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From Darren:

Lev 9:7-10:20 - ““This is what the LORD meant when he said, ‘I will display my holiness through those who come near me. I will display my glory before all the people.’”” - Moses...Aaron’s sons came before God and were not seen as blameless (holy) because they didn’t perform the ritual correctly...God cannot be in the presence of sin, so they had to die...Jesus covers us in His righteousness so we can dwell with God for eternity

Ps 37:30-40 - “Look at those who are honest and good, for a wonderful future awaits those who love peace.”

Pro 10:6-7 - Make yourself memorable

Mark 4:26-5:20 - Jesus has so much authority that the demons had to get his permission

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Leviticus 9:7-10:20

9 7 Then Moses said to Aaron, “Come to the altar and sacrifice your sin offering and your burnt offering to purify yourself and the people. Then present the offerings of the people to purify them, making them right with the LORD, just as he has commanded.” **8** So Aaron went to the altar and slaughtered the calf as a sin offering for himself. **9** His sons brought him the blood, and he dipped his finger in it and put it on the horns of the altar. He poured out the rest of the blood at the base of the altar. **10** Then he burned on the altar the fat, the kidneys, and the long lobe of the liver from the sin offering, just as the LORD had commanded Moses. **11** The meat and the hide, however, he burned outside the camp. **12** Next Aaron slaughtered the animal for the burnt offering. His sons brought him the blood, and he splattered it against all sides of the altar. **13** Then they handed him each piece of the burnt offering, including the head, and he burned them on the altar. **14** Then he washed the internal organs and the legs and burned them on the altar along with the rest of the burnt offering. **15** Next Aaron presented the offerings of the people. He slaughtered the people’s goat and presented it as an offering for their sin, just as he had first done with the offering for his own sin. **16** Then he presented the burnt offering and sacrificed it in the prescribed way. **17** He also presented the grain offering, burning a handful of the flour mixture on the altar, in addition to the regular burnt offering for the morning. **18** Then Aaron slaughtered the bull and the ram for the people’s peace offering. His sons brought him the blood, and he splattered it against all sides of the altar. **19** Then he took the fat of the bull and the ram—the fat of the broad tail and from around the internal organs—along with the kidneys and the long lobes of the livers. **20** He placed these fat portions on top of the breasts of these animals and burned them on the altar. **21** Aaron then lifted up the breasts and right thighs

as a special offering to the LORD, just as Moses had commanded. **22** After that, Aaron raised his hands toward the people and blessed them. Then, after presenting the sin offering, the burnt offering, and the peace offering, he stepped down from the altar. **23** Then Moses and Aaron went into the Tabernacle, and when they came back out, they blessed the people again, and the glory of the LORD appeared to the whole community. **24** Fire blazed forth from the LORD 's presence and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When the people saw this, they shouted with joy and fell face down on the ground.

10 1 Aaron's sons Nadab and Abihu put coals of fire in their incense burners and sprinkled incense over them. In this way, they disobeyed the LORD by burning before him the wrong kind of fire, different than he had commanded. **2** So fire blazed forth from the LORD 's presence and burned them up, and they died there before the LORD . **3** Then Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the LORD meant when he said, 'I will display my holiness through those who come near me. I will display my glory before all the people.'" And Aaron was silent. **4** Then Moses called for Mishael and Elzaphan, Aaron's cousins, the sons of Aaron's uncle Uzziel. He said to them, "Come forward and carry away the bodies of your relatives from in front of the sanctuary to a place outside the camp." **5** So they came forward and picked them up by their garments and carried them out of the camp, just as Moses had commanded. **6** Then Moses said to Aaron and his sons Eleazar and Ithamar, "Do not show grief by leaving your hair uncombed or by tearing your clothes. If you do, you will die, and the LORD 's anger will strike the whole community of Israel. However, the rest of the Israelites, your relatives, may mourn because of the LORD 's fiery destruction of Nadab and Abihu. **7** But you must not leave the entrance of the Tabernacle or you will die, for you have been anointed with the LORD 's anointing oil." So they did as Moses commanded. **8** Then the LORD said to Aaron, **9** "You and your descendants must never drink wine or any other alcoholic drink before going into the Tabernacle. If you do, you will die. This is a permanent law for you, and it must be observed from generation to generation. **10** You must distinguish between what is sacred and what is common, between what is ceremonially unclean and what is clean. **11** And you must teach the Israelites all the decrees that the LORD has given them through Moses." **12** Then Moses said to Aaron and his remaining sons, Eleazar and Ithamar, "Take what is left of the grain offering after a portion has been presented as a special gift to the LORD, and eat it beside the altar. Make sure it contains no yeast, for it is most holy. **13** You must eat it in a sacred place, for it has been given to you and your descendants as your portion of the special gifts presented to the LORD . These are the commands I have been given. **14** But the breast and thigh that were lifted up as a special offering may be eaten in any place that is ceremonially clean. These parts have been given to you and your descendants as your portion of the peace offerings presented by the people of Israel. **15** You must lift up the thigh and breast as a special offering to the LORD, along with the fat of the special gifts. These

