

## Session #2: “THE BREAD OF LIFE” — *Leviticus 2:1-16*

Monday 7:30pm, H 206 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor, High School--top of stairs, behind the gym, by doughnut/vending machine area),  
Tuesday 7:00am, Family, Room, CCCM – Phil Twente, cell # 714 425 9221; email - philtwente@att.net

Note: Reference has been made in the following notes and outline to commentaries on Leviticus by David Hocking,, Pastor Chuck Smith, J. Vernon McGee and Jon Courson.

- \*\*\*\*\*Questions: To whom or what do all of the sacrifices point us to? –The offerings speak of the person of Christ and the work of Christ. The burnt offering was a picture of Christ in depth as well as in death. The grain offering reveals the humanity of Jesus in all its perfection and loveliness.
- What is the reason/s for the need to use “fine” flour? – v. 1
- Is oil to be poured on it or is it to be baked with the flour? –v. 4&5 “mixed”; v. 6 “pour”; v. 7 “with”
- Is frankincense used on the portion of the offering eaten by the priests?
- v. 11 – Why is no leaven or honey to be burned on the altar?

The Hebrew name of the book *wayyiqra* which means “*And He called*” points to the fact that the theme of the whole book is a “*Call to Holiness*.”

The key verses: *Leviticus 11:44-45; 19:2* - “*Be holy, for I am holy*” - a phrase that is used 8 times in the Bible; the word “*holy*” used 91 times in the book; the word “*cleansing*” used 71 times, and references to that which is “*unclean*” are found 128 times. The phrase, “*the Holy One of Israel*” is found 30 times in Isaiah alone.

King David divided the Levites into 24 courses or divisions (*1 Chronicles 23:6*) - every priest was a Levite, but not all Levites are priests - other Levites were “*assistants*” to the priests. The gold plate on the turban of the High Priest said “*Holiness to the Lord*”.

What is recorded in Leviticus covers about one month. The book attributes more of its material to God as the speaker than any other book of the Bible - 38 times. – A call from God to us to be holy! The phrase “*I am the LORD*” appears 46 times in the book.

### OUR WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE - Leviticus 1-16

#### ❖ 1A. THE REQUIREMENTS OF SACRIFICE - LEVITICUS 1-7

##### ➤ 1B. OUR DEDICATION TO GOD - *Leviticus 1-2; 6:8-23*

Three offerings: burnt offering, meal offering, and the drink offering.

- 1C. It is the PRESENTATION to God of all that we are and have - “*burnt offering*” – cf. *Lev. 1:1-17; 6:8-23; Romans 12:1-2* (We are all priests because of what Jesus has done for us!)
  - 2C. It is the PROOF that we are thankful to God for all that He has provided for us - “*meal offering*” or “*the meat offering*” or “*grain offering*” – *Lev. 2:1-16; 6:14-23* – cf. *Num 28:1-9*  
How much today are you thankful for?
  - 3C. It is the PICTURE of a life “*poured out*” in service to the Lord - “*drink offering*” – cf. *Leviticus 23:13, 18, 37; Numbers 15:1-13; 29:6, 11, 18-19*  
“*Poured out*” - cf. *Psalm 22:14; Isaiah 53:12* (NIV) - cf. *Phil. 2:17; 2 Timothy 4:6* (NIV) 10
- 2B. OUR DEPENDENCY UPON GOD - *Leviticus 3; 7:11-38* – The peace offering.
- 3B. OUR DELIVERANCE BY GOD - *Leviticus 4-5; 6:1-7, 24-30; 7:1-10* – The sin and trespass offerings.

#### ❖ 1A. THE IDENTITY OF THIS OFFERING – Basically bread!

Hebrew *minchah* used 211 times, 34 times in Leviticus, 12 times in chapter 2.

Refers to a bloodless offering usually, but is used of Cain and Abel’s offerings in *Genesis 4* - offered with blood sacrifices – cf. *Leviticus 23:18; Ezra 7:17*.

It is basically an offering of flour and oil (bread) and prepared in three possible ways:

- 1B. BAKED in an oven
- 2B. FRIED on a griddle
- 3B. COOKED in a pan

The priests offer it when they are anointed for service, but they don’t eat it when they offer it for themselves.

