



# LEVITICUS

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## The Peace Offering - Leviticus 3

Jesus is the fulfillment of all five offerings of the ancient Hebrews!

*Matthew 5:17-18, "Do not think that I came to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I did not come to destroy but to fulfill. For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled."*

The burnt offering is a shadow of Christ's death → the grain offering is a shadow of Christ's sinless life → the peace offering is a shadow of our peace with God made possible through Christ!

*Romans 5:1, "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."*

Leviticus 3:1, "When his offering is a sacrifice of a peace offering, if he offers it of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord."

The peace offering foreshadows our peace and reconciliation with God through the sinless sacrifice of Christ.

*Colossians 1:19-22, "For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight."*

*Ephesians 2:14, "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation."*

Leviticus 3:1, "...whether male or female." While the burnt offering had to be a male as a shadow of Christ, the peace offering could be of the flock male or female because the peace of God is for everyone!

Leviticus 3:2-5, "And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of meeting; and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. Then he shall offer from the sacrifice of the peace offering an offering made by fire to the Lord. The fat that covers the entrails and all the fat that is on the entrails, the two kidneys and the fat that is on them by the flanks, and the fatty lobe attached to the liver above the kidneys, he shall remove; and Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice, which is on the wood that is on the fire, as an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the Lord."

In Leviticus 3:2-5 with the burnt offering, everything was placed in the fire on the altar, but with the peace offering, it was only the inner parts because peace is found internally not externally.

With the peace offering, all the fat was consumed on the altar. Leviticus 3:16, "...all the fat is the Lord's." The blood represents life (Leviticus 17:11), and the fat represents the richness of life.

*Psalms 63:5, "My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness."*

Leviticus 3:5, "...burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice." You could only make a peace offering after you had made a burnt offering! Some of us lack the peace of God because we've never fully surrendered to God.

**Remember, God gives us the five offerings twice in Leviticus. The second time (Leviticus 6-7), the peace offering is given last!**



The first time they represent how to have peace with God; the second time they represent how to have the "peace of God." **The first time they picture what Christ would become for us; the second time they picture what we should become for Him.**

The burnt offering (die to self) → grain offering (Christ-like life) → sin offering (sin-less before God) → trespass offering (sin-less against men) → peace offering (living at peace with God and men!).

*2 Corinthians 5:18-20, "Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God."*

The only way to find peace in life is by surrendering your life to the Lord Jesus Christ!