parts will belong to you and your descendants as your permanent right, just as the LORD has commanded.” **16** Moses then asked them what had happened to the goat of the sin offering. When he discovered it had been burned up, he became very angry with Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron’s remaining sons. **17** “Why didn’t you eat the sin offering in the sacred area?” he demanded. “It is a holy offering! The LORD has given it to you to remove the guilt of the community and to purify the people, making them right with the LORD . **18** Since the animal’s blood was not brought into the Holy Place, you should have eaten the meat in the sacred area as I ordered you.” **19** Then Aaron answered Moses, “Today my sons presented both their sin offering and their burnt offering to the LORD . And yet this tragedy has happened to me. If I had eaten the people’s sin offering on such a tragic day as this, would the LORD have been pleased?” **20** And when Moses heard this, he was satisfied.

Psalm 37:30-40

37 30 The godly offer good counsel; they teach right from wrong. **31** They have made God’s law their own, so they will never slip from his path. **32** The wicked wait in ambush for the godly, looking for an excuse to kill them. **33** But the LORD will not let the wicked succeed or let the godly be condemned when they are put on trial. **34** Put your hope in the LORD . Travel steadily along his path. He will honor you by giving you the land. You will see the wicked destroyed. **35** I have seen wicked and ruthless people flourishing like a tree in its native soil. **36** But when I looked again, they were gone! Though I searched for them, I could not find them! **37** Look at those who are honest and good, for a wonderful future awaits those who love peace. **38** But the rebellious will be destroyed; they have no future. **39** The LORD rescues the godly; he is their fortress in times of trouble. **40** The LORD helps them, rescuing them from the wicked. He saves them, and they find shelter in him.

Proverbs 10:6-7

10 6 The godly are showered with blessings; the words of the wicked conceal violent intentions. **7** We have happy memories of the godly, but the name of a wicked person rots away.

Mark 4:26-5:20

4 26 Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. **27** Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. **28** The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. **29** And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.” **30** Jesus said, “How can I describe the Kingdom of God? What story should I use to illustrate it? **31** It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, **32** but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade.” **33** Jesus used many similar stories and illustrations to teach the people as much as they could understand. **34** In fact, in his public ministry he never taught without using parables; but afterward, when he was alone with his disciples, he explained everything to them. **35** As evening came, Jesus said to his disciples, “Let’s cross to the other side of the lake.” **36** So they took Jesus in the boat and started out, leaving the crowds behind (although other boats followed). **37** But soon a fierce storm came up. High waves were breaking into the boat, and it began to fill with water. **38** Jesus was sleeping at the back of the boat with his head on a cushion. The disciples woke him up, shouting, “Teacher, don’t you care that we’re going to drown?” **39** When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Silence! Be still!” Suddenly the wind stopped, and there was a great calm. **40** Then he asked them, “Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?” **41** The disciples were absolutely terrified. “Who is this man?” they asked each other. “Even the wind and waves obey him!”

5 1 So they arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. **2** When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from a cemetery to meet him. **3** This man lived among the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. **4** Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. **5** Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones. **6** When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. **7** With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” **8** For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.” **9** Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” **10** Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. **11** There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. **12** “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.” **13** So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the

water. **14** The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. **15** A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. **16** Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. **17** And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. **18** As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. **19** But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” **20** So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them.