

What To Do In A Crisis

I. There is a God . . . In The Beginning God!

1 John 1:8–10 (NIV®)

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **⁹If we confess our sins**, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. **¹⁰If we claim we have not sinned**, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.

A. Holy God . . . Holy = a Different Realm of Existence

Leviticus 11:44-45 (NIV®)

⁴⁴I am the Lord your God; consecrate yourselves and be holy, because I am holy. Do not make yourselves unclean by any creature that moves about on the ground. **⁴⁵I am the Lord who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy.**

1 Corinthians 1:30 (NIV®)

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, **our righteousness, holiness and redemption.**

1 Thessalonians 4:7 (NIV®)

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.

B. Almighty . . . Nothing Is Too Difficult For God

Jeremiah 32:17 (NIV®)

“Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. **Nothing is too hard for you.**

C. All Knowing . . . Nothing Is Hidden From God AND He Has The Power To Reveal Hidden Things

Daniel 2:22 (NIV®)

He reveals deep and hidden things; **he knows what lies in darkness**, and light dwells with him.

Matthew 10:26–28 (NIV®)

²⁶So do not be afraid of them. **There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known.** **²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs.** **²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**



II. Leviticus, A Sovereign God

A. Sacrifices & Such

Hebrews 10:1–5 (NIV®)

¹The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming—not the realities themselves. For this reason **it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.** ²If it could, would they not have stopped being offered? For the worshipers would have been cleansed once for all, and would no longer have felt guilty for their sins. ³But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, ⁴because **it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.** ⁵Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: “Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

B. Lessons RE: Sin

Leviticus 4:1–2 (NIV®)

¹The Lord said to Moses, ²“Say to the Israelites: ‘**When anyone sins unintentionally** and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord’s commands—

Leviticus 4:3 (NIV®)

“**If the anointed priest sins**, bringing guilt on the people, he must bring to the Lord a young bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has committed.

Leviticus 4:13 (NIV®)

“**If the whole Israelite community sins unintentionally** and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord’s commands, even though the community is unaware of the matter, they are guilty.

Leviticus 4:22 (NIV®)

“**When a leader sins unintentionally** and does what is forbidden in any of the commands of the Lord his God, he is guilty.

Leviticus 4:27 (NIV®)

“**If a member of the community sins unintentionally** and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord’s commands, he is guilty.

Silence & Willful Ignorance

Leviticus 5:1 (NIV®)

“**If a person sins because he does not speak up** when he hears a public charge to testify regarding something he has seen or learned about, he will be held responsible.



Leviticus 20:1–5 (NIV®)

¹If the people of the community close their eyes when that man gives one of his children to Molech and they fail to put him to death, ⁵I will set my face against that man and his family and will cut off from their people both him and all who follow him in prostituting themselves to Molech.

Proclamation Adapted from Daniel 9:4–19 (NIV®)

“O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with all who love him and obey his commands, we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened to your word even though we have heard it, even though it was easily accessible we have ignored your counsel and gone our own way.

Lord, you are righteous, but this day we are covered with shame—the men of our nation, the women of our nation — all of us. O Lord, we and our leaders and our families are covered with shame because we have sinned against you. The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the precepts he gave us through his word. All of us have transgressed your law and turned away, refusing to obey you.

Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. ¹⁸Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the cities. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because of your Church and your people bear your Name, amen.