

Don't Let Your Light Go Out
Leviticus 6:9-13
By Russ Earl

Thesis: I want to show the importance of Light and its continual burning in both the Old & New Testament.

Intro:

1. Leviticus deals with removing any defilement which separates man from God.
2. It does with the restoration of the lost fellowship any man experiences between himself and God.

I. The Light of God

- A. God is light, because God is light He is Holy.
 1. God is light (**1 Jn 1:5**)
 2. God is Holy (**1 Pt 1:16**).
- B. "...it shall never go out" (**Lev 6:13b**)
 1. The burning fire was God's way of accepting the sacrifices brought to Him.
 2. By this fire never going out, God was showing His willingness to always accept and pardon the sins of the people.
 3. God was willing to accept the sacrifices brought to the altar. However, just like today, there are conditions.
 - a. In O.T. times only the best could be brought to God and different offers required different sacrifices. The book of Leviticus shows the various requirements and the process of offering sacrifices to God.
 - b. Today, in N.T. times such conditions include true repentance and a heart that desires forgiveness.

II. The Christian Light

- A. In the N.T Christ speaks of the Christian light.
 1. Christ speaks plainly that Christians are the light of the world today (**Mt 5:14-16**).
 2. We cannot offer forgiveness to men, but we can lead man to Him who does. (**Lk 2:25-32**)
- B. The call of those who are in the Light.
 1. Those who are in the light are called to walk as children of the light (**Eph 5:8**).
 2. God's burning fire of acceptance for offerings never went out and continues today in a figurative sense. Thus we must be the light that leads others to Him so they too can bring their sin filled lives to God and be made clean again (**Isa 1:18**).

III. Lessons for us today.

- A. Lessons from Leviticus
 - 1. As stated before Leviticus revealed how to handle sin for those under that Law.**
 - 2. Atonement was its theme, and throughout God shows His conditions for pardon.**
- B. Just like the light in Lev 6, God is our light that never goes out (**Lev 6:13**).
 1. God had terms for pardon in the O.T. and He still does today.
 2. However, His burning fire of forgiveness (Lev 6:13b) never goes out.

Conc:

1. The Bible tells us that our God is a consuming fire (**Heb 12:28-29**)
 - a. He demands loyalty to Him and His love & forgiveness makes Him worthy of such.
2. The love of God burns for us as a fire. (That's what I think of when I read Heb 12:29) His love and mercy are always available, we just need to act upon it.
3. The availability of His love and forgiveness is not enough, we must act upon it, to receive it.

Hear

Romans 10:17

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Believe

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever + in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Repent

Luke 13:3

I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.

Confess

Rom 10:9 — Rom 10:10

that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Be baptized

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 22:16

And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'

Remain Faithful

Revelation 2:10

Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

