THE BOOK OF LEVITICUS



The altar of burnt offering

Meditating

upon this carefully crafted study of God's Plan to save sinful mankind, as revealed in the Book of Leviticus, would be a truly cleansing and life-changing experience. Given to a weekly Bible study class of young adults, it emphasises clearly the great gulf between the flesh and the Spirit, and between the way of man and the way of God fully revealed in the Death of Jesus Christ.

Perhaps no other Book of Scripture, when expounded by a Holy Spirit-filled teacher, offers a human soul such a stark Choice of serving either the flesh or the Spirit as Leviticus...

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The Book of Leviticus is the <u>Call of the Lord Jesus Christ</u> to His people, His children, His redeemed...

Its Message is Two-fold:

- 1. Come to God personally
- 2. Become as holy as God is holy.

Leviticus Chapters **1 to 7** describes FIVE Offerings :

The Burnt Offering
The Meat (Grain) Offering
The Peace Offering
The Sin Offering
The Trespass Offering

Leviticus 7:37 enumerates them in a different order:

"This is the law of the the <u>sin offering</u>, and of tions, and of the <u>burnt offering</u>, of the the <u>trespass offering</u>, sacrifice of the <u>peace</u> <u>meat offering</u>, and of and of the consecra- <u>offerings</u>;"

The Offerings were either Voluntary or Compulsory. It was something to be presented to <u>God</u> – offered up to <u>God</u>; given to <u>God</u>. The offerer himself must come to God with the offering. It was <u>always</u> presented by **fire**.

- It was something brought to the altar (the place of sacrifice or slaughter) where it is killed.
- It was something approved of by God, according to His choice, His way of thinking.

The Burnt Offering is the first mentioned. This was a Voluntary Offering.

Leviticus 1:3

"If his offering be a burnt sacrifice his own voluntary will at the door of the herd, let him offer a male of the tabernacle of the conwithout blemish: he shall offer it of gregation before the LORD."

After the offering was killed and flayed (skinned – for the priest) [vs5–6] it was wholly burnt on the altar – nothing left of it – at the door of the tabernacle, before the Lord. And because it was a voluntary offering unto the LORD, it was unto Him "an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour" [v17].

v4 "And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be acceptable for him to make atonement for him." God accepts me like Christ without reservation, without any grudge, on my part.

Everything of the flesh with the blood, fat and bones is offered in order to come to God utterly yielded.

Ephesians 5:1–2 "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; 2. And walk in love, as Christ also hath

loved us, and hath given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."

It was a total Giving of Himself.

Genesis 22:2, 8, 16-17

"And He said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 8. And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. 16. And said, By

Myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17. That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies."

The great Message of **Leviticus** is the <u>Call of Christ</u> to His people and His redeemed, more specifically :

- 1. To come (close) to God personally
- 2. To come to God in the way He has laid down

Looking at these more closely -

- 1) To bring an offering means to come near to God with something to offer [Hebrews 10:1, 7:19 and 10:22] and
- 2) How we are to come close to God.

An Offering is something chosen by God and presented to God; offered up to God and given up to God. An Offering is something brought to the altar – the place of sacrifice – where it is slain. An Offering to God has these three elements:

- A) Visible to man
- B) Violent death
- C) Victory over all sin

Leviticus 17:11

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

The word "offering" is used 246 times in **Leviticus**.

It shows the ONLY means by which CONTACT could be made with the LORD by sinful man. [Genesis 4:3-5; 8:20-21]

It is the ONLY means by which God's children may COME to a holy God:

Leviticus 16:2-3

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the veil before the mercy seat, which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy seat. Thus shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering."

The great need to come to God with the right attitude.

Hebrews 10:1-9

"For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2. For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3. But in those

sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year. 4. For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5. Wherefore when He cometh into world, He saith, the Sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a body hast Thou prepared Me: 6. In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou hast had no pleasure. 7. Then said I,

Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of Me,) to do Thy will, O God. 8. Above when He said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law; 9. Then said He, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that He may establish the second."

these words help us to recognise Him as He really is.

THE BURNT OFFERING is JESUS CHRIST. He was wholly burnt on the altar. Jesus Christ was totally yielded to God's wishes for Him in respect of <u>His Death</u>.

The Manner of it is seen in *Philippians 2:8* "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

The Purpose of it is seen in a wealth of Scriptures:

Isaiah 55:5; Matthew 26:24; John 6:38; Hebrews 5:7-9; Psalm 40:6-8; Hebrews 10:5-9 (above); Isaiah 50:4-7, 53:7, 42:1-4; Psalm 69:7-9; Philippians 2:4-8; Matthew 26:53-54; Hebrews 9:13-14. (look them up online on https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/)

An Offering is that which the LORD **desired** His people to bring to Him: <u>Burnt</u>, <u>Meat</u>, and <u>Peace</u> Offerings, <u>made by fire of a sweet savour</u> unto the LORD.

An Offering is that which the LORD **demanded** His people to bring to Him when they had sinned; committed a trespass: <u>Sin</u> and <u>Trespass</u> Offerings.

These were NOT of a sweet savour unto the LORD because they were for SIN. These therefore were Compulsory.

<u>All the Five Offerings</u> described in the Book have been Fulfilled in their Functions in the ONE SACRIFICE of JESUS CHRIST on the Cross of Calvary.

Meditate on these powerful Scriptures:

Psalm 40:6-8; Hebrews 10:5-10 (above); John 5:2; Hebrews 10:14, 12, 18, 9:28, 7:27; Romans 3:21-26; 1 John 2:2; John 1:29; Genesis 22:8 (above)

John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

The THREE Offerings of a sweet savour to the LORD:

The Burnt Offering

This Offering represented Jesus Christ in His COMPLETE, WILLING, FREE YIELDING UP of <u>HIMSELF</u> (His Person) to GOD for GOD's PURPOSES ONLY.

