

Leviticus and the Sacrificial System

Lesson 3 – The Burnt Offering

Text

Genesis 22:1-14; Leviticus 1:1-17; 6:8-13; 7:8; 17:8-11; Numbers 28:1-8

Introduction

The burnt offering is the first and arguable the most important sacrifice under the Mosaic Law. James E. Smith ⁽¹⁾ states, “The burnt offering is first discussed because it set forth most clearly the foundational principle of the sacrificial ritual.”

The burnt offering was: 1) voluntary on the part of the worshiper; 2) associated with various cleansings, healings, and the festival days; 3) a continual offering, twice a day.

Important Terms

Offering (**Lev 1:2**) = *Hebrew “Qorban.”* This is the same word used by Jesus in **Mark 7:11**, meaning, “a gift, offering, anything consecrated to God.”

Burnt offering (**Lev 1:3**) = *Hebrew “Olah.”* In the Greek, this is “holocaustoma” from which we get the English word “holocaust.” It has the idea of a total destruction, a complete burning.

Performing the Burnt Offering

1. Compare the burnt offering in **Lev 1:3-17** with **Gen 22:1-14**.
 1. Who represents the worshiper of **Lev 1:3**, Isaac or Abraham? Why?
 2. **Thought question:** How did the relationship between Abraham God and Isaac change?
2. List the eight steps of the burnt offering
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - 7.
 - 8.
3. Where was the burnt offering to be presented?
4. What happened if someone presented it somewhere else (**Lev 17:8-9**)?
5. What was the spiritual significance of the worshiper presenting the sacrificial animal?
6. The burnt offering was designed to (**create / restore / maintain / confirm**) fellowship with God?
7. What kind of animals could be offered?
8. **Thought question:** Why were only male animals allowed?

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9. List 2 reasons why the worshipper would lay hands on the animal.
 - 1.
 - 2.
10. “Accepted to make atonement” implies what about the burnt offering?
11. Who killed the sacrifice? Why (Consider **Lev 17:11**)? What if it was a bird?
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
12. Who sprinkles the blood? Where?
13. What part of the animal was removed?
14. After the pieces are divided what part of the animal was washed?
15. How much of the offering is burned?
16. The burnt offering rose up before God as what?
17. What are two differences between the voluntary burnt offering and the daily burnt offering?
 - 1.
 - 2.
18. How many times per day was the burnt offering required (See **Num 28:1-8**)?
19. How do we know the burnt offering was not just a thoughtless ritual (See **Mic 6:6-8; Amos 5:21-22**)?
20. **Thought question:** What lesson is being taught to the people through the burnt offering?

The relationship of the burnt offering to Christ

1. How does Jesus life reflect the daily/continuous burnt offering (See **Heb 10:6-14**)?
2. The worshiper kills his own substitute animal, who killed Jesus (**Acts 2:23**)?
3. The entire offering was consumed by fire. How much of Himself did Jesus give?
4. What does Paul say about Jesus in **Eph 5:2**?
5. How do we offer sacrifice to God (**Rom 12:1-2; Heb 13:15-16; Phil 4:18; 1 Pet 2:5**)?

Notes:

- (1) Smith, James E; The Penteteuch; College Press Publishing Company, Joplin, MO; 1992 (pg. 385)