The “*memorial portion*” was burned on the altar - no one was to eat any part of the memorial portion; the rest was given to the priests, and only the males would eat it, and eat it only in the “*holy place*.”

#### ❖ 2A. THE INGREDIENTS OF THIS OFFERING

*Lev 2:1* “*When anyone offers a grain (minchah) offering (qorban) to the LORD, his offering (qorban) shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it.*”

*Lev 2:2 He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.*

- 1B. Fine flour – 1-2 - Hebrew *soleth* - *equal* to “*without blemish*” in the case of animals.
- 2B. Olive oil - 1 - “*pour oil upon it*” Oil represents the Holy Spirit v. 4&5 “*mixed*”- born of the Spirit (*Luke 1:35*); v. 6 “*pour*” – baptized/led of the Spirit (*Mt. 3:16-17; Mk. 1:12*); v. 7 “*with*” - taught/performed miracles/offered Himself (*John 3:34; Mt. 12:28*)
- 3B. Frankincense - 2 - This incense seems to be added only on the “*memorial portion*” - “*with all the frankincense*”

*Lev 2:11 “No grain offering which you bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering to the LORD made by fire.*

- 4B. No leaven (yeast) or honey allowed – 11 - The “*honey*” was probably the honey of dates rather than from bees. No fermentation or decay here whatsoever! It illustrates the beauty and perfection of our Lord!

*Lev 2:13 And every offering of your grain offering you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering. With all your offerings you shall offer salt.*

- 5B. Salt - used in every grain offering – 13 - *Numbers 18:19* - provides seasoning and preservation. The covenant with God is sealed with salt. – cf. *Mt. 5:13; Col. 4:6* (Christian grace)

#### ❖ 3A. THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE PRIESTS IN THIS OFFERING - 2

*Lev 2:2 He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.*

“*and he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests... “the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar”.* Hebrew word for “*memorial*” is ‘*azkarah*’ which means “*remembrance*” and is used 7 times in the O.T., 6 of them in Leviticus, the other in *Numbers 5:26*.

- The priests (Aaron and his sons) will eat the “*remnant*” of the offering (The amount to be given as a memorial was not specified by God, but apparently was determined by the priests. How much would you joyfully give/take?)

NIV/NKJV – “*rest*” NASB - “*remainder*” v. 3 - “*it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire*” - cf. v. 10

It is to be eaten in the “*holy place*” (*Lev. 6:16*) All the “*males*” eat it (*Lev. 6:18*) They are to offer this same grain offering the day they are anointed for their ministry as priests - *Lev. 6:20* - and they are not to eat any part of this offering at the time of their anointing - *Lev. 6:23*.

#### ❖ 4A. THE INSIGHTS ABOUT THIS OFFERING

- 1B. It points to the PERSON of our Lord Jesus Christ - He is the “*Bread of Life*” - *John 6:35, 47-51, 58*. This grain offering most definitely points to our Lord Jesus Christ!
- 2B. It involves PURITY “*fine flour*” and no “*leaven*” or “*honey*”
- 3B. It illustrates PRAYER - The “*memorial portion*” is the ‘*azkarah*’ - upon which (v. 2) “*all the frankincense*” is put - cf. *Exodus 30:34*. It is used in *Acts 10:4*, “*memorial before God*”. It is connected and illustrates prayer. (the Greek word in the LXX) to refer to the prayers and alms of Cornelius. Cf. *Psalms 141:2; Revelation 5:8*.
- 4B. It pictures the POWER of the Holy Spirit - v. 1 - “*pour oil on it*” (anointing) - cf. *Isa. 61:1; 1 John 2:20; James 4:8*. Oil represents the Holy Spirit v. 4&5 “*mixed*”- born of the Spirit (*Luke 1:35*); v. 6 “*pour*” – baptized/led of the Spirit (*Mt. 3:16-17; Mk. 1:12*); v. 7 “*with*” - taught/performed miracles/offered Himself (*John 3:34; Mt. 12:28*)
- 5B. It emphasizes PRESERVATION - salt - *Matthew 5:13* “*salt of the earth*”
- 6B. It includes PROVISION for God's priests - *Matt. 6:11* - “*Give us this day our daily bread*” Are you offering a “*memorial*” portion to the Lord for all that He has done for you?

