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SINS AND SALT

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When you are alone, do you ever try to convince yourself that your sin is okay? Do you simply count on Yahweh's unconditional forgiveness as a "get out of jail free card" no matter how you choose to live your life? Not every offering you make to Yahweh is acceptable and it takes a true and committed disciple of Christ to know the difference. Are you ready for the high calling?

THEME: MAIN SCRIPTURE(S) THAT HAS INSPIRED MESSAGE

““Speak to the children of Israel, saying: ‘If a person **sins unintentionally** against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them, if the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish as a sin offering. Leviticus 4:2-3

‘Now if the whole congregation of Israel **sins unintentionally**, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which should not be done, and are guilty; **when the sin which they have committed becomes known**, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of meeting.” Leviticus 4:13-14 NKJV

OUTCOME: MAIN TAKEAWAY(S) I AM HOPING FOR PEOPLE

“For if we **sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought

worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The LORD will judge His people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” Hebrews 10:26-31 NKJV

Let’s Set the Scene: Portion in a blurb

1. Leviticus describes the sacrificial service and the duties of the priests. It also introduces ritual purity, the biblical diet, the calendar of appointed times, laws of holiness and laws relating to redemption, vows and tithes. In addition, Leviticus teaches on ethical instruction and holiness. This portion introduces the sacrificial service and describes five different types of sacrifices.
2. EVERY ANIMAL TO BE OFFERED MUST BE PERFECT, WITHOUT BLEMISH.
3. **The Burnt Offering:** bring your offering of the livestock—of the herd and of the flock, a male **without blemish**; of his own **free will**; sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that *is by* the door of the tabernacle of meeting. And the priest **shall burn all** on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet[a] aroma to the Lord.

4. **The Grain Offering:** fine flour, pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it; take from it his handful and burn *it as a memorial*. The rest of *shall be Aaron's and his sons'*. *It is most holy of the offerings to the Lord made by fire*. It can also be baked as unleavened cakes in an oven or on a pan. No grain offering which you bring to the Lord shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering.
5. The offering of the firstfruits shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet aroma; offer for the grain offering of your firstfruits green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads; burn the memorial portion: *part* of its beaten grain and *part* of its oil, with all the frankincense.
6. Every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt.
7. **The Peace Offering:** sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. Burn the fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that *is* on the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that *is* on them by the flanks.
8. The fatty lobe *attached* to the liver above the kidneys, he shall **remove**; and Aaron's sons shall **burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice**.
9. This offering may be male or female. It decrees all the fat that is to be burned on the altar as food.

10. **The Sin Offering:** If a priest sins unintentionally, offer to the Lord a young bull. Take some of the bull's blood the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle some of the blood seven times before the Lord, in front of the veil of the sanctuary.
11. The priest shall put some of the blood on the horns of the altar of sweet incense; and he shall pour the remaining blood of the bull at the base of the altar of the burnt offering.
12. Remove all the fats as in the peace offering and burn them on the altar of the burnt offering.
13. But the bull's hide and all its flesh, with its head and legs, its entrails and offal—the whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire; where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.
14. If the whole congregation of Israel sins unintentionally, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and are guilty; when the sin which they have committed becomes known, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin, and do the same as of a person or priest sinned unintentionally.
15. When a ruler has sinned, and done *something* unintentionally and is guilty, or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, he shall bring as his offering a kid of the goats, and do the same thing with the blood, but he shall burn all its fat

on the altar, like the fat of the sacrifice of the peace offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

16. If any of the common people sins unintentionally and is guilty, or if his sin which he has committed comes to his knowledge, do the same as for a ruler.
17. If he brings a lamb as his sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish.
18. So the priest shall make atonement for his sin that he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.
19. **The Trespass Offering:** If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and *is* a witness, whether he has seen or known *of the matter*—if he does not tell *it*, he bears guilt.
 - (a) If a person touches any unclean thing, whether *it is* the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean livestock, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and he is unaware of it, he also shall be unclean and guilty.
 - (b) If he touches human uncleanness—whatever uncleanness with which a man may be defiled, and he is unaware of it—when he realizes *it*, then he shall be guilty.
 - (c) If a person swears, speaking thoughtlessly with *his* lips to do evil or to do good, whatever *it is* that a man may pronounce

by an oath, and he is unaware of it—when he realizes *it*, then he shall be guilty in any of these *matters*.

