

Leviticus 1

Jesus

- **Leviticus:**
 1. **Lit.** Concerning the Levites. Descendants of Levi inc. Moses brother Aaron/Priests that followed
 2. **Heb.** Meaning of Leviticus: "And He Called" i.e. First words of Book
 3. **AKA** *Instructions for the Priests i.e. sons of Levi*
- **Author: Moses.** Wrote first 5 Books of OT i.e. Pentateuch
 1. Genesis
 2. Exodus
 3. **Leviticus**
 4. Numbers
 5. Deuteronomy
- **Key Themes**
 1. The Way *to God* is Sacrifice
 2. The Walk *with God* is Holiness

Exodus concluded w/the Cloud covering/Shekinah Glory filling the Tabernacle...

Exodus 40:34 Then the **cloud covered the tabernacle** of meeting, and the **glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle**. 35 And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD **filled the tabernacle**. 36 Whenever the cloud was taken up from above the tabernacle, the children of Israel would go onward in all their journeys. 37 But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey till the day that it was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the LORD was above the tabernacle by day, and fire was over it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, **throughout all their journeys**.

- Currently: Children of Israel are camped at the base of Mt Sinai
- Continue to camp there throughout the Book of Leviticus

I. The Burnt Offering Christ our Substitute

1 Now **the LORD called to Moses...**

The LORD called to Moses... Friend of God

Exodus 33:10 All the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the tabernacle door, and all the people rose and worshiped, each man in his tent door. 11 So **the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend**.

- Later in Num/Deut...

Numbers 12:8 [God of Moses] I speak with him **face to face**, Even **plainly**, and not in dark sayings [riddles] And **he sees the form of the Lord**.

Deuteronomy 34:10b ...there has not arisen in Israel a prophet like Moses, **whom the LORD knew face to face...**

The LORD called to Moses...

1b ...and spoke to him from the **tabernacle** of meeting

God moves from speaking to Moses from the top of Mt. Sinai
To speaking to Moses from the Tabernacle [Transportable Temple] saying...

2 "Speak to the **children of Israel...**

Speak to the *children of Israel* concerning *the children of Israel*
Descendants of Abraham through Jacob/12 Sons

- Speak to them about what?

Leviticus is the book of worship. Sacrifice, ceremony, ritual, liturgy, instructions, washings, convocations, holy days, observances, conditions and warnings crowd this book. [JV McGee]

- Relevance to us?

1 Corinthians 10:11 Now **all these things happened to them as examples**, and they were written for **our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

Though the sacrifices and ceremonies can be no ground to build upon...yet when we have once found Christ and His mysteries, then we may borrow figures, that is to say, allegories, similitudes and examples, to **open Christ**, and the **secrets of God hid in Christ**, even unto [life]... And can declare them more lively and sensibly with [these OT figures] than with all the words of the world. [Tyndale]

IOWs What follows are OT Physical Representations to/for Israel
Relating to NT Spiritual Truths to/for us the Church. **Goal?** Find Jesus

2b ... '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. 3 'If his offering is a **burnt sacrifice** of the herd, let him offer a **male without blemish**; he shall offer it of his **own free will** at the door of the tabernacle of meeting **before the LORD**. 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**.

Speak these instructions to Israel re. Offerings
Ch.'s 1-5 Five Offerings: 3 Sweet/2 Non-sweet

- **3 Sweet Offering:** *Person of Christ*
 1. **Burnt Offering:** Christ our Substitute
 2. **Grain Offering:** Christ's Sweetness in His humanity
 3. **Peace Offering:** Christ our Peace
- **2 Non-Sweet Offerings:** *Work of Christ on the Cross*
 4. **Sin Offering:** Our innate Sin Nature
 5. **Trespass Offering:** Our Sin in Action

First mention of sacrifice for sin
First death: Gen 3

Genesis 3:21 „, for Adam/his wife the Lord God made **tunics of skin**, and clothed them.

Burnt Offering of Animals: Abel/Noah/Abraham
God now gives further instruction to Levitical Priests/People before they journey...

- **Burnt Offering:** Christ our Sacrifice
- Primary Sacrifice. Heb. **Olah** lit. *That which ascends*
 1. From herd/flock. Pet/Friend/One that provides. IOWs cost something to lose
 2. Male w/out blemish
 3. **Free-will offering...choice**

May I say this is *free-will with a vengeance*. The Lord Jesus Himself said "If any man thirst let him come..." This is an all-inclusive invitation to the human family. None are excluded except those who exclude themselves. [JV. McGee]

Lay hands/Slice throat/Feel loss/Remember why
Do this for the Atonement of your Sin Before the LORD

- **Atonement:** heb. *kaw-far'* to cover, purge, make reconciliation, cover over w/pitch
- At-one-ment: Reconciling sinners to a holy God. Here to cover. Later completely take away

Here: OT Physical Representations to/for Israel
NT Spiritual Truths to/for us the Church re. Atonement

John 1:29 [1500 years later J the B] "Behold! **The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**

Put your hand on its head [lit. both hands]
Identification **with**/Transference **of** Guilt from Sinner to Sacrifice

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. 6 And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces. 7 The sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar, and lay the wood in order on the fire. 8 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; 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**.

