

# message summary

In this passage we are studying the last of the five offerings being made on behalf of the people. God gives specific instructions for the Burn offering, the grain offering, the fellowship offering, the sin offering, and now the guilt offering. In this offering we see that there is restitution that is required if you sin against God, or you sin against someone else. We find instructions on how to seek and grant forgiveness and be reconciled to God and to others. Forgiveness is a difficult concept to talk about and even more of a struggle to implement. We carry our pains, our hurts, and our resentments towards people who have caused us pain our entire lives, but God teaches us that there is a better way. Let's read Leviticus 5:14-6:7 together in order to see how God's reconciliation with us is directly correlated to our reconciliation with one another.

# observation

- Who are the three different people that are sinned against in this passage?

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- If a person sinned against someone else, what type of restitution needed to be paid?

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- What was the outcome for the person spiritually once the priest made atonement for them?

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# interpretation

- Pastor Chris mentioned in his message that if you sin against someone else, you sin against God. Why do you agree or disagree with this statement.

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- How does this concept resonate with Jesus' teachings on reconciliation in Matthew 5:23-24 and Matthew 18:15-17?

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- How does this reflect God's desire for His people to live in harmony emphasized in passages like Micah 6:8 and Colossians 3:12-14?

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# application

- How does the concept of restitution apply to our lives today when seeking forgiveness?

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- In what ways can we model the principles of forgiveness in our relationships with others?

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- Are there areas in your life where you need to seek forgiveness or make restitution? What is the first step you are willing to take toward reconciliation?

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