



CONSECRATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Acts 10

1 There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of what was called the Italian Regiment,

2 a devout man and one who feared God with all his household, who gave alms generously to the people, and prayed to God always.

3 About the ninth hour of the day, he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God coming in and saying to him, “Cornelius!”

4 And when he observed him, he was afraid, and said, “What is it, lord?” So he said to him, “Your prayers and your alms have come up for a memorial before God.

Acts 10

5 “Now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose surname is Peter.

6 “He is lodging with Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea. He will tell you what you must do.”

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Caesarea, a Roman colony

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MEMORIAL

Something designed to preserve the memory of a person or event.

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Cornelius prayed

God answered

A REMEMBRANCE BEFORE GOD

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Acts 10:44

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word.

HIS WHOLE HOUSEHOLD

THE SACRIFICES THAT PLEASE GOD

Hebrews 13:10-16

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right to eat.

11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Hebrews 13:10-16

13 Therefore let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach.

14 For here we have no continuing city, but we seek the one to come.

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

Hebrews 13:10-16

16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices

God is well pleased.

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Theme:

They left Judaism for Christ

They were being persecuted and rejected

RETURN TO JUDAISM AND TEMPLE SACRIFICES

Hebrews 13: 9-10

9 Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings. It is good for our hearts to be strengthened by grace, not by **eating** ceremonial foods, which is of no benefit to those who do so.

10 We have an altar from which those who serve the tabernacle have no right **to eat**.

People that serve

(worship)

“The Tabernacle”

“We have (hold) an altar”

JESUS SAID:

John 6:33-35

33 “For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

34 Then they said to Him, “Lord, give us this bread always.”

35 And Jesus said to them, “**I am the bread of life.** He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.

John 6:50-51

50 “This is the bread which comes down from heaven, that one may eat of it and not die.

51 “**I am the living bread** which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.”

Hebrews 13:10

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Old Testament priests ate portions of specific sacrifices as a mandated means of provision.

GRAIN OFFERINGS

Fine flour, oil, and frankincense to the Lord.

The priest burned a small handful as a “memorial portion” on the altar, and the remainder was baked and eaten by the priests.

PEACE OFFERINGS

Also known as communion or fellowship offerings, these were optional offerings made to express thanksgiving or fulfill a vow.

The blood was splashed on the altar and the fat portions were burned.

Priests' Share: The right thigh (or leg) and the breast were designated as the priest's portion.

Worshiper's Share: The rest of the meat was returned to the worshiper to host a communal, celebratory meal with their family and guests.

BURNT OFFERINGS

Total loss

The entire consecrated animal was burned at the altar

Complete devotion to God

Total surrender

COSTLY GIFT

PURIFICATION AND REPARATION OFFERINGS

Trespass: effect or guilt of sin

Specific acts of unfaithfulness, defrauding and stealing

FULL RESTITUTION

The fatty portions, kidneys, and liver were burned on the altar, while the meat was given to the priests to be eaten in the holy area of the tabernacle.

SIN OFFERINGS

Sin: evil nature, sin against God

Human tendency to sin

NO COMPENSATION

The blood of the sin offering was brought directly into the inner tabernacle/Holy Place (e.g., for the high priest's sin offering)

The entire animal was burned outside the camp and could not be eaten.

Hebrews 13:11

11 For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought **into the sanctuary** by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp.

SIN OFFERING

NO COMPENSATION IS PAID

NO ADDITIONAL SACRIFICE REQUIRED

“PAID IN FULL”

It is finished

Hebrews 13:12

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Sanctify:

To separate, to consecrate, to purify from the profane and dedicate to God

SIN OFFERING

Hebrews 13:13

Therefore,

He is our complete and sufficient sin offering

Let us go forth to Him, outside the camp, bearing His reproach

REJECTION

Persecution by the religious Jewish community

Hebrews 13:14

14 For here we have no continuing (lasting, enduring) city, but we seek the one to come.

Philippians 3:20-21

20 For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21 who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Hebrews 13:13

Therefore...

Hebrews 13:13

Therefore... by Him let us **continually** offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

GOD INSTITUTED THE SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM
UNDER THE LAW

But after a time...

Isaiah 1:11

11 “To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices to Me?” Says the LORD. “I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams And the fat of fed cattle. I do not delight in the blood of bulls, Or of lambs or goats.

Mark 7:6

6 He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.

When King David sinned...

Psalm 51

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, According to Your lovingkindness; According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, Blot out my transgressions.

16 For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You do not delight in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart— These, O God, You will not despise.

Jewish believers were being seduced back to Judaism
Tradition
Temple Sacrifices

Hebrews 10

12 But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered **one sacrifice for sins forever**, sat down at the right hand of God,

18 Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an **offering for sin.**

Psalm 116

David says...

12 What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits
toward me?

THERE IS NOTHING THAT GOD NEEDS

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THERE IS NOTHING THAT GOD NEEDS

I CAN GIVE GOD WHAT HE WANTS

What does God want?

MY PRAISES, MY THANKSGIVING

MY LOVE, MY WORSHIP

Hebrews 13:15

15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.

“THE SACRIFICE” OF PRAISE

(when I do not feel like praising)

FRUIT OF MY LIPS (my voice)

GIVING THANKS TO HIS NAME

“THE SACRIFICE” OF PRAISE

By faith

HIS PROMISES ARE YES AND AMEN

He would never leave me or forsake me

Isaiah 43:2

2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you

Hebrews 13:15-16

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Humble people...most generous

SHARE WITH OTHERS

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Sacrifice of praise

Sacrifice of doing good

Sacrifice of sharing

SACRIFICES GOD IS WELL PLEASED