20. When he is guilty in any of these *matters*, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that *thing*; and he shall bring his trespass offering to the Lord, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin.
- (a) If he is not able to bring a lamb, bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons: one as a sin offering and the other as a burnt offering. The priest, who shall offer *that* which *is* for the sin offering first. And he shall offer the second as a burnt offering according to the prescribed manner, and it shall be forgiven him.
- (b) If he is not able to bring two turtledoves or two young pigeons, then he who sinned shall bring for his offering one-tenth of an ephah of fine flour as a sin offering. He shall put no oil on it, nor shall he put frankincense on it, for it *is* a sin offering. The priest shall take his handful of it as a memorial portion, and burn *it* on the altar and the priest shall make atonement for him and it shall be forgiven him. *The rest* shall be the priest's as a grain offering.

21. **Offerings with Restitution:** If a person commits a trespass, and sins unintentionally he shall bring to the Lord as his trespass

offering a ram, with your valuation in shekels of silver according to the shekel of the sanctuary, as a trespass offering. And he shall make restitution for the harm that he has done, and shall add one-fifth to it and give it to the priest. So the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

22. If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden, though he does not know *it*, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity. He shall bring to the priest a ram without blemish from the flock, with your valuation, as a trespass offering. The priest shall make atonement for him regarding his ignorance in which he erred and did not know *it*, and it shall be forgiven him.

23. Laws About the Burnt Offering, the Grain Offering, and the Sin Offering: If a person sins by lying to his neighbor about what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or about a pledge, or about a robbery, or if he has extorted from his neighbor, or if he has found what was lost and lies concerning it, and swears falsely—in any one of these things that a man may do in which he sins:

(a) He shall restore what he has stolen, or the thing which he has extorted, or what was delivered to him for safekeeping, or the lost thing which he found, or all that about which he has

sworn falsely. He shall restore its full value, add one-fifth more to it, *and* give it to whomever it belongs, on the day of his trespass offering.

- (b) Do all that and then bring his trespass offering to the Lord, and the priest shall make atonement for him before the Lord, and he shall be forgiven for any one of these things that he may have done in which he trespasses.

SINS VS. SINS (The sin offering!)

1. **Not all sins are treated the same way!**

A. Unintentional Sins

(1) What is sin?

- (a) “Whoever commits sin also commits lawlessness, and **sin is lawlessness**. And you know that He was manifested to take away our sins, and in Him there is no sin. Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.” I John 3:4-6

NKJV

- (b) “Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of

the devil. **Whoever has been born of God does not sin,** for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God." 1 John 3:7-9 NKJV

(2) Covering sins committed by mistake!

(a) ""Speak to the children of Israel, saying: 'If a person **sins unintentionally** against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which ought not to be done, and does any of them...Leviticus 4:2

(b) *If the Priest sins:* if the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD for his sin which he has sinned a young bull **without blemish** as a sin offering... Leviticus 4:3-12

(c) 'Now if the whole congregation of Israel **sins unintentionally**, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done something against any of the commandments of the LORD in anything which should not be done, and are guilty; **when the sin which they have committed becomes known**, then the assembly shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring it before the tabernacle of meeting.'" ...Leviticus 4:13-21 NKJV

(d) *When a ruler sins:* Leviticus 4:22-26

(e) *When a common man sins:* Leviticus 4:27-35

B. Intentional Sins

(1) If you insist on sinning on purpose you cannot cover it up with the blood on Y'shua.

(a) "For if we **sin willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, **there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins**, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people." It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Hebrews 10:26-31 NKJV

(2) No excuses

(a) "For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of

milk is **unskilled in the word of righteousness**, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, that is, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Hebrews 5:12-14 NKJV

- (b) “Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to perfection, **not laying again the foundation** of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this we will do if God permits. Hebrews 6:1-3
- (3) Grace simply covers it all! Don’t convince yourself that your willful sin will work out to your advantage!
 - (a) “For if the truth of God has increased through my lie to His glory, **why am I also still judged as a sinner?** And why not say, “**Let us do evil that good may come**”?—as we are slanderously reported and as some affirm that we say. **Their condemnation is just.**” Romans 3:7-8 NKJV
 - (b) “Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. **But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, so that as sin reigned in death, even so

grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 5:20-21 NKJV

- (c) “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!** How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” Romans 6:1-2 NKJV

(4) Don't crucify Y'shua all over again!