#### ❖ 5A. THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS OFFERING

*Lev 2:2 He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar, an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.*

*Lev 2:9 Then the priest shall take from the grain offering a memorial portion, and burn it on the altar. It is an offering made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.*

*Lev 2:16 Then the priest shall burn the memorial portion; part of its beaten grain and part of its oil, with all the frankincense, as an offering made by fire to the LORD.*

- 1B. The APPROVAL of God - 2 - “*shall burn it as a memorial on the altar*” v. 9 - “*burn it on the altar. It is an offering made by fire*” Does the approval of God rise up from your living sacrifice? v. 16 - “*burn the memorial portion...an offering made by fire to the LORD*”
- 2B. The ACCEPTANCE of the LORD – 2 - “*sweet aroma to the LORD*” - also v. 9 Does your life bring a sweet aroma to the Lord? Is there a thankful heart? Is there proof in your life that you're grateful for everything that God has done?

- 3B. **The Drink Offering** - (In addition to the Burnt and Grain offerings) - It is the **PICTURE** of a life “poured out” in service to the Lord - “drink offering” – cf. Leviticus 23:13, 18, 37; Numbers 15:1-13; 29:6, 11, 18-19; Gen. 35:14(Jacob); Ex. 29:40-41 (Daily Offerings). “Poured out” - cf. Psalms 22:14; Isaiah 53:12 (NIV) - cf. Used for us as believers! - Phil. 2:17; 2 Timothy 4:6 – Keep on keeping on!!

### Lev 2:1 The Grain Offering

#### The Grain Offering

*"When anyone offers a grain offering (minchah) to the LORD, his offering (qorban) shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it, and put frankincense on it.*

*Lev 2:2 He shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests, one of whom shall take from it his handful of fine flour and oil with all the frankincense. And the priest shall burn it as a memorial on the altar, an offering (isseh) made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.*

*Lev 2:3 The rest of the grain offering (minchah) shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is most holy of the offerings (isseh) to the LORD made by fire.*

*Lev 2:4 "And if you bring as an offering a grain offering (minchah) baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil.*

*Lev 2:5 But if your offering (qorban) is a grain offering (minchah) baked in a pan, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened, mixed with oil.*

*Lev 2:6 You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it; it is a grain offering(minchah).*

*Lev 2:7 "If your offering (qorban) is a grain offering (minchah) baked in a covered pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil.*

*Lev 2:8 You shall bring the grain offering (minchah) that is made of these things to the LORD. And when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar.*

*Lev 2:9 Then the priest shall take from the grain offering(minchah) a memorial portion, and burn it on the altar. It is an offering (isseh) made by fire, a sweet aroma to the LORD.*

*Lev 2:10 And what is left of the grain offering (minchah) shall be Aaron's and his sons'. It is most holy of the offerings(isseh) to the LORD made by fire.*

*Lev 2:11 "No grain offering (minchah) which you bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven, for you shall burn no leaven nor any honey in any offering (isseh) to the LORD made by fire.*

*Lev 2:12 As for the offering(qorban) of the firstfruits, you shall offer them to the LORD, but they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet aroma.*

*Lev 2:13 And every offering (qorban) of your grain offering (minchah) you shall season with salt; you shall not allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your grain offering(minchah). With all your offerings (qorban) you shall offer salt.*

*Lev 2:14 "If you offer a grain offering (minchah) of your firstfruits to the LORD, you shall offer for the grain offering (minchah) of your firstfruits green heads of grain roasted on the fire, grain beaten from full heads.*

*Lev 2:15 And you shall put oil on it, and lay frankincense on it. It is a grain offering(minchah).*

*Lev 2:16 Then the priest shall burn the memorial portion: part of its beaten grain and part of its oil, with all the frankincense, as an offering (isseh) made by fire to the LORD.*