Meat-eating animals: Excluded from sacrifice. Flocks/Herds only
Taint the picture being painted of Christ who is Harmless/Innocent

Hebrews 7:26 For such a High Priest [Jesus] was fitting for us, who is holy, **harmless [innocent]**, undefiled, separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens; 27

who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people's, for this He did once for all when **He [willingly] offered up Himself.**

- **Sacrifice of bull *Before the LORD.*** 60+ times in Lev.
 1. Kill it
 2. Priests sprinkle blood
 3. Skin it /Cut it up
 4. Arrange/Burn on the Altar until...?

Until its gone. I.e. Completely Consumed

10 'If his offering is **of the flocks**—of the sheep or of the goats—as a burnt sacrifice, he shall bring a male without blemish. 11 He shall kill it on the north side of the altar before the LORD; and the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood all around on the altar. 12 And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire upon the altar; 13 but he shall wash the entrails and the legs with water. Then the priest shall bring it all and burn it on the altar; it is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a **sweet aroma to the LORD.**

- **Sacrifice of Sheep or Goat *Before the LORD***
- Same as bull except not skinned
 1. Kill it
 2. Priests sprinkle blood
 3. Cut it up
 4. Arrange/Burn on the Altar. Altar def.: lit. *Slaughter*

14 'And if the burnt sacrifice of his offering to the LORD is of **birds**, then he shall bring his offering of turtledoves or young pigeons. 15 The priest shall bring it to the altar, **wring off its head**, and burn it on the altar; its blood shall be drained out at the side of the altar. 16 And he shall remove its crop with its feathers and cast it beside the altar on the east side, into the place for ashes. 17 Then he shall **split it at its wings**, but shall not divide it completely; and the priest shall **burn it on the altar**, on the wood that is on the fire. It is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, a **sweet aroma to the LORD.**

- **Sacrifice of a Bird** [Correspond to affordability]
 1. Turtledove/Pidgeon
 2. Kill it/Wring off its head [lit. pinch not remove]
 3. Remove its crop
 4. Cast crop/pluck feathers
 5. Split wing not fully
 6. Burn it w/fire till completely consumed

Burnt Sacrifice: Offering made by fire of a Bull/Sheep/Goat/Bird

Sweet Aroma to the LORD: Beautiful picture of the Atoning Sacrifice of Jesus Christ

- **Jesus was Willing**

John 8:29 ...He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for **I always do those things that please Him.**"

Hebrews 10:5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me. 6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no pleasure. 7 Then I said, 'Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— **To do Your will, O God.**' "

- **Jesus was w/out Blemish/Innocent/Sinless**

1 Peter 1:18 ...you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the **precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.**

John 14:30 ...for the ruler of this world is coming, and **he has nothing in Me.**

Hebrews 4:15b [Jesus was] in all points tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

- **Completely Consumed**

Isaiah 53:7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a **lamb to the slaughter**, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth. 8 He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For **He was cut off from the land of the living**; For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.

- **Sweet Smelling Aroma** to His Father as we should be by obedience

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an **offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.**

Burnt Sacrifices: Offered Every Morning at 9/Every Evening at Twilight
A Continual Sacrifice until the Last Sacrifice, i.e. Jesus the Lamb of God

Leviticus 2

Jesus

I. The Grain Offering Christ's Sweetness in His humanity

1 'When anyone offers a **grain offering** to the LORD, his offering shall be of **fine flour**. And he shall pour **oil** on it, and put **frankincense** on it. 2 He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and **oil** with all the **frankincense**. And the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, **a sweet aroma to the LORD**. 3 The rest of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is **most holy of the offerings to the LORD made by fire.**

So far...2 of 3 Sweet Offerings: Revealing the Person of Christ
1) Burnt: *Christ our Sacrifice* 2) Grain: *Christ's Sweetness in Humanity*

- **Sacrifice of Grain:** Christ humanity not deity in view

1. Present it to the LORD by presenting it to the priest
2. Priest removes a Memorial Portion to burn
3. Remains given to the priests
4. Cooked in 1) Oven 2)Uncovered pan 3)Covered pan [deep fat fryer]