Leviticus 1 vs 9, 13, 15 & 17 say, "Burn all", "bring it all", "burn it", and "it is a BURNT sacrifice".

<u>The Yielded Ear</u>: *Psalm 40:6; Isaiah 50:4–5; John 8:25–29*.

The Yielded Heart: Psalm 40:7-8; Isaiah 50:6-7; Isaiah 42:1-4; Isaiah

28:16; Isaiah 52:13-15; Psalm 22:1-31.

The Yielded Life: Philippians 2:4-7; John 1:1; John 4:34; John 5:23-26,

30, 36, 37, 38; John 6:29,38,39,40,44,57; John 7:16, 18, 28, 29, 33; John 8:18,26,29,42; John 9:4; John 10:30; John 11:42; John 12:44,45,49; John 13:16,20; John 14:24; John 15:21; John 16:5; John 17:3,8,18,21,23,25;

John 20:21.

The Yielded Body: Hebrews 10:5; John 6:38; John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16;

Philippians 2:8; John 15:10; Matthew 26:24; Mark 14:35, 36; Matthew 26:49–54; Isaiah 53:1–11; Revelation 5:6.

The Five Offerings in their order represent:

1 The Passion)
2 The Person)
3 The Peace) of Christ
4 The Power)
5 The Power)

The Meat Offering

This Offering represented Christ:

- 1. Yielding up to God His equality with God by prayer and obedience (frankincense and oil with meal (flour)).
- 2. Giving Himself to men to do with Him as God had determined (the priests' portion).

The Three Offerings of a Sweet Savour unto the LORD:

Leviticus Chapters 1 - 3, 6-8:18, and 7:11-15

Burnt) Offerings Meal Peace)

These were the only means by which God could contact sinful man: John 1:1, 14; Hebrews 1:1-3; 1 Timothy 3:16

These were the only means by which men could come to a holy God: John 14:1-6; Hebrews 10:19-25

The Lesson of these Three Offerings:

The only means by which God could close the eternal gap of sin, demolish completely the immovable barrier of sin, and tear apart the ever-present veil of sin between Himself and men, were:

Through someone whose passion to please God and to help man transcended all other passions.

Exodus 21:1-6; Genesis 22:7-8; John 12:24 This is the burnt offering.

Leviticus 1:1-2

"And the LORD called unto Moses, If any man of you bring an offering and spake unto him out of the unto the LORD, ye shall bring tabernacle of the congregation, saying, 2. Speak unto the children of the herd, and of the flock." of Israel, and say unto them,

your offering of the cattle, even

This is the Call of Christ to all His redeemed people to come close to God. You cannot worship God when you are far off. Now Christ calls us to God through the Holy Ghost. Christ calls men to God through His own Complete Work on the Cross. We can only grasp this coming to God through the Cross by the Holy Ghost. The Holy Spirit can only work on me according to how much He can get me to see the Work of the Cross. The work of the Blood means a life in the Spirit.

Offering something brought into the Lord's Presence – the importance of Calvary in my coming to God. I cannot ignore the Work of the Cross in coming to God.

As soon as Christ came in contact with flesh and blood He was directed by the Holy Spirit. He offered Himself through the Eternal Spirit [Hebrews 9:14].

I cannot move <u>to</u> or <u>for</u> God except the Holy Spirit takes and shows me Him through the Work of the Cross. I am utterly lost except the Holy Spirit move me.

All Five Offerings of the Burnt, Meat, Peace, Sin and Trespass Offerings represent the Complete Work of Calvary.

The First Three were said to be of a sweet savour unto the LORD – **1:17** etc. These Three Offerings delighted God. When I come to God these three aspects of Christ's Work of the Cross should be ever before me, because they are desired by God.

The Sin Offering had to do with the state of sin. Even if I haven't committed a wrong, I am still in the state of sin.

<u>The Trespass Offering</u> refers to my habits, my conduct, <u>the doing of wrong</u> things.

Sin and Trespass Offerings are <u>not</u> of a sweet savour unto the LORD – it was of great anguish to the Lord, rather, that His Son was made sin for me. Sin is an insult to God; a blasphemous thing, and God demanded His Son's death, but He didn't like it, and Christ didn't like to die, but He gave Himself...

<u>The Burnt Offering</u> represents Christ yielded up to God for God's Purposes only. The burnt offering was all burnt on the altar.

Leviticus 6:9–13. The Law of the Burnt Offering; the desire, intent and purpose:

- 1. It had to be given over to God, **v9**. The fire had to take complete possession of the offering; it was reduced to ashes.
- 2. It was given over to God to do with as God wished. God should not see me at all, but the flame of the Holy Spirit not my ways, not my thoughts, but His thoughts and His ways. The whole body has to be given up.
- 3. It is given over to God forever. Having humbled Himself as a man, we may know by the marks on Him that it was forever. **vs 12–13**.

The way of the Cross is the way of the Holy Ghost!

So the word "Offering" is used 246 times in the Book of Leviticus.

An Offering is something with which I come to God.

The altar represents the place of sacrifice.

<u>The Offering</u> was always brought to the one place. For us, it is where Christ was crucified.

"We have an altar" [Hebrews 13:10]; it is Jesus Christ Himself

Every man feels the need to bring something to his god because of sin. But Jesus Christ crucified is the only offering accepted by the True God.

Hebrews 10:5–12 and 10:14, 18. (https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/)

The only priest acceptable to God is Jesus Christ and Him crucified. Hebrews 7:26–28, 8:1–3 and 9:22–28. (https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/)

He \underline{is} holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners and now made higher than the heavens, and He is endless! He is never again going to die! He only needed to offer One Offering, and that was Himself! Jesus Christ crucified is the only offering that produces a response from the True God.

Hebrews 9:13-14; Ephesians 5:1-2.

An Offering is found necessary to approach the gods of any religion!

Matthew 5:23-24, 8:4; Acts 7:41-43; Acts 15:29; 1 Corinthians 10:19-22.

