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The Burnt Offering - Leviticus 1

An Overview of the five offerings

- 1) The Burnt Offering speaks of total consecration - Christ was totally consumed for us! **He gave all that He had. He died for us. When He said, "It is finished," there was nothing left.**
- 2) The Meal Offering was the only "bloodless" offering because it doesn't speak of Christ's death but rather His sinless life! **It was an offering of "unleavened" meal because leaven in the Bible is a picture of sin. Jesus was the "unleavened" Bread of Life!**
- 3) The Peace Offering speaks of our peace with God made possible only through the death (burnt offering) and sinless life (meal offering) of Christ! **It pictures Romans 5:1, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ..."**
- 4) The Sin Offering pictures Christ delivering us from the power of sin. **(Romans 6:6-7)**
- 5) The Trespass Offering speaks of Christ delivering us from the penalty of our sins. **Christ has delivered us from the penalty of the specific sinful actions (trespasses) we've committed against God. (2 Corinthians 5:21)**

The five offerings are detailed twice in the book of Leviticus (Chapters 1-5 and again from Chapters 6:8-7:38), but in two different orders...

The first time they picture Christ's sacrifice for us - the second time they picture our sacrifice for Christ!

The first time they picture how a man receives peace with God - the second time they picture how a man receives the peace of God!

The offerings are divided into two categories

The first three offerings were "sweet" aroma offerings; they were voluntary offerings and picture the redemption of sin. **The burnt offering, meal offering, and peace offering are the sweet savor offerings. They are offerings of the ancient Jewish worshiper given voluntarily out of gratitude to God. They represent the beauty of reconciliation with God through the sacrifice of Christ.**

The sin offering and the trespass offering were "non-sweet" aroma offerings. They were mandatory offerings and represent the ruin of sin. **They were "non-sweet" aroma offerings because they represented the ugliness of sin and the stench of sin to a Holy God.**

An overview of the burnt offering...

Leviticus 1:1-2, Now the Lord called to Moses, and spoke to him from the tabernacle of meeting, saying, "Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: 'When any one of you brings an offering to the Lord, you shall bring your offering of the livestock—of the herd and of the flock.

Leviticus 1:1-2, "When any one of you..." The offering was for anybody - it was a free will offering.

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Leviticus 1:2, "You shall bring your offering of the livestock - of the herd..." Jesus came as a man - one "of the flock." **John 1:11, "He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.**

Leviticus 1:3, "If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall



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Leviticus 1:3, Verse 3 "...of his own free will..." Christ didn't have to die - He voluntarily gave His life.

Leviticus 1:4, "Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him."

Leviticus 1:4, "...shall put his hand on the head..." Our sins were transferred from man to the Lamb.

Leviticus 1:5, "He shall kill the bull before the Lord; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of meeting."

Leviticus 1:5, "He shall kill the bull before the Lord..." We killed the Lamb - Jesus!

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Leviticus 1:5, "Aaron's sons shall bring the blood..." Aaron's sons brought the sweet-aroma offerings, but only Aaron the high priest could touch the non-sweet aroma offerings. ***Aaron as the high priest is a picture of our High Priest - the Lord Jesus Christ (Hebrews 8). Aaron's sons are a picture of us as New Testament priests. (1 Peter 2:5)***

The Burnt Offering is a picture of Christ, but it also pictures us!

Leviticus 1:6, "And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces."

Leviticus 1:6, "...cut it into its pieces." The burnt offering also pictures us as a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1). ***The Spirit of God takes the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12) and cuts us apart piece by piece until we're fully conformed to the image of Jesus Christ!***

Leviticus 1:7-8, "The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire. Then the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar."

Leviticus 1:7-8, "...fire upon the altar." As we become a "burnt offering" for God, we become a "sweet-savor" to God (2 Corinthians 2:14-16).

2 Corinthians 2:14-16, Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life. And who is sufficient for these things?

Leviticus 1:9, "...but he shall wash its entrails and its legs with water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar as a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord."

Leviticus 1:9, "...he shall wash its entrails and its legs with water." God washes us with His Word inside and out. (Ephesians 5:26)

Leviticus 1:10-17, outlines the different levels of burnt offerings proportionate to each one's individual ability.

We cannot all give equal gifts, but we can all give equal sacrifice. How deeply are you willing to sacrifice for Jesus?