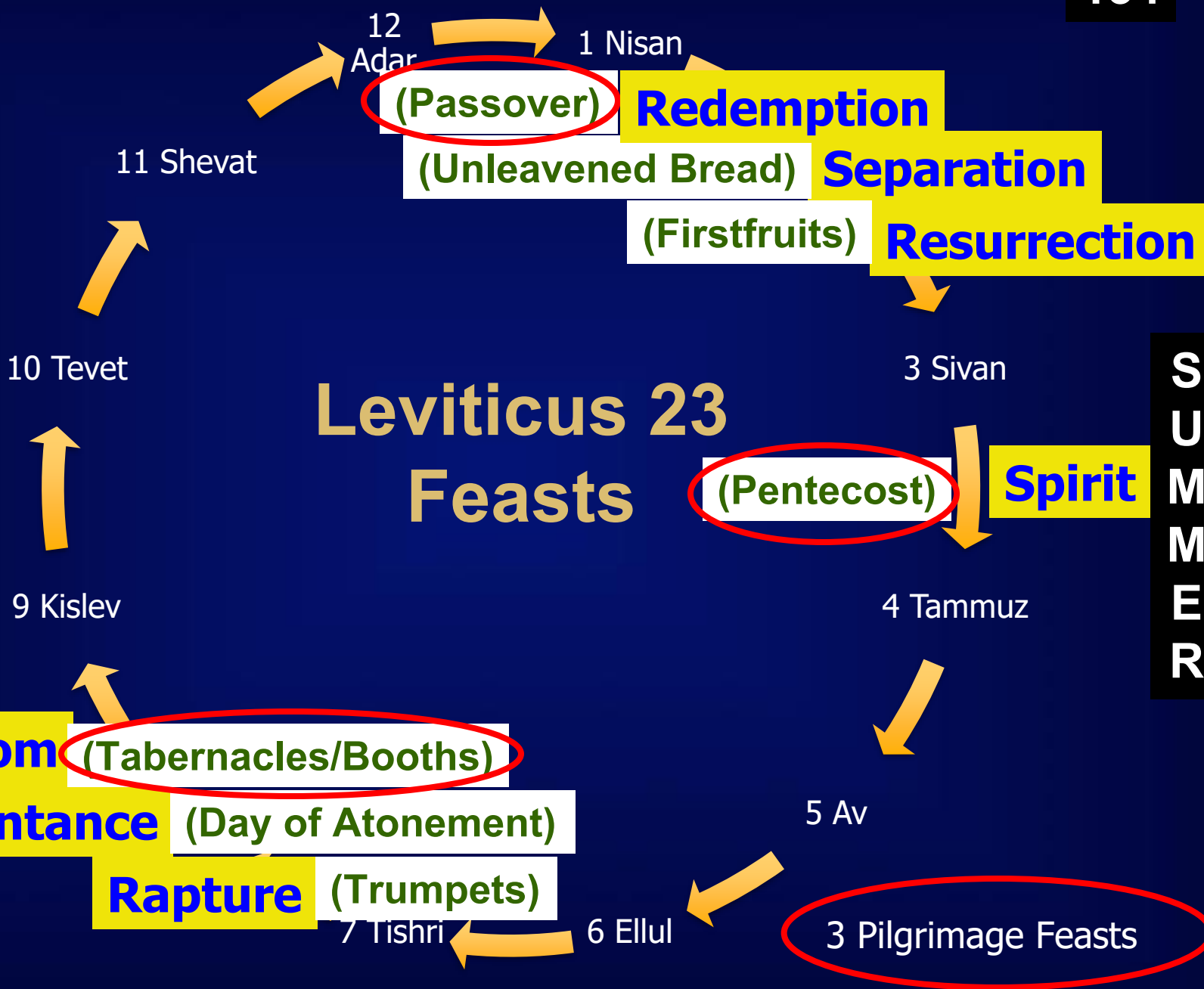


Leviticus 23 Feasts

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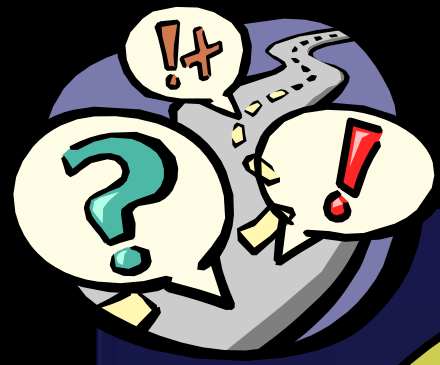
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Kingdom (Tabernacles/Booths)
Repentance (Day of Atonement)
Rapture (Trumpets)



Leviticus 26

Prophetic Curses



Why?