Even the heathen feel unworthy to approach their gods without an offering, so they bring offerings to their gods. And we, who have the True God, do we approach Him as unworthy without an offering?

For the offering to be acceptable to God, it must be first chosen by God, as shown in **Leviticus 1:1–2**.

God chose the offering; God took the initiative, so that we could be sure it would be acceptable. He wants people to come to Him, and to come to Him in His way, for this is the safe way!

How do we come to God? I am emphasising the Offering of Calvary when I address God as "Father". The Title "Christ" means CHOSEN, Anointed King. As even the record of Luke 23:35 shows, "And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided Him, saying, He saved others; let Him save Himself, if He be Christ, the chosen of God." – He was CHOSEN of God.

1 Peter 2:1–4 "v4 To whom coming, as unto a living stone, disallowed indeed of men, but chosen of God, and precious," He was God's Choice.

This offering, to get a response from God, had to be offered up to God in God's Way – every offering was offered by <u>fire</u>. Jesus said, "*I am the Way*".

Hebrews 9:13-14

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through

the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

The animal offerings were burnt by <u>fire</u>.

Everything to do with God is <u>spiritual</u> and Christ makes that very clear. He offered Himself by the Holy Spirit of God. I can't choose anything in place of my sin; God who is holy had to find it for me. The fire offerings and all that was done to them show me Jesus Christ – "of a sweet savour unto the LORD", that is, the Burnt, Meal and Peace Offerings.

Ephesians 5:1-2

"Be ye therefore followers of God, as given Himself for us an offering and a dear children; 2. And walk in love, as sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling Christ also hath loved us, and hath savour."

His Offering was pleasing to God.

These Three Offerings the Lord GOD desired to be offered, and in these ways, Christ was a sweet smelling savour. The Sin and Trespass Offerings were demanded, required of God to be offered, and were not of a sweet smelling savour; they were a must.

The Five Offerings speak of five aspects of what God needed and all were found in Christ in order to make Peace for us with God. That One Offering of His had all that God needed. "This is My Beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." [*Matthew 3:17*]

The Message of this **Book of Leviticus** tells us how to worship God who is holy. The <u>desire</u> of every <u>clean</u> heart is to worship God.

1 Chronicles 16:23-29 shows that out of my unholiness I could not conceive of an offering acceptable to a holy God; how to please Him.

salvation. 24. Declare His glory amona the heathen; His marvellous works among all nations. praised: He also is to be ye kindreds

"Sing unto the LORD, all feared above all gods. the earth; shew forth 26. For all the gods of LORD glory and strength. from day to day His the people are idols: but the LORD made the heavens. 27. Glory and honour His are n presence; strength and 25. For great is the gladness are in His place. LORD, and greatly to be 28. Give unto the LORD, of the

people, give unto the 29. Give unto the LORD the glory due unto His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."

The offering must be brought to the place approved of by God; only at the Place where the fire was burning. I cannot see what God wants done with the offering except by the Holy Ghost. God shows me His Choice. I choose His Choice. The offering must be offered the way God wants it to be offered.

The Burnt Offering shows that the Holy Ghost had complete possession of every part of Christ's Life from start to finish.

Luke 1:35

"And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest

shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God."

This was the Start of the Burnt Offering; His coming into the world

Hebrews 9:14

"How much more shall the blood to God, purge your conscience of Christ, who through the eternal from dead works to serve the living Spirit offered himself without spot God?"

This was the <u>End</u> of the Burnt Offering; His poured out blood unto Death

The Burnt Offering covers my <u>First Sin</u>, that of <u>not being given over to God</u>; I belong to God anyway!

Leviticus 1:4 "And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."

I must give account to God because I am His property, soiled or otherwise!

The Altar was always called the altar of burnt offering:

Exodus 38:1 "And he made the altar of burnt offering of shittim wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof; it was foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof."

Leviticus 4:7, 10, 18, 25, 30, 34. - "... the altar of burnt offering..."

If I give up myself to God it is of a sweet savour to Him.

<u>The Altar</u> is called the altar of burnt offering because no offering is acceptable or pleasing to Him except it FIRST be completely given over to God. He will not touch anything which is not completely His, because He is not a thief!

Psalm 40:6–8 reveals what to be totally yielded means. It shows how our Offering was totally yielded. v6, Christ's ears were opened. "Lo, I come as it is written of Me. I delight to do Thy will". Such was His burning enthusiasm to uproot sin, and man was cleansed from not being given over to God!

If there is no <u>pleasure</u> in my <u>giving</u>, I am not given over to God. When I wake up, I should start giving myself to God, and at the end of the day, I should be able to say, 'I am a successful heap of ashes!' All that was seen on the altar was the fire, burning up; burning inside of me.

Isaiah 50:4-5

"The Lord GOD hath given Me wakeneth Mine of the tongue of the learned, that I learned. 5. The Lo should know how to speak a word in Mine ear, and I season to him that is weary: He neither turned awa wakeneth morning by morning, He

wakeneth Mine ear to hear as the learned. 5. The Lord GoD hath opened Mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away back."

Yielding to God is not a reckless affair. I count the Cost, I consciously give over myself to God in a deliberate act of consecration.

John 7:16, 18, 28, 29, 33

"Jesus answered them, is not Mine, but His that sent Me. ... 18. He that speaketh of himself seeketh his own glory: but He that seeketh His glory that sent Him, the same is true, and no

unrighteousness is in and said, My doctrine Him. ... 28. Then cried Jesus in the temple as He taught, saying, Ye both know Me, and ye know whence I am: and I am not come of Myself, but He that sent Me is true, whom ye

know not. 29. But I know Him: for I am from Him, and He hath sent Me. ... 33. Then said Jesus unto them, a little while am I with you, and then I go unto Him that sent Me."

This is the tongue of the Learnéd; the speech of One taught of God... "He wakeneth morning by morning, He wakeneth Mine ear to hear as the learnéd" -Christ was yielded to God to hear His voice in the morning.