- (a) For it is **impossible** for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, **if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God,** and put Him to an open shame. For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.” Hebrews 6:4-8 NKJV

(5) I pray this is, instead, is talking about you!

- (a) “But, beloved, we are confident of **better things concerning you**, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. For **God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love** which you have

shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope until the end, that you **do not become sluggish**, but imitate those who through faith and patience inherit the promises.” Hebrews 6:9-12 NKJV

(6) The Blood of Messiah has power!

(a) “For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, **make those who approach perfect [like the blood of Messiah can!]**. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. Hebrews 10:1-2

(7) Perfected forever those who are being sanctified

(a) For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins. Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: **“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure.** Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— **To do Your will, O God.’ ”**

Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had pleasure in them ” (which are offered according to the law), then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,” then He adds, “Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.” Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.” Hebrews 10:4-18 NKJV

(8) Patterns—SIN OFFERING

- (a) “We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat. For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, **are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.**

Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach. For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come. Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name. But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Hebrews 13:10-16
NKJV

- (b) *Interesting:* If an anointed priest sins, or the whole congregation sins, the bull is carried outside the camp and burned (Leviticus 4:1-21). If a ruler sins or any individual sins (Leviticus 4:22-35) it seems that a goat or a lamb is used and it is burned there on the altar and not outside the camp.
- (c) But the bull’s hide and all its flesh, with its head and legs, its entrails and offal— **the whole bull he shall carry outside the camp to a clean place, where the**

**ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire;
where the ashes are poured out it shall be burned.**

Leviticus 4:11-12

- (d) Then he shall carry the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull. It is a sin offering for the assembly.” Leviticus 4:21 NKJV

ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICES

2. All in!

A. Leave your sin at the door!

- (1) NO LEAVEN NO HONEY: Leaven is often likened to sin and hypocrisy. The sweet sugar of honey is food for leaven and accelerates its growth!
- (a) “No grain offering which you bring to the LORD shall be made with **leaven**, for **you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the LORD made by fire.**”
Leviticus 2:11 NKJV
- (b) “In the meantime, when an innumerable multitude of people had gathered together, so that they trampled one another, He began to say to His disciples first of all, **“Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.** For there is nothing covered that will not be

revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.” Luke
12:1-2 NKJV

(c) “Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said to them, **“Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.”**” Matthew 16:5-6 NKJV

(d) “You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. **A little leaven leavens the whole lump.**” [especially fast if you add honey!] Galatians 5:7-9 NKJV

(2) YOU MUST ADD SALT: Salt brings flavor and preserves food: if it loses its character what use is it?

(a) “And every offering of your grain offering **you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking** from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.” Leviticus 2:13 NKJV

(b) **““You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?** It is then **good for nothing** but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and

put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

(c) ""Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? **It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill**, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"" Luke 14:34-35 NKJV

(d) Y'shua's teaching in Luke that preceded His comments on salt include His interruption on what it takes to be a disciple (Read Luke 14:25-33)

1. Relative hate for anyone in comparison to Him
2. Relative hate for his own life in comparison to Him
3. Bear his cross and go after Him
4. Count the cost
5. Whoever will not forsake all that he has cannot be His disciple.

B. You must bring your best to the altar—and hold nothing back!

(1) Without blemish and all consumed (nothing left!)

(a) ""If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male **without blemish**; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before

Yahweh... **And the priest shall burn all on the altar** as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to Yahweh." Leviticus 1:3, 9

- (b) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, **that you present your bodies a living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 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 12:1-2 NKJV

C. Anything less than His way is unacceptable

- (1) Read Malachi 1:1-14 **WARNING** [SEE WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU THINK YOU CAN GET AWAY WITH GIVING YAHWEH YOUR CHEAP LEFTOVERS!]
- (a) You will build something and He will tear it down
- (b) If you dishonor or show no reverence to Him as a Father by **offering defiled food on His altar**. Defiled by:
1. saying, 'The table of the LORD is contemptible.'
 2. **offering the blind as a sacrifice**
 3. **offering the lame and sick as a sacrifice**
 4. Offering what you would no even **offer your own governor!**
- (c) And then you still expect God's favor! How absurd!