**Lev 26 &
Deut 28**

Exile

Leviticus 27

Our habits must reflect God's holiness



Interpreting and Preaching Legal Literature

1. Interpretation: Study the ***intent behind*** the legal command, asking, "Why was this command given in Israel?"
2. Principlizing: State the law's intent in a ***general principle*** showing God's character.
3. Application: Show ***how this principle relates*** to a modern parallel situation.



A Suggested Strategy for Expounding the OT Law

Principlizing: Universal truth

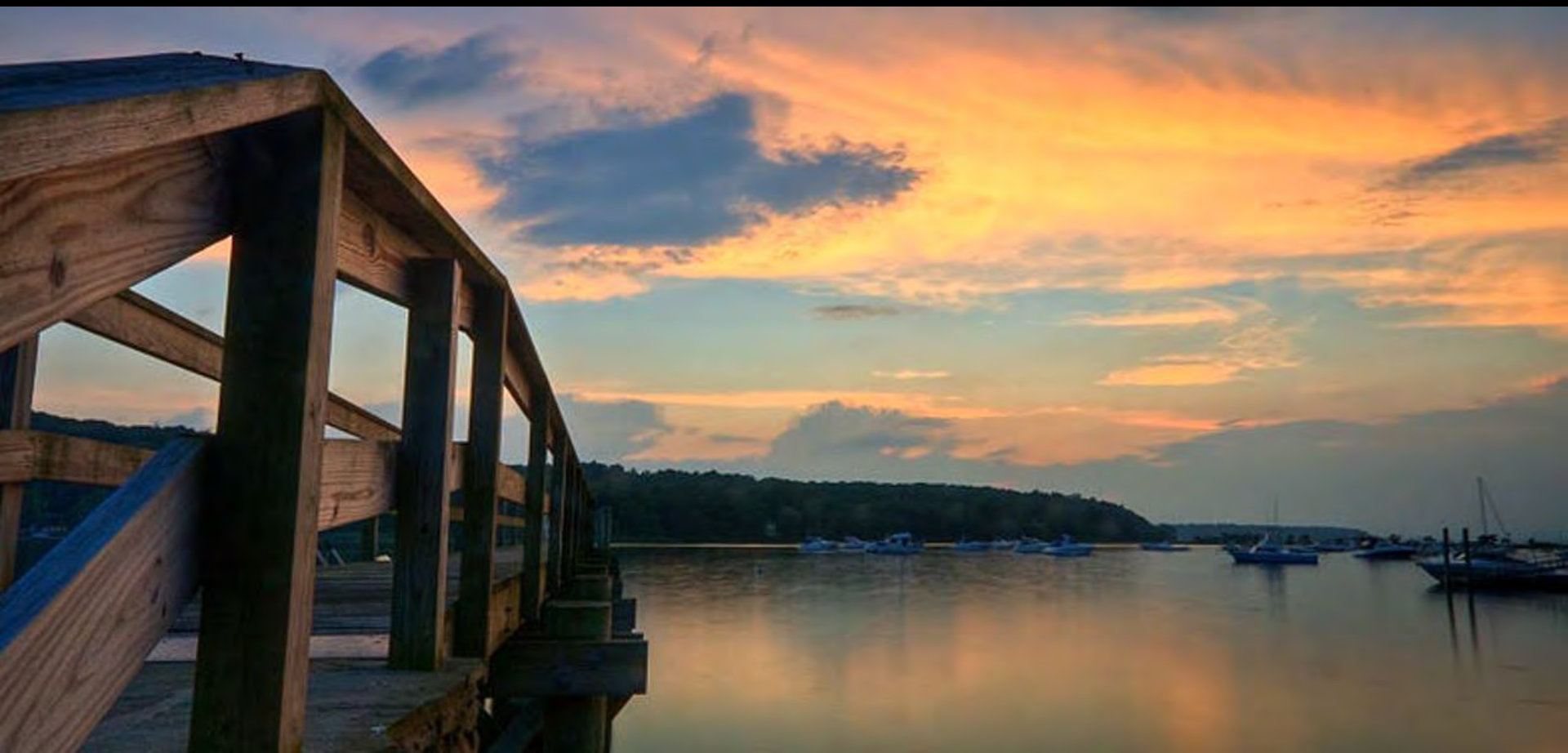
Interpretation:
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Situation

Application

We as believers need to continually **separate (sanctify) ourselves by confessing our sin and walking in holiness before God in order to experience His presence with us.**

How can we continue to enjoy
God's **presence** after coming to
know him?