John 8:25-29

"Then said they unto Him, Who art Thou? And Jesus saith unto them, Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning. 26. I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He that sent Me is true; and I speak to the world

those things which I have heard of Him. 27. They understood not that He spake to them of the Father. 28. Then said Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and

that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things. 29. And He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him."

If I, being yielded to God, I am always sure that God is with me.

Exodus 21:1-6

these are the judgments which thou shalt set before them. 2. If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. 3. If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he were married, then I love my master, my

his wife shall go out with him. 4. If his master have given him a wife, and she have born him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. 5. And if the servant shall plainly say,

wife, and my children; I will not go out free: 6. Then his master shall bring him the unto judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever."

Genesis 22:16-18

"And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: 17. That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as

the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; 18. And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."

In the Exodus passage and in <u>Genesis 22</u> (vs1–18) we see that God is very enthusiastic to give all that He can give to someone who offers a burnt offering.

The Story of Christ's Nativity has all the ingredients of the Burnt Offering. Unless God is free to do with the Offering as He wants, it is not an Offering. God cannot work by force.

Leviticus 6:9-13

"Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: Ιt is the burnt offering, because of the burning the altar upon all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning it. 10. And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall

he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11. And he shall put off his garments, and on other put ments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place. 12. And the fire

upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. 13. The fire shall ever be burning upon the altar; it shall never go out."

v9 "**Command Aaron...**" It is a picture of a constant submission to the moving of the Spirit. The sacrifice; completely dominated by the fire. It is the burnt offering <u>because</u> of the <u>burning</u>; the offering only mentioned because it was being burned. Christ said, "*A body hast Thou prepared Me"* [*Hebrews 10:5*]. The Holy Spirit did the work of coming upon Mary; Christ had to fit Himself into the picture.

Romans 12:1-2

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

As Paul said, "... I pray God your whole spirit and soul and <u>body</u>..." [1 Thessalonians 5:23] (... be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.") It is my body that communicates to God my willingness to submit myself to Him. It requires constant submission to the moving of the Holy Spirit – as we see in these following Scriptures:

Acts 8:26, 29, 39, Acts 10:19; Acts 13:2; Acts 16:6-7; Ezekiel 1:13-14, 26, 31; **Leviticus 2, 3 & 8**; 2 Corinthians 3:6; Zechariah 4:6; Luke 4:1

Leviticus 6:10-11

"And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and take up the ashes which the fire hath consumed with the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar. 11. And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place."

The ashes indicate His becoming, His being just what the Spirit wants to make of Him. It wasn't a burnt offering unless it became <u>ashes</u>. If this is not part of me, then I am not God's. It is a sin that God should not consider me to be at His disposal. If I give myself to God, I will be put straight on the fire to be consumed, and the result will be <u>ashes!</u> He "made Himself of no reputation" [Philippians 2:7].

He became a Servant, instead of Lord of All. And not only that, "He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." [v8] Satan is defeated at every point by the Perfect Man Jesus Christ, and I am accepted by God in Him.

Luke 9:55-56

"But He turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of Spirit ye are of. 56. For the Son of man

is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village."

Leviticus 6:12, 18

"And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings. . . . 18. All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. It shall be a statute for ever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire: every one that toucheth them shall be holy."

God wants to see the burning that it shall not be put out. The burnt offering is never not moved in accordance with the Holy Spirit's moving.

Hebrews 1:9 "Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity; therefore God, even Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows."

Psalm 45:6-7

"Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of Thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7. Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness:

therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows."

The Spirit of God is never unmoved by the things of God; He never acts contrary to the ways of God. The burnt offering is the type of Person that Christ had to be, to be obedient.

Leviticus 6:9

"Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the

altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it."

Adding to this, in Ezekiel 1, we see that the prophet saw in the beginning that all the action, power and energy necessary for God's Work came from the Spirit only.

Exodus 40:1-10

"And the LORD spake thou shalt set the altar unto Moses, saying, 2. On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. 3. And thou shalt put thou shalt set the altar of therein the ark of the testimony, and cover the ark with the vail. 4. And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. 5. And thou shalt set up the

of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. 6. And the burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. 7. And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shalt put water therein. 8. And

court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate. 9. And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the vessels thereof: and it shall be holy. 10. And thou shalt anoint the altar of the burnt and all offering, his vessels, and sanctify the altar: and it shall be an altar most holy."

The Altar is the place where the animal was killed in sacrifice. It was the place where an offering was offered in sacrifice to God; a place of slaughter. It reeked of blood. It knew nothing else.

The altar was a place where something was given over entirely and permanently over to God. The altar was a place marked out and chosen by God for the sacrifice. The word altar is mentioned 88 times.

"But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there, even unto His habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: 6. And thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and firstlings of the your herds and of your flocks: 7. And there ye shall eat before the LORD your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the LORD thy God hath blessed thee. 8. Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes. 9. For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the LORD your God giveth you. 10. But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which LORD your God giveth you to inherit, and

when He giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; 11. Then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose cause His name to dwell there; thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye vow unto the LORD: 12. And ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and vour men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite that is within your gates; forasmuch as he hath no part nor inheritance with you. 13. Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in every place that thou seest: 14. But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that Icommand thee. 15.

Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh in all thy gates, whatsoever thy soul lusteth after, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which He hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the roebuck, and as of the hart. 16. Only ye shall not eat the blood; ye shall pour it upon the earth as water. 17. Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, or the firstlings of thy herds or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, or heave offering of thine hand: 18. But thou must eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine hands unto."

The altar was in ONE place in order to concentrate their attention on God. The altar is the place where God is ready to receive that offering which He has approved. If He chose it then He is ready to receive that offering upon that altar. The altar in the place where God requires an offering to be offered, it is where He expects to receive an offering.

The people did not go to the altar only to \underline{look} at the altar, but they knew that if they went to the altar God would \underline{expect} to receive an offering from them.

The altar is the place where God refused to receive any other offering than the offering He approved. The altar is a place marked out by God, where Christ offered Himself to the death to God.

Philippians 2:8; Matthew 27:33; Mark 15:22; Luke 23:33; John 19:17-18

"And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

"And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, a place of a skull,"

"And they bring Him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull."

"And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified Him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left."

"And He bearing His cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: Where they crucified Him, and two other with Him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst."

The altar is also <u>Christ Crucified</u>. <u>He</u> is the place chosen by God where we offer up ourselves to God.

Hebrews 13:10-15; Romans 12:1-2, 3:25; Hebrews 9:5; Exodus 25:17-22

"We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle. 11. For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. 12. Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate. 13. Let us

go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach. 14. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. 15. By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name."

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2. And be not

conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

"Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

"And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercyseat; of which we cannot now speak particularly."

"And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. 18. And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. 19. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other

end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims the two ends thereof. 20. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall faces of the cherbims be. 21. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above

upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. 22. And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."

<u>Christ</u> is the place where we offer ourselves to God; the altar which is in Heaven at God's right hand. The place of offering in Christ. The sacrifice of praise means death to self. Every time the Holy Spirit has His way in my life something in me dies. To come to the altar must mean <u>death</u> every time. God's Word given by the Holy Spirit must have a response.

A living sacrifice means a continual giving; offering myself to God, only in Christ. God will only accept me in Him. God deals with me at Christ's level – in heavenly places – where the taint of sin is never known.

Propitiation means a place where we can meet with God.

The purpose of the message contained in the Book of **Leviticus** is that it limits men to God.

Christ's commands to the redeemed are on:

- 1. How to approach or contact or draw near to their holy God **Chapters 1–9, 16, 17, and 23**.
- 2. How to live with or walk with their holy God Chapters 10-15, 18-22, 24-27.

246 times	
73 times	The only basis for or the only means by which
41 times	contact with a holy God can be established.
10 times	
9 times	
182 times	The only person through whom a holy God will
10 times	accept an offering.
18 times	The only way to live and walk with a holy God.
	73 times 41 times 10 times 9 times 182 times 10 times

Altar	88 times	The only place where the offering can be given over to a holy God.
Burnt to burn burning burned burneth	84 times 32 times 12 times 2 times 2 times	The only way by which the offering could be made to a holy God.
Fire	73 times	The only means by which an offering could reach a holy God (Christ could not contact God by the flesh)
Bring	63 times	The only action required of His redeemed by God.
Spake	39 times	The only means of communication from a holy God

When the offering is received by God, so is the offerer. There must be a means of approach to God, which means God must provide the way of approach. The immediate result of a disobedience to god is a barrier; a separating.

The <u>first problem</u> is that I am not totally yielded to God; I am born anti-God.

The <u>first solution</u> is that I must yield my life (time, thinking, way of living etc) completely to God.

The <u>Trespass Offering</u> is not the first. If God says my life is cleaned up, of what avail is it if my life is not God's. I will go out and do the same trespass again.

I should therefore come to God knowing that He has a perfect right to my life. The <u>Burnt</u> offering of a sweet smelling savour shows that the yielding up of my life is very desirable to God.

Christ gave Himself to God without any reservation. Christ, who was totally committed, made Himself of no reputation. He gave up His Position in Eternity in order to learn Obedience as a Man. He made no allowance for Himself, but did <u>all</u> that God told Him to do.

Burnt Offering

Something given over to God entirely for His own use forever, through which offering God desires that men might draw nigh to Him.

Meat Offering

Something which:

- 1. is satisfying to God in all respects
- 2. belonged always to God
- 3. was made available freely by God to all men in all conditions and under all circumstances

through which offering God desires men to come to Him.

Peace Offering

Something through which God desires men to contact Him, approach Him, draw nigh to Him with thanksgiving to God with praise for, or to God, and with satisfaction in God.

Sin Offering

Something through which God demands that He be approached, or contacted by a man who has done something wrong in God's sight <u>unintentionally</u>. It means that I do not know God's Way; I am guilty.

Trespass Offering

Something through which God demands that He be approached, or contacted by a man who has done something wrong, and realises subsequently that his contact or action was wrong in <u>God's sight</u>.

Each Book of Scripture has a particular Message from God. As *Revelation 20:12* and *John 12:47–50* indicate, the same Word said to me in Salvation could be said to me in Judgment.

Revelation 20:12

"And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and

the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

John 12:47-50

"And if any man hear My words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48. He that rejecteth Me, and receiveth not My words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. 49. For I have not

spoken of Myself; but the Father which sent Me, He gave Me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. 50. And I know that His commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto Me, so I speak."

<u>Redeemed</u> means to buy back. God lost Adam in the Garden, in that He lost Adam's friendship. God remained the same. As He lost Adam's friendship, He lost his love. God could still put His finger on Adam, but Adam was afraid of God.

<u>Redemption</u> is of a greater cost than the First Plan, because it has to take into account the lost wreck of the First Plan. It is Leviticus that talks about the <u>Cost</u> which God personally has paid for us, and also the <u>Results</u>.

John 8 speaks of freedom through redemption. (vs. 3–11)

1. I need to know how to contact a holy God in such detail because my old life has nothing to do with the new walk and I need to learn because I don't know what it is to be holy. Calvary shows me that God's mind is full of Christ – that He wrote the Old Testament in order to show what Christ would do; "the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" [Revelation 13:8].

2. Having contacted God, I must live with Him on the earth by faith, and in Heaven physically. In *Jeremiah 2:11–13* the Lord says that they have firstly not approached Me, but turned away and secondly they have walked as it were with someone else.

We are dwelling on the Price paid...

The offering is the only basis and if I come through this Offering, I am sure to contact God. Enoch lived for 65 years and then walked with God for 300, and then he was not found; no trace of him, for God took him! Through the chapters there are many commands because, as a baby, I need to learn to walk with God.

Genesis 5:20-24

"And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died. 21. And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22. And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23. And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24. And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

Leviticus Chapter 1: THE BURNT OFFERING (contacting God). It means a total giving over to God for all time; a <u>permanent</u> giving, otherwise it does not produce the contact with God – it isn't given to Him.

The <u>Law</u> of the Offering dictates the desire, intent and purpose of the Offering. I must examine – consider – the Offering, which is Jesus Christ, and understand that Christ's redeemed can and must contact God only through CHRIST CRUCIFIED, seated on God's right hand.

John 8:26-28

"I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He that sent Me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him. 27. They understood not that He spake to them of the Father. 28. Then said

Jesus unto them, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things."

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4. (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5. Casting down

imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

These passages direct me to give over my own thinking, my own way, approach to life; to give it over to God for His own use.

Every one sinner needs the five different aspects of the offerings. The details of the offering made the offerer realise God's holiness because only holiness could approach a holy God.

In making an offering, the fire is the indication of holiness. One cannot look holy, only enact holiness. Fire is not approached any old how, but with care; in such a manner do I approach a holy God.

The Burnt Offering represents Christ given over completely to God, forever; and I come completely given over to God forever.

John 6:38 "For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own will, but the will of Him that sent Me." - SENT. Christ did not choose to come. God sent Him, and He came when God said and how God said. He came willingly and did exactly what God wanted Him to do. To give myself to God means to thank Him for every situation I am in. John 3

Christ had no voice in His disposal. As the serpent of brass was lifted up on a pole, so Christ was put on a 'pole' (the Cross). I must be given to God and have no voice either in my disposal, accepting tribulation and joy with the same cheerfulness.

John 7:14-17

Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15. And the Jews marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16. Jesus

"Now about the midst of the feast answered them, and said, My doctrine is not Mine, but His that sent Me. 17. If any man will do His will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of Myself."

In doing God's Will on earth, I must be denying myself and I will know of the doctrine; I will see the results. Every time I deny myself and give up my right to myself, I will see a God-given result. Denying myself to do what God wants, what someone else wants, must be done joyfully! Denying myself means giving God the glory and men the help.

Taking up the Cross means going to die, having denied self and saying it doesn't count; it is not a factor in my life.

Taking up the Cross means leaving self to die; self is crucified - executed every day.

John 8:26-**29** "And He that sent Me is with Me: the Father hath not left Me alone; for I do always those things that please Him."

The only evidence that Christ was serving God was His Death. The only evidence that Christ was the Son of God was His declaration of obedience to God. In the passage Exodus 21:1-6 (above) the slave was able to choose his freedom and his slavery forever.

Meat Offering

Leviticus 2:1 "And when any will offer a meat offering unto the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon."

<u>Fine flour</u> – even, ground small; at its best quality.

<u>Anointed</u> – with oil; <u>anointing oil</u>, representing the Holy Spirit, is shared by men Frankincense used represents Christ's prayer to God now; prayer only for God

Blood is noticeably <u>missing</u> in this Offering, for the meat offering represents <u>Christ's Risen Life</u>; Christ's Life <u>after</u> His Death. His life on this earth was concentrated on going to die. No blood in the meat offering shows that Christ rose from the dead without Blood. We use flour to make bread, and Christ is the Bread of Life – after His Death.

If any of us would come to God through Jesus Christ, then this is the One through whom we come...

<u>The fine flour</u> the Risen Perfect Man

The oil poured upon it Filled with the Holy Spirit; Led of the Holy Ghost

<u>The frankincense</u> Christ's prayer

1 John 5:15 "And if we know that He hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him."

<u>Fine flour</u> Christ's perfection, achieved through His Obedience to God's Word. Fine flour is <u>made</u>, and by certain processes it becomes what it is by the things which happen to it on the way. So Christ ascended into Heaven having become perfect in His Obedience to God.

Sinlessness is not Perfection! Why not, because He has told us to be perfect, and we are not sinless! Continuing with *Hebrews 5*:

Hebrews 5:7-9

"Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto Him that was able to save Him from death, and was heard in that He feared; 8. Though He were a Son,

yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; 9. And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

The Meat Offering is something satisfying to God in all respects, as seen in *Matthew 3:17* and *Psalm 45:2*. It is more beautiful because of what He looks like; He is marred.

Matthew 3:17 "And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

"Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips: therefore God hath blessed Thee for ever."

Leviticus 2:5 "And if thy oblation be a meat offering baken in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil."

The flour was baked in the oven; fresh in the pan; "baken in a pan". The flour was still flour; whatever men did to Christ, He was still the same Christ, as God wanted Him to be. The things done did change His appearance, but not Him.

Leviticus 2:2 "And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, to be an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD."

God took a handful, because Christ <u>belongs</u> to God, but He <u>shares</u> Christ with <u>men</u>. Proverbs 8:22, "The LORD possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old."

For Christ to be SENT means He was made available freely by God to all men, in the exact same condition as God received Him. (The scriptures in *John* under <u>the yielded life</u> on page 5 emphasise this)

Leviticus 17 shows us that Christ was sent to men from God. His mercies are to men. The priest ate the meat offering, and so we are to partake fully of Christ, the True Bread.

John 6:28-31

"Then said they unto Him, what shall we do, that we might work the works of God? 29. Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on Him whom He hath sent. 30. They said therefore unto Him, What sign shewest Thou then, that we may see, and believe Thee? what dost Thou work? 31. Our fathers did eat manna in the desert; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat."

a man who believes on Him never hungers; he is always being filled

Luke 1:53; Psalm 107:9; Psalm 63:1; Psalm 42:1-2

"He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich He hath sent empty away."

"For He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness."

"O GOD, Thou art My God; early will I seek Thee: My soul thirsteth for Thee, My flesh longeth for Thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is."

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth My soul after Thee, O God. 2. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?"

