

Session #3: “WE NEED PEACE” — Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-38

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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:
- With the peace offering, who handles it? Lays their hands on it? Kills it? Eats a portion of it?
- Can you have someone else offer a peace sacrifice for you? (*Lev. 7:30*)
- Why do you think that in the peace offering a female animal may be offered? (*Gal. 3:28*)
- What pictures of Christ do you see in the Peace Offering in the herd, flock, goats (Servant ..
- In verses 2, 8, 13 “he shall lay his hand” – What is being specified here?
- Why is the lamb’s tail included in its offering to the Lord in the Peace Offering? (Fat Tail sheep)
- What do the portions of the breast and shoulder give to the priests depict of the LORD?

❖ OUR WAY TO GOD IS BY SACRIFICE - *Leviticus 1-16* – OUR WALK WITH GOD IS BY SANCTIFICATION – *Leviticus 17-27*

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

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

Three offerings: burnt offering (all was burned on the altar), meal offering (a portion was a memorial to the LORD, the rest to the priests), and the drink offering.

- 1C. It is the Presentation to God of all that we are and have - “*burnt offering*”
- 2C. It is the Proof that we are thankful to God for all that He has provided for us - “*meal offering*” – *Lev. 2:1-16; 6:14-23*
- 3C. It is the Picture of a life “poured out” in service to the Lord - “*drink offering*”
cf. *Leviticus 28:13, 18, 37; Numbers 15:1-13; 9:6, 11, 18-19*

➤ 2B. OUR DEPENDENCY UPON GOD - *Leviticus 3; 7:11-39*

The peace offering – our offering thanksgiving to the LORD – the only offering which is eaten by the one offering the sacrifice.

➤ 3B. OUR DELIVERANCE BY GOD - *Leviticus 4-5; 6:1-7, 24-30; 7:1-10*

The sin and trespass offerings

The Hebrew word *shelem* is used 75 times in the Bible, of which 30 times are found in the book of Leviticus. It is called a *peace offering* or a *fellowship offering* or a *thanksgiving offering*.

The word “*oblation*” is the Hebrew *qorban*, (*Mark 7:10-13*) and the word “*sacrifice*” is the Hebrew word *zebach*, used 161 times, 35 of which are in Leviticus.

❖ 1A. THE PRESENTATION OF THIