

SERMON REFLECTIONS

Holy Guilt – Restitution of Justice, Restoration of Relationship

Leviticus 5, 6:1-7 | 20 March 2022 | Rev Dr Aaron Tay

Reflection Questions

1. Read **Leviticus 5 to 6:1-7** as a group (perhaps each person to take 3 verses).

What truths can you learn from God's Word?

Such as: *What does He expect of His people, what He is concerned with?*

Another example, in verse 7, God allows the Israelite who cannot afford a lamb to bring two turtledoves or two pigeons – what does that tell you about God?

2. What kinds of guilt do people today generally struggle with? From less serious ones (*"I feel so guilty eating that piece of chocolate cake"*) to very serious ones (for example, causing someone to be seriously hurt). How do people usually cope with this guilt?

3. The Bible says that conscience comes from God (Romans 2:14-16). These are other Bible verses regarding conscience: 1 Peter 3:15-16, 1 Timothy 1:19, Hebrew 10:22. From these verses, suggest why God gives us conscience?

If you are willing, share about a situation when your conscience spoke to you, and what you did about it. If you are not able to share a personal experience, you may share about someone else's experience which you have heard about.

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4. There are three possibilities regarding what we do with our guilty feelings:
 - a. Conscience is Seared – we Ignore the guilt
 - b. Conscience is Stricken – we are Inundated by the guilt
 - c. Conscience is Spirit's tool – we are Invited to go to God with our guilt

Have you, or someone you know, experienced any of these three possibilities regarding feelings of guilt? What can we do to deal with the conscience which is seared or stricken?

When we go to God with our guilt, He will cleanse us, but He requires us to repent and make restitution (where necessary). What are the possible Restitutions we can make for the sins that we might commit – anger, pride, lust, greed, oppression, lying, gossip, etc?

5. *“Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death”* – 2 Corinthians 7:10.

Guilt can be holy if it brings us to a place of repentance and restitution, which leads to restoration of Justice and Relationship.

Discuss how we can always pray for, work for and stand for Justice and Relationship (in our own lives, our DGs, and our church) – two areas which are very important to God.

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