We see that Christ did not offer to come; He was chosen, as Hebrews 5 reveals:

Hebrews 5:1-5

"For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: 2. Who can have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way; for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity. 3. And by reason hereof he ought, as

for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. 4. And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron. 5. So also Christ glorified not Himself to be made an high priest; but He that said unto Him, Thou art My Son, to day have I begotten Thee."

every high priest "taken" from among others; someone "who <u>can</u> have compassion" – it is God who is the judge of that. "And no man taketh this honour unto himself" – it is God who will utilise me. I come to God through Christ, who did not glorify Himself to become a high priest, but was chosen by God.

Anointing oil It represents the work of the Holy Spirit in a finished creation – the beginning of that perfect creation of God.

Hebrews 9:13-14

"For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through

the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"

<u>Frankincense</u> Incense generally represents the prayers of saints, but frankincense tells us that Christ's prayer was a pleasure to God; it is a perfume. God is glad that His Son asks Him anything. He knows what He means to God. He is utterly confident of what His value is to God, and so He tells <u>us</u> to ask with that confidence.

John 11:41-42; Psalm 45:2; Isaiah 42:1-4; Psalm 16:11

"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up His eyes, and said, Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard Me. 42. And I knew that Thou hearest Me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

"Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into Thy lips: therefore God hath blessed Thee for ever."

"Behold, My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth; I have put My Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. 2. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. 3. A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench: He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. 4. He shall not fail nor be discouraged, till He have set judgment in the earth: and the isles shall wait for His law."

"Thou wilt shew Me the path of life: in Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."

Fire As the fire took hold of their vision, so as the Holy Spirit takes my attention, I will see Jesus Christ. The Holy Ghost gives me one vision and that is of Jesus Christ.

Leviticus 6:9, 12

"Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. ... 12. And the fire

upon the altar shall be burning in it; it shall not be put out: and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it; and he shall burn thereon the fat of the peace offerings."

Leviticus 9:23-24

"And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. 24. And there came a fire out from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: which when all the people saw, they shouted, and fell on their faces."

Only a handful burnt whatever I take in my hand that is mine! And as I come to God, I will remember that He, Jesus Christ, belongs to God.

Proverbs 8:22; Isaiah 42:1, 52:13; Psalm 2:6; Matthew 3:17, 17:5; Zechariah 13:7

"The LORD possessed Me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old."

"Behold, My servant, whom I uphold; Mine elect, in whom My soul delighteth; I have put My Spirit upon Him: He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles."

"Behold, My servant shall deal prudently, He shall be exalted and exolled, and be very high."

"Yet have I set [anointed] My king upon My holy hill of Zion."

"And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased."

"While he [Peter] yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him."

"Awake, O sword, against My shepherd, and against the man that is My fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn Mine hand upon the little ones."

<u>The remnant</u> of the offering; given, to be shared, by all men.

Leviticus 2:3 "And the remnant of the meat offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire."

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

"The cup of blessing which we bless, is Christ it not the communion of the blood of bread Christ? The bread which we break, is it parta not the communion of the body of

Christ? 17. For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread."

<u>Salt</u> it <u>seasons</u>; flavours. <u>Love</u> has flavoured this offering. It is the thing that makes God remember and give. He has offered His Love and it will never change.

Leviticus 2:13 "And every oblation of thy meat offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meat offering: with all thine offerings thou shalt offer salt."

Matthew 5:13 "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour [taste], wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men."

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

"For we are unto God a sweet savour and to the other the savour of life unto of Christ, in them that are saved, and life. And who is sufficient for these in them that perish: 16. To the one we things?"

are the savour of death unto death;

<u>Christ is the Offerer</u> because He identified Himself with <u>me</u>. "He was numbered with the transgressors."

Isaiah 53:12b "and He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors."

Hebrews 2:14-18

"Forasmuch then as the flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, them who through fear

of death were all their children are partakers of lifetime subject to bondage. 16. For verily He took not on Him the nature of angels; but He took on Him the seed of Abraham. 17. Wherefore in all things it behoved the devil. 15. And deliver Him to be made like unto His brethren, that He

might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people. 18. For in that He Himself hath suffered being tempted, He is able to succour them that are tempted."

Christ was classed with men, and amongst the worst type. He would have been written down as a criminal in the Roman records...

1 Corinthians 15:21 "For since by man came death, by Man came also the resurrection of the dead."

Roman 8:2-3

"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3. For what the law could not do, in that it was

weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh."

Man is well-suited to obeying God's Word; not to anything else!

Philippians 2:5-8; Romans 5:12, 18-21; Galatians 4:4; Psalm 22:1-21

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6. Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7. But made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and

was made in the likeness of men: 8. And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

man sin entered into the one the free gift came world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: ... 18. Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to

"Wherefore, as by one by the righteousness of law entered, that the upon all men unto justification of life. 19. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made rightcondemnation; even so eous. 20. Moreover the

offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21. That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord."

"But when the fullness of the time was come, God sent forth His son, made of a woman, made under the law."

"My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? why art Thou so far from..."

Jesus Christ was both the Offerer and the Offering.

<u>Psalm 30</u> "I will extol Thee, O LORD; for Thou has lifted Me up, and hast not made My foes to rejoice over Me. ... 9. What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit? Shall the dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth? ... "

Christ, as a Man in human flesh, showed men that they were too sinful to find an offering able to satisfy God. Men don't have a clue as to what God wants, so Christ identified Himself with me; He made my iniquities His own, as His cries in *Psalm 22* reveal.

<u>Psalm 40</u> "I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined unto Me, and heard My cry. ... "

<u>Obedience</u> unqualified – not restricted in any way. There is no qualification for obedience; any man can obey!

unquestioning – not questioning God's right to ask me to obey His Word – to what God says. Unquestioning obedience is the one quality of attitude and action required of the offerer, the offering and the high priest, to make them <u>acceptable</u> to <u>God</u>.

<u>Shall</u> mentioned in **Leviticus** 947 times. It indicates something <u>demanded</u>, with no alternative way of life offered to His redeemed, or what is expected from His redeemed by the LORD.