- (d) Will He accept you favorably?" NO
 - (e) Someone, anyone, please stand against the atrocity. At least bar the doors to the altar so no one can get in and make these horrific offerings.
 - (f) Yahweh has no pleasure in you and **will not accept an offering from your hands.**
 - (g) His name will be magnified and someone will make a pure offering to Him in the end.
 - (h) But you profane it and defile His table by bringing the stolen, the lame, and the sick as sacrifices.
 - (i) Not only will He not **accept this from your hand? But cursed will be the deceiver who has in his flock something excellent to offer and swears he is giving His best, but sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished—**
- (2) Don't bring your gift to the altar until...
- (a) "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, **leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother,** and then come and offer your gift. Agree with your adversary quickly, while you are on the way with him, lest your adversary deliver you to the judge, the judge hand you over to the officer, and you be thrown into prison." Matthew 5:23-25 NKJV

D. The most acceptable offering!

(1) Mercy over sacrifice. (Why and How?) Look deep down inside you will see this! Repentance, and a prepared Body [of Christ]. Prepared for what? **To do His will and plant His law is within their hearts!**

(a) “For I desire mercy and not sacrifice, And the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings.” Hosea 6:6 NKJV

(b) “When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. **But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’** For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, **to repentance.**”” Matthew 9:12-13 NKJV [SEE VERSE 6 IN PSALM 40]

(c) LET’S LOOK TO THE MAN AFTER GOD’S HEART TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANS: “I **waited patiently** for the LORD; And He inclined to me, And heard my cry. He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, Out of the miry clay, And set my feet upon a rock, And established my steps. He has put a new song in my mouth— Praise to our God; Many will see it and fear, And will trust in the LORD. **Blessed is that man who makes the LORD his trust, And does not respect the proud, nor such as turn**

aside to lies. Many, O LORD my God, are Your wonderful works Which You have done; And Your thoughts toward us Cannot be recounted to You in order; If I would declare and speak of them, They are more than can be numbered. **(v. 6) Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; My ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.**

Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. **I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart.**” I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness In the great assembly; Indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O LORD, You Yourself know. **I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation; I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth From the great assembly.”** Psalms 40:1-10
NKJV

- (d) “Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: **“Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.** In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is

written of Me— **To do Your will, O God.**' "" Hebrews
10:5-7 NKJV

- (2) No condemnation when you walk in the Spirit which then results in...a Body of Christ that is ready, willing and able to be subject to and obey the Laws of Yahweh!
- (a) **“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son** in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, **that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.** For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.** So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the

flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, **He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.** Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.” Romans 8:1-13
NKJV

Questions & Discussion

1. Define Sin.

- A. Discuss the difference between unintentional and intentional sin.
- B. What does it mean when the scripture says, *“when the sin which they have committed becomes known”*?

2. Does Yahweh forgive Intentional Sin?

- A. If you think no, why not?

- B. If you think yes, why?
 - C. If in my sin grace abounds, and the more I sin, the more grace abounds, what is actually wrong with continuing to sin?
- 3. What does it mean to be skilled in the word of righteousness?**
- A. What are the elementary matters of the faith?
- 4. Discuss the spiritual concepts related to not using leaven nor honey in offerings to Yahweh?**
- A. Relate the salt required in grain offerings to your call to be the salt of the earth.
 - B. Relate salt to becoming a disciple.
- 5. What does it mean to bring your best to Yahweh?**
- A. In what ways was Israel guilty of not bringing their best?
 - B. How did Yahweh respond?
 - C. In what ways do you not bring your best to Yahweh?
 - D. Do you expect Him to respond favorably to you even when you do not bring your best?
- 6. What does it mean that Yahweh desires mercy over sacrifice?**
- A. How does this relate to repentance, planting His laws in our hearts, and doing His will?
- 7. Discuss what it means that there is no condemnation in those who are in Y'shua the Messiah.**