

“An Invitation to the King’s Table: A Taste of Eden”

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D. *Jesus is our Peace*

Ephesians 2:14 “*For he (Christ) himself is our peace, who has made us both one...*”

Colossians 1:20 “*...through him (Christ) to reconcile to himself all things...making peace by the blood of his cross.*”

We do not come to God saying, “I hope I've done enough.”

We come saying, “Jesus has done enough.”

*“Blest be the tie that binds // Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds // Is like to that above.”* (Fawcett)

Hebrews 13:15-16 “*Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*”

Reflection

- Where am I tempted to treat God like a “vending machine” rather than responding to His grace?
- What am I currently giving God from my leftovers rather than my first and best?
- How should Christ's finished work change the way I approach God and His people?
- Who is one person I could intentionally invite to my table this week?

Sermon Text: Leviticus 2-3

Main Truth: God invites his people to enjoy fellowship with him.

Main Questions of Leviticus: How can sinful people live in the presence of a holy God?

Directions to the King’s Table from Leviticus 2-3

1. Giving to the King what He already Owns (ch. 2)

Psalms 24:1 “*The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof.*”

The tribute offering was a way of acknowledging that everything we have ultimately belongs to God.

“The [Tribute] Offering was an acknowledgment that everything the offerer had and was belonged to God; and now, a portion of that substance was given back to God as an expression of the belief that God was the source of and provider for life.” (Allen Ross)

“In this way, the priests functioned as a **spiritual barometer** of Israel’s faithfulness: lots of tribute offerings coming from a worshiping and God-acknowledging community would mean a well-provisioned priesthood. Priests going hungry or looking for

alternative income streams, however, would signal the opposite.”
(G. Geoffrey Harper)

1 Corinthians 9:13-14 “*13 Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? 14 In the same way, the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel.*”

“To add salt to the offering was a reminder that the worshipper was in an eternal covenant relationship with his God.”(Gordon Wenham)

The worshiper brought the first and best, not the leftovers.

Three questions for the heart:

1. Is God more valuable than my best?
2. Can His love be bought?
3. How faithful is He to His people?

2. Eating with the King who makes Peace through Blood (ch. 3)

The peace offering was also called the fellowship offering.

The Hebrew word *shelamim* comes from *shalom*, meaning more than the absence of conflict—it points to *wholeness and flourishing*.

Deuteronomy 12:12 “*You must celebrate there in the presence of the LORD your God with your sons and daughters and all your servants. And remember to include the Levites who live in your towns, for they will receive no allotment of land among you*” (NLT).”

A. Shalom Gives a Taste of Eden

The peace offering included a meal in God's presence.

God created us for:

- Fellowship with God
- Fellowship with one another
- Joyful life under God's good rule

“Every good table is an echo of Eden and a whisper of the feast to come.”

B. Blood Must be Shed Before Fellowship

A Holy God does not simply overlook sin.

There is no table without the altar.

C. God Still Gets the Best

The peace offering was not a potluck where God happened to be invited—it was a feast where God was both the host and the honored one.

When we enjoy God's gifts, we should enjoy them with gratitude to the Giver.