Main Idea

Be **holy** as God is holy.

Leviticus

I. Confess that God is all you need.



Leviticus 1–10

II. Practice
godly habits.



Leviticus 11–27

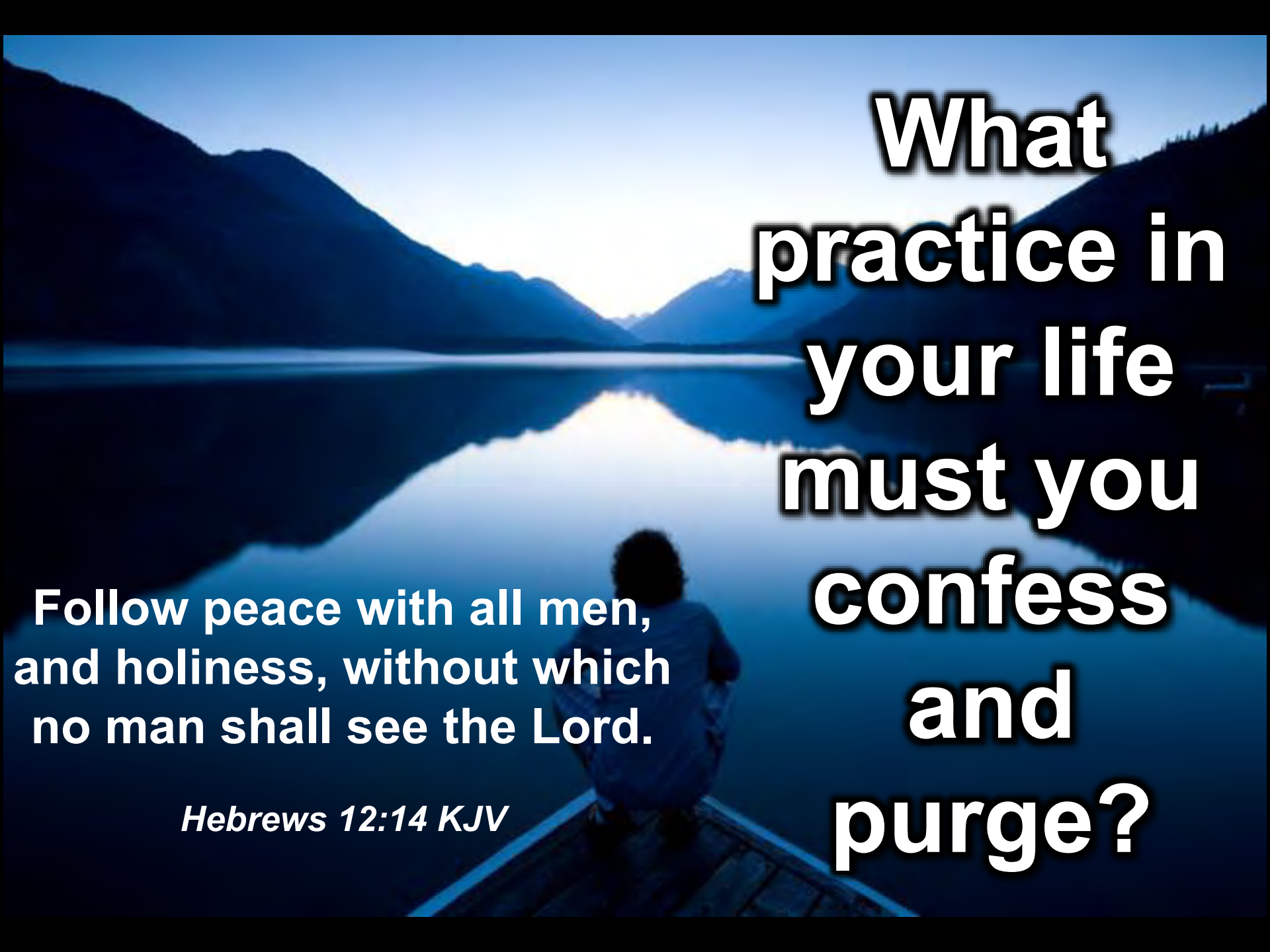
Holiness



**How little people know who
think that holiness is dull...
When one meets the real thing,
it's irresistible!**

—C. S. Lewis—

AZ QUOTES

A person is sitting on a wooden dock, looking out at a calm lake. The lake reflects the surrounding mountains and the sky. The scene is peaceful and serene.

**What
practice in
your life
must you
confess
and
purge?**

**Follow peace with all men,
and holiness, without which
no man shall see the Lord.**

Hebrews 12:14 KJV

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