

# Tuesday Night at the Crescent

## **"APPROACHING GOD"**

*A study of the Levitical Offerings*

**TUESDAY, APRIL 10th, 1990**

*Subject: "Hope for the Guilt Ridden?"*

*A study of the Trespass Offering*

Reading: Leviticus 5-6 : 7

1. What is the difference between the Sin Offering and The Trespass Offering?
  - (a) The Sin Offering deals with the stain of sin but the Trespass Offering deals with the damage sin does. The Sin Offering was concerned with who committed the sin but the Trespass Offering was not concerned with by whom or why the sin was committed but was concerned with the damage the sin left behind.
  - (b) When a person sinned that person just had to bring a Sin Offering and it was forgiven but with the Trespass Offering two things had to be done. One was that a sacrifice had to be brought to deal with God's wrath against sin but the second insisted that in certain cases restoration and restitution had to be made.
2. The areas in which Trespasses could occur are divided into groups:
  - (a) Sins against Truth (v. 1, 4).
  - (b) Sins against Cleanliness (v. 2-3).
  - (c) Sins in the Holy Things i.e. Trespasses in the Things of God (v. 14-19).
  - (d) Sins in the Everyday Things (v. 6, 1-7).
3. Where can we find relief for our Trespasses? Some of the damage cannot be measured so God doesn't call for restitution (notice the phrase in 5: 7, 11 etc.) the death of Christ deals with even our Trespasses (Ps. 69: 4: I restored that which I took not away). Yet God demands that we forgive those who Trespass against us when they repent (Matt 18: 21-35). Notice the unequivocal command of Matt 6: 14-15. If we have robbed God surely we will seek to give Him our all in return for his forgiveness, not to gain forgiveness but out of sheer gratitude.



*"Everybody thinks forgiveness is a great idea  
until they have someone to forgive"*

*C. S. Lewis )*