Consider these verses in **Leviticus** concerning God speaking to His redeemed : (Look them up by going online to https://www.kingjamesbibleonline.org/)

11:44-45

<u>18</u>:2-6, 21, 30

<u>19</u>:2-4, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 25, 28, 30-32, 34, 36-37

<u>20</u>:7-8, 24, 26

21:8, 12, 15, 23

<u>22</u>:2-3, 8-9, 16, 30-31

<u>23</u>:22, 43

24:22

<u>25</u>:17, 38-55

<u>26</u>:1-2, 13, 44-45

Through the perfect and complete Offering of our Lord Jesus Christ to God's entire acceptance, as represented by these Five main Offerings, we can read in 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

to be "blameless" means I am obedient to God.

The Divine Healer

- 1) He is approachable by sinful man.
- He accepts the Offering, Christ Crucified, made on behalf of sinful man. 2)

John 7:3-5

"His brethren therefore said unto Him, Depart hence, and go into Judaea, that Thy disciples also may see the works that Thou doest. 4. For there is no man that doeth any thing in secret, and he

himself seeketh to be known openly. If Thou do these things, shew Thyself to the world. 5. For neither did His brethren believe in Him."

when I come to Christ Crucified, He will show me healing for myself and others, for His marks - wounds and scars - show me deliverance. I should come to Him asking how I shall be well, not what is my sickness.

- 3) He approves of the place where we must meet Him.
- 4) <u>God</u> appoints the Priest to represent my case; who will get healing for me.

Acts 3:13-16

"The God of Abraham, fathers, hath glorified His Son Jesus; whom ye Pilate, when he was determined to let Him

go. 14. But ye denied the name through faith in and of Isaac, and of Holy One and the Just, Jacob, the God of our and desired a murderer be granted unto to you; 15. And killed the delivered up, and denied Prince of life, whom God Him in the presence of hath raised from the dead; whereof we are witnesses. 16. And His

His name hath made this man strong, whom ye see and know: yea, the faith which is by Him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all."

Acts 4:29-30

forth Thine hand to heal; and that "And now, Lord, behold their threatening: and grant unto Thy signs and wonders may be done by the servants, that with all boldness they name of Thy holy Child Jesus." may speak Thy word, 30. By stretching

5) The Healer atoned for the sick man and the sinful man alike.

Leviticus 1:1–2 shows that God is <u>approachable</u>.

"And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, 2. Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock."

Leviticus 1:2–4 shows what was <u>an acceptable offering</u> to God

"Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, even of the herd, and of the flock. 3. If his offering be a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he

shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord.

4. And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."

Leviticus 1:5–9 shows God's <u>approval</u> of the place of offering

"And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and the priests, sons, shall Aaron's bring the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 6. And he shall flay [strip off the skin] the burnt offering, and cut it into his pieces. 7. And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay the wood in order upon the fire: 8. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on

the fire which is upon the altar: 9. But his inwards and his legs shall he wash in water: and the priest shall burn all on the altar, to be a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD."

And so, as the word "**shall**", which is used as many as 947 times, I should know from God that my healing is a certainty if I come to Him in the way He wants me to come to Him for healing.

There are many instances where the LORD says, "I am..."

Chapter 11 - v44 "I am the LORD your God"; v45 "I am the LORD ... I am holy"

Chapter 18 – v2 "I am the LORD your God"; v4 "I am the LORD your God"; v5 "I am the LORD"; v6 "I am the LORD"; v21 "I am the LORD"; v30 "I am the LORD your God"

Chapter 19 – v2 "for I the LORD your God am holy"; v3 "I am the LORD your God"; v4 "I am the LORD your God"; v10 "I am the LORD your God"; v12 "I am the LORD"; v14 "I am the LORD"; v16 "I am the LORD"; v18 "I am the LORD"; v25 "I am the LORD your God"; v28 "I am the LORD"; v30 "I am the LORD"; v31 "I am the LORD your God"; v32 "I am the LORD"; v34 "I am the LORD your God"; v36 "I am the LORD your God"; v37 "I am the LORD"

Chapter 20 – v7 "I am the LORD your God"; v24 "I am the LORD your God"; v26 "for I the LORD am holy"

Chapter 21 - v8 "for I the LORD, which sanctify you, am holy"; v12 "I am the LORD"

Chapter 22 - v2 "I am the LORD"; v3 "I am the LORD"; v8 "I am the LORD"; v30 "I am the LORD"; v31 "I am the LORD"; v32 "I am the LORD"; v33 "I am the LORD"

Chapter 23 - v43 "I am the LORD your God"

Chapter 24 - v22 "I am the LORD your God"

Chapter 25 – v17 "I am the LORD your God"; v38 "I am the LORD your God; v55 "I am the LORD your God"

Chapter 26 – v1 "I am the LORD your God"; v2 "I am the LORD"; v13 "I am the LORD your God"; v44 "I am the LORD their God"; v45 "I am the LORD"

The Law of the Burnt Offering

Leviticus 6:9 "Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: It is the burnt offering, because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it."

the burnt offering; the fire. The fire represents the Holy Spirit, through whom the Lord Jesus Christ offered Himself completely to God. It is a sign that God has accepted the offering.

As we have seen throughout this study in the Book of **Leviticus**, the offering was <u>totally burnt up</u>; consumed. Christ has, of course, having made His perfect offering to God on our behalf, gone from the earth, to sit now as High Priest on God's right hand, but the Holy Spirit of God is still here with us. He was sent to testify of Jesus Christ [*John 15:26*] so therefore we have this sign from God that God has accepted Christ as my Offering.

May the message of **Leviticus** remain forever in your heart as you live out your life unto Jesus Christ, in obedience to His Word and service for His Kingdom. As you now know more fully that only through Christ's utmost Giving have you a part in God's Eternity, remember to end each day a successful heap of ashes!