



GATEWAY EQUIP

Two Kinds of Sin: Unintentional & Presumptuous July 7, 2018

Notes

Numbers 15:22-31 (NKJV)

Laws Concerning Unintentional Sin

²² 'If you sin **unintentionally**, and do not observe all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses—²³ all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations—²⁴ then it will be, if it is **unintentionally** committed, without the knowledge of the **congregation**, that the **whole congregation** shall offer **one young bull as a burnt offering**, as a sweet aroma to the LORD, with its grain offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats as a sin offering. ²⁵ So the priest shall make atonement for the whole **congregation** of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them, for it was **unintentional**; they shall bring their offering, an offering made by fire to the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their **unintended** sin. ²⁶ It shall be forgiven the whole **congregation** of the children of Israel and the **stranger** who dwells among them, because all the people did it unintentionally.

²⁷ 'And if **a person** sins **unintentionally**, then he shall bring a **female goat** in its first year as a sin offering. ²⁸ So the priest shall make atonement for the person who sins **unintentionally**, when he sins **unintentionally** before the LORD, to make atonement for him; and it shall be forgiven him. ²⁹ You shall have one law for him who sins **unintentionally**, for him who is native-born among the children of Israel and for the **stranger** who dwells among them.

Law Concerning Presumptuous Sin

³⁰ 'But the person who does *anything* **presumptuously**, whether he is native-born or a **stranger**, that one brings **reproach on the LORD**, and he **shall be cut off from among his people**. ³¹ Because **he has despised the word of the LORD**, and **has broken His commandment**, that person **shall be completely cut off; his guilt shall be upon him.**' "

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I. TWO kinds of sin.

1. **Unintentionally** – שגגה (*shâgagah*); 8 times (15:24, 25, 26, 27, 28, & 29; 15:22 does not have the Hebrew word.)

Sins of *ignorance* or sins *unwittingly committed*.

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament:

A sin of this type may result from two causes: **negligence** or **ignorance**. Either the perpetrator knows the law but **unintentionally violates** it as in the case of **accidental homicide** (Num 35:22ff.: Deut 19:4–10; Josh 20:2–6, 9), OR **he acts without knowing he did wrong**. Some illustrations of sins in this category would be: **Gen 20:9 (Abimelech’s complaint to Abraham): Num 22:34 (Balaam: “I have sinned. I did not know you were standing in my path”)**.

The sin sacrifices of Leviticus 4 are all for unintentional sin.

- **High Priest** – Lev. 4:2-3 - ² If a person sins unintentionally ...³ if the anointed priest sins ... a **young bull**....
- **Whole congregation** – Lev. 4:13-14 – ¹³ If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally... ¹⁴ **young bull** (see Num 15:24)
- **Ruler** – Lev. 4:22 – ²² ‘When a ruler has sinned, and done *something unintentionally against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *in anything* which should not be done, and is guilty.... ²³ a kid of the **goats, a male**
- **Common person** – Leviticus 4:27-28 – ²⁷ If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally by doing *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *in anything* which ought not to be done, and is guilty.... ²⁸ a kid of the **goats, a female**... (see Num 15:27)

2. **Presumptuously** – בְּיָד רְמָה

בְּ (bi) – With / יָד (yad) – Hand / רְמָה (ruwm) – Uplifted or raised

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament (above quote continues)

“In opposition to these are sins committed with a “high hand” (Num 15:30) for which there is no atonement by any means of sacrifice. Here the NT believer can sense’ something of the **inadequacy of the Levitical sacrificial system. The inability of this system to provide a sacrifice even for the presumptuous sin points to the way of a better sacrifice, that found in Christ.**”

Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament may be lacking?

The Day of Atonement included **ALL** sin (unintentional & intentional).

Leviticus 16:21-22 –²¹ Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, confess over it **all the iniquities** of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning **all** their **sins**....

²² The goat shall bear on itself **all their iniquities**.

Leviticus 16:30 – On that day *the priest* shall make atonement for you, to cleanse you, *that* you may be clean from **all your sins**.

Actually, no Old Testament sacrifice ever took any sin away.

Hebrews 10:3-4 – ³ But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For *it is* **not possible** that the blood of **bulls** and **goats** could **take away sins**.

The difference between **knowingly** and **presumptuously** sinning.

The upraised hand is a bold, public statement of defiant sin.

Near Eastern deities were often sculpted with uplifted or outstretched right hands. They were often carrying a spear, a war ax, or a lightning bolt. Similarly, the mighty acts of Israel's God are often described as being performed by His raised arm. An upraised hand is poised to strike. So, the deity raises his hand to threaten his enemies.

CONTEXT: Warning against idolatry – Deuteronomy 4:34 - Or did God *ever* try to go *and* take for Himself a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, by war, **by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm**, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

CONTEXT: The Ten Commandments – Deuteronomy 5:12 & 15 –
¹² **Observe the Sabbath day...** ¹⁵ And remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and **the LORD your God brought you out from there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm;** therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

CONTEXT: Firstfruits and tithes – Deuteronomy 26:4 & 8-10 -
⁴ **Then the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God....** ⁸ So **the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm**, with great terror and with signs and wonders.

⁹ He has brought us to this place and has given us this land, "a land

flowing with milk and honey”; ¹⁰ and now, behold, I have brought the firstfruits of the land which you, O LORD, have given me.’

CONTEXT: Describing the people of Israel in the Exodus –
Numbers 33:3 (TLV) – ³*Bnei-Yisrael* set out from Rameses on the fifteenth day of the first month, the first day after Passover. **They went out with a high hand in the sight of all Egypt.** בְּיַד רָמָה

NKJV – Israel went out with boldness.

