

Leviticus: Living Life at the Second Fork

Leviticus 21 & 22

“The Perfect Sacrifice by the Perfect Sacrificer”

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Jesus is in the Law.

Luke 24:27 Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures.

God is our God, and He wants us to treat Him like He is our God.

Leviticus 22:32 “... I am the LORD who sanctifies you,” God saves us and we enter into relationship with Him, whereby we experience joy and peace by cooperating with our Creator, but grief and strife by resisting.

What is offered on the altar, God calls “bread.”

Leviticus 3:11 “food” = Heb “*le-hem*” bread; food

All priests had a right to the “bread.”

Leviticus 7:34 “...as their due forever...”

The priest offering the bread had to be ceremonially pure.

Lev 21:1-8

The priest offering the bread had to be without physical defect.

Leviticus 21:21 ‘No man among the descendants of Aaron the priest who has a defect is to come near to offer the LORD’S offerings by fire; since he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

The offering itself had to be perfect, accepted by God, so that He could accept the one making the offering.

Leviticus 22:19 “for you to be accepted—it must be a male without defect...”

Jesus is the High Priest without defect.

Hebrews 7:26 “...a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners...”

27 “... He offered up Himself.”

Jesus is also the perfect offering. He is the “bread.”

John 6:26-51

Priests with defects, who could not serve, still enjoyed the privileges of priesthood.

Leviticus 21:21 “...since he has a defect, he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God.

22 ‘He may eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy and of the holy,’”

Being saved of God by new birth carries the privileges of eternal life, but serving the Lord requires a measure of spiritual maturity that each of us is capable of achieving.

1 Peter 2:9 “... A royal PRIESTHOOD...” by new birth

1 Peter 2:1-3 Spiritual growth requires making objective decisions, “...putting aside...” the deeds of the flesh, and instead feeding on “...the pure milk of the word...” so that we may “grow.”

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 Feeding on the milk of God’s Word causes growth into spiritual maturity, and staying an infant produces strife and discord among believers.

Hebrews 5:12 “For though by this time you ought to be teachers...”

God has a growth chart for believers, and we contribute to our progress on it.

V 14 “... because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

John 6:47 “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes has eternal life.

48 “I am the bread of life.

We do not add anything to “believe” because we are not the “Perfect Sacrificer;” we do not add anything after faith, because He is the “Perfect Sacrifice.”