



## “Offerings That Please the Lord” (Leviticus 1-7)

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“Leviticus focuses on the worship and walk of the nation of God. In Exodus, Israel was redeemed and established as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Leviticus shows how God’s people are to fulfill their priestly calling. They have been led out of bondage...and into the sanctuary of God...now they must move on from redemption to service, from deliverance to dedication (Talk Thru The Bible, p.20).

I Peter 2:9...you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Leviticus is to Exodus what the Epistles are to the Gospels.

Exodus = Pardon

Leviticus = Purity

Exodus = God’s approach to man

Leviticus = Man’s approach to God

Exodus = Salvation

Leviticus = Sanctification

Book can be divided into two sections: Sacrifice (1-17) and Sanctification (18-27).

It has been said that God took only one night to get Israel out of Egypt, but it took forty years to get Egypt out of Israel.

We are looking tonight at highlights from the first seven chapters. Read Lev.7:37-38.

### THE OFFERINGS

- Burnt Offering; Read Lev.1:1-4, note 9b; 10, note 13b, 14, note 17b
- Grain Offering; Read Lev.2:1-3, note 4-5, 11 “without yeast,” 13
- Fellowship Offering; Read Lev.3:1-2, note 5b, 6, 12, note 16b, “fat is the Lord’s,” 17b “blood.”
- Sin Offering; Read Lev.4:1-4, 13-15, 22, 27-28, 32-33; 5:1-2, 4, 7, 11
- Guilt Offering; Read Lev.5:14-19

### THEIR INADEQUACY

- Heb.10:11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, **which can never take away sins.**
- Hebrews 10:3-4 But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.
- When we get to Leviticus 16 we will study The Day of Atonement. This was a day when a sin offering was made that was a “one for all, all for one,” and this after all the other sacrifices had

been made throughout the year. But even after the Day of Atonement sacrifice, people still went home feeling guilty.

#### THEIR FULFILLMENT IN CHRIST

- See Heb.10:5-14

#### THEIR PRACTICAL LESSONS FOR US

- The burnt offering teaches us to offer ourselves wholeheartedly to the Lord in response to His abundant mercy on our behalf (Rom.12:1-2; Eph.5:2; Num.14:22-24; 32:11-12); See Lev.6:9b, 12a, 13; The continual fire shows that the Lord is ready to accept a burnt offering anytime – day or night.
- The grain offering has several practical applications. First of all, grain was used for daily sustenance. Deut.8:3...man does not live on bread **alone**...; So I am to offer to the Lord that which sustains my life (Proverbs 3:9; Phil.4:18); Grain was also used daily, because bread was made from grain. The grain offering was to be without yeast, so it teaches us to keep yeast from our lives daily; Matthew 6:34 Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof; Eph.6:13, day of evil; Great challenge of the Christian life is that it is so daily; I Cor.5:6-8); See Lev. 2:6, 14-15, Christ was crushed for us (Isa.53:5); As I continually remember His sacrifice for me, it should motivate me to keep the yeast of sin out of my life; Finally, the grain offering teaches us to stay salty for God; note Lev.2:13; Matthew 5:13.
- The fellowship offering teaches us that sin ruins our fellowship with God, and with one another. The fellowship offering is the only offering that was shared with the worshipers. In the culture of the day, to eat with people was to make them your friends and allies. It means the end of hostilities, as with Jacob and his father-in-law Laban (Gen. 31:54), or the sealing of friendship, as with Israel and Jethro and his people (Ex. 18:12). See Eph.2:14, 17; I John 1:3.
- The sin offering teach us that only in Christ can we find forgiveness & cleansing. There is no sacrifice I can offer to God for my forgiveness (Rom.5:21; Hebrews 10:18). Not only are we completely cleansed and forgiven, but we are also justified (“Just as if I’d never sinned”); See Rom.3:24, 28; 4:5; 5:1, 9; 8:30, 33; I Cor.6:11; Gal.3:24.
- The guilt offering teaches us that only faith in Christ can cleanse me of a guilty conscience (Heb. 9:6-9; 10:19-22).