- **Important:** Note ingredients included vs excluded
- **Included:** Fine Flour/Frankincense/Oil

1. **Fine Flour:** Hand Ground long time for consistency/No lumps/Well balanced

We are all just a little off center. Jesus was the only normal person. [JV McGee]

- Jesus did not inherit a sin nature from Adam. God was/is His Father
- 2. **Frankincense:** Incense Fragrant only when crushed/beaten /burned
- 3. **Oil:** Holy Spirit. In view is Jesus humanity w/regard to reliance on the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirits work in the world: Convicts/Compels/Converts Sinners to Saints
Holy Spirits work in believers: Sanctifies/Seals/Empowers/Comforts/Sustains till completion

Jesus the Man: Our example of relying on the Holy Spirit
Jesus the man relied solely on the Holy Spirit never using His deity for self
Temptation? Turn this rock to bread. Use Your deity for yourself. No

4 'And if you bring as an offering a grain offering baked in the oven, it shall be **unleavened cakes** of fine flour mixed with oil, or **unleavened wafers anointed with oil**. 5 But if your offering is a grain offering baked in a pan, it shall be of fine **flour, unleavened, mixed with oil**. 6 You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering. 7 'If your offering is a grain offering baked in a covered pan, it shall be made of fine **flour with oil**. 8 You shall bring the grain offering that is made of these things to the LORD. And when it is **presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar**. 9 Then the priest shall take from the grain offering a **memorial portion**, and burn it on the altar. It is an offering made by fire, **a sweet aroma to the LORD**. 10 And what is left of the grain offering shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is **most holy of the offerings to the LORD made by fire**.

A Most Holy grain offering to the LORD
Speaks of the Humanity of Christ: Bread of Life crushed/consumed for us

Do **you** know His sweetness? Is He a sweet aroma to **you**?
The same sweetness that ascended to Father when He was crushed for you

11 'No grain offering which you bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn **no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the LORD** made by fire. 12 As for the offering of the firstfruits, you shall offer them to the LORD, but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet aroma. 13 And every offering of your grain offering you shall **season with salt**; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.

- **Included:** Fine Flour/Frankincense/Oil
- **Excluded**

1. **Leaven/Yeast.** Picture of sin removed

Galatians 5:9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.

2. **Honey:** Added sweetness. Oowee-Gooee fake love/Niceness/Hypocrisy

Colossians 3:8 But now you yourselves are to put off all these [Outward sin]: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. **[Shrouded sin] 9 Do not lie to one another**, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, 10 and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him

Burned on the Altar sending a Sweet Aroma to God
Jesus the man: Pure Sweetness derived from the Holy Spirit

The offering was a sweet savor sacrifice, but it was not to derive its sweetness from the palatable ingredients of leaven nor the natural sweetness of honey [JV McGee]

Included: All our offerings are to be seasoned with Salt

Mark 9:49 For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and **every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.**

- **Salt:** Purity/Preservation/Value. Opposite of leaven
- All we offer is to be seasoned w/Salt...

Matthew 5:13 [Offering of witness] You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.

Colossians 4:6 [Offering of our words] Let your speech always be with grace, **seasoned with salt**, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Romans 12:1 [Pure/Enduring/Valuable sacrifice to God] ...present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that **good and acceptable and perfect will of God.**

...God commanded that sacrifices should not contain honey. The command to include salt and exclude honey means God wants the sincerity of our service, not things made artificially sweet. *There is a kind of molasses godliness which I can never stomach.* [Spurgeon]

Covenant of Salt

Purity/Endurance/Value of God's Promises to Us

14 'If you offer a grain offering of your firstfruits to the LORD, you shall offer for the grain offering of your **firstfruits** green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads. 15 And you shall put **oil** on it, and lay **frankincense** on it. It is a grain offering.

Offer Firstfruits of Grain offering: Before your own

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

Offer with Joy of the Holy Spirit as a sweet ascending aroma to God.
We are called to be joyful / lit. Hilarious givers

16 Then the priest shall burn the **memorial portion**: part of its **beaten grain and part of its oil**, with **all the frankincense**, as an offering made by fire to the LORD.

- **Burnt Offering:** Christ's Sacrifice [Bread of Life crushed/consumed willingly for us]
- **Grain Offering:** Christ's Sweetness in His humanity. Innate to Jesus in His obedience

OT Physical Representations to/for Israel
Relating to NT Spiritual Truths to/for us, the Church

With every morning/evening sacrifice a grain offering was also presented. Jesus willingly offered Himself in his humanity to be completely consumed on the cross as His pure sweetness ascended to His Father who was pleased [not happy] to crush Him while making a way for us to have Eternal Life. [NJC]

Hebrews 12:2 ...for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.