CONTEXT: Describing the people of Israel in the Exodus –
Exodus 14:8 (TLV) – ⁸*ADONAI* hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, so he pursued *Bnei-Yisrael*, for *Bnei-Yisrael* went out **with a high hand.** בְּיַד רָמָה

NKJV – Israel went out with boldness.

CONTEXT: God reveals Himself to Job and explains that He breaks the arm that is raised against Him – Job 38:15 – From the wicked their light is withheld, And the upraised arm is broken.

- **Goliath** – 1 Samuel 17:43 & 45.
- **Pharaoh** – Exodus 5:2.

High-handed sin is committed by a brazen sinner in open defiance of the Lord. Jewish theology sees sins done in secret as less than presumptuous sins and therefore can be remedied by repentance.

David’s sin was different from Goliath’s or Pharaoh’s sin. It was *intentional*, but *secretly*.

2 Samuel 12:12-15 – ¹²For you did *it* **secretly**, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’ ”

¹³ So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.”

And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. ¹⁴ However, because by this deed **you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme**, the child also *who is* born to you shall surely die.” ¹⁵ Then Nathan departed to his house.

1 Timothy 5:8 (NKJV) – But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is **worse than an unbeliever.**

Unintentional vs. presumptuous sin in the New Testament?:

Hebrews 10:26-27 (NKJV) – ²⁶ For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

New Testament: Ananias and Saphira & death (Acts 5:5 & 10); Elymas & blindness (Acts 13:8-13).

II. Punishment for High-handed Sin (Num. 15:30-31).

“shall be cut off from among his people (15:30) & **“completely cut off”** (15:31) – Only used for crimes committed against God.

To be “cut off”: Covenants are cut. **Rabbinical suggestions** on “cut off”: excommunication, childlessness, extermination of descendants (e.g., all of Haman’s sons died), premature death, death of the soul when the body dies so that it **cannot enjoy the hereafter (Maimonides), punishment executed on the sinner after death, not permitted to join his ancestors in the afterlife.**

Reasons for such great punishment:

- He has brought **“reproach on the LORD”** (15:30) – to blaspheme.
- **“He has despised the word of the LORD”** (15:31) – to disdain.
- **“Has broken His commandment”** (15:31) – to make of no effect.
- **“His guilt shall be upon him”** (15:31) – If we reject the covenant, then we are rejecting Yeshua!

Isaiah 42:6 (NKJV)

“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you

to be a covenant for the people

and a light for the Gentiles.

Is this the Unpardonable Sin?

Matthew 12:31-32 (NKJV) – ³¹ “Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy *against* the Spirit will not be forgiven men. ³² Anyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him; but whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will **not be forgiven him, either in this age or in the age to come.**

Mark 3:28-29 (NKJV) – ²⁸ “Assuredly, I say to you, all sins will be forgiven the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they may utter;

²⁹ but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit **never has forgiveness**, but is **subject to eternal condemnation**.”

III. TWO kinds of PEOPLE (Num. 15:26).

1. The “**congregation**” – עֲדָה (*‘edah*); 15:24 (twice), 25 & 26.
This is referring to a member of the **covenantal community** (15:26, 29 & 30)
2. The “**stranger**” – גֵּר (geyr); 15:16, 29 & 30.
 - He is part of the people (15:26) but not part of the congregation.
 - The stranger is required to bring a sacrifice just like an Israelite (15:29).

John 14:6 – Jesus said to him, “**I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**”

Deuteronomy 1:16-17 – ¹⁶ Hear *the cases* between **your brethren**, and judge righteously between a **man** and **his brother** or the **stranger** who is with him. ¹⁷ You shall **not show partiality in judgment**; you shall hear the **small** as well as the **great**.

The Sabbath – Exodus 20:10 – The seventh day *is* the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, **nor your stranger who is within your gates**.

IV. TWO possibilities for the “COMMANDMENT” (Num 15:23).

What is the commandment? It depends on the word “day”?

Numbers 15:23 – from the day the LORD gave commandment and onward throughout your generations.

1. “**The day**” could be the day that Israel entered the land.
 - This is the context of the chapter.
 - Numbers 15:2 (NKJV) – When you have come into the land you are to inhabit, which I am giving to you.
 - Grain offerings of Num. 15:1-21 were given to remind Israel that they would one day enter the Promised Land.

Some commandments not possible until they come into the Land. Counting the omer from Passover to Pentecost (Lev. 23:9-14); Shavuot offerings (Lev. 23:15-22); leprous houses (Lev. 14:34); Fourth year of the fruit trees (Lev. 19:23).

2. “**The day**” could be Mount Sinai.

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3. The commandment is an eternal requirement (15:23).

Mark your calendar.

- Jul 14 – Ps Greg; The Saddest Day, Tisha B'Av, Num. 13 & 14.
- Jul 21 – Come hear a report from the Holocaust Survivors' Team.
- July 28 – Aug 18 – No Havdalah.
- Aug 25 – Prayer Meeting @ 5:45.
- Sep 1-8 – No Havdalah.
- Sep 15 – Havdalah starts up again; Turning to God on the Sabbath; It's Shabbat Shuvah, Num. 15:32-36.
- Sep 23 – Rangers Game, Sunday, Sep 23 @ 2:05 pm. Come have fun.

Shofar Training – August 25 @ 2 pm OR September 22 @ Noon. Ministry Building (540 S Nolen). Please bring shofar. Space limited, so sign up.

Next Messianic Service: Aug 3, Dr. Rudolph teaching on “Daniel and the Hebrew Scriptures.”