

The Bringing of the Burnt Offering

Leviticus 1:1-3

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THE PENTATEUCH

Genesis: beginnings, the fall of man.

Exodus: redemption out of Egypt.

Leviticus: holiness

Numbers: wanderings and warfare.

Deuteronomy: obedience and love.

THE GROWING CHRISTIAN

Lost

Redeemed

Learning holiness

Fights and wanderings

Learning to obey God because of love

Leviticus: 27 chapters

1-9 Sacrifice (offerings that point to the sacrifice that Christians make)

10-18 Separation (distinguishing between the clean and the unclean)

19-27 Sanctification (giving utterly and entirely to God)

Romans 12:1-2 follows this same pattern (sacrifice, separation, and sanctification).

Leviticus 1-5 presents the 5 major offerings that the Israelites were to offer to God.

1. Burnt offering
2. Meat offering
3. Peace offering
4. Sin offering
5. Trespass offering

Purpose of these offerings:

1. To establish a right relationship between Israel and God to enable Him to commune with them.
2. To provide a picture of what Jesus Christ did for us at Calvary.
3. To provide a picture of the New Testament believer, teaching us how to grow in the Lord.

Leviticus 1: the burnt offering

1. Mentioned more than any other offering (~197 times).
2. A continual offering, morning and evening.
3. A voluntary offering.
4. Completely consumed on the altar.
5. A sweet savor to the Lord.
6. Listed first as a picture of the greatest sacrifice of all, the Lord Jesus Christ, voluntarily choosing to come to earth, giving His all to pay for our sins.

I. ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD (Lev. 1:1-2)

- ***“And the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him.”***
- ***“And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying,”*** 72 verses in the bible say these exact words.
- Here, God is calling Moses.
 - Exodus 3:2-4 (God called from the burning bush)
 - Exodus 19:3, 20 (God called unto Moses out of the mountain)
 - Exodus 24:15-18 (God called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud on the mountain)

II. THEY ARE TO BRING THE OFFERING UNTO THE LORD (Lev. 1:2)

- The Israelites had to bring the offering to God personally.
- Jesus Christ gave His all to the Father.
- Pictures the Christian bringing ourselves to God and offering our heart, soul, life all to Him.

A. OF THE HERD AND OF THE FLOCK

- They were to bring what they had at hand.
- Exodus 4:2, God asked Moses “**What is that in thine hand?**”
- 2 Corinthians 8:5, the Macedonians “**first gave their own selves to the Lord.**” Then, they gave an offering.
- Jesus Christ was one of us. He was “of the herd or of the flock.”

B. IT HAD TO BE A MALE

- Not all offerings were restricted to males (see Lev. 3:1).
- The burnt offering had to be male because it was a picture of Jesus Christ.
- The Passover lamb also had to be male (Exodus 12:5).

C. IT HAD TO BE WITHOUT BLEMISH

- You want to offer God your very best. Anything less than your best is unacceptable (Lev. 22:19-22)
 - Abel gave of the firstlings and the fat of his flock (Gen 4:4).
 - Give God the best part of your life (your youth) and of your day. Seek Him early (Ps 63:1, Proverbs 8:17).
- Jesus Christ was “**as of a lamb without blemish and without spot**” (1 Pet. 1:19).
 - He knew no sin (2 Cor 5:21)
 - He was yet without sin (Heb 4:15)
 - He did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth (1 Pet 2:22)
 - “**He was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.**” (1 Jn 3:5)
 - He bore the sins of many (Heb 9:28)

D. IT MUST BE OFFERED VOLUNTARILY

- “**He shall offer it of his own voluntary will**” (vs 3)
- Jesus Christ voluntarily laid down His life (**John 10:17-18**).
 - Nobody took His life against His will (**Mt. 26:53**).
 - He gave His life a ransom for many (**Mt 20:28**).
 - He delighted to do God’s will (Psalm 40:8, Heb 10:5-7).
 - He gave himself for us...a sweet-smelling savour (Eph 5:2).
 - Christ gave to us freely. We should no longer live for ourselves (2 Cor 5:14-15).

E. IT MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE DOOR OF THE TABERNACLE OF THE CONGREGATION

- Get as close to the Lord as you can.
 - Today we can come boldly unto the throne of grace (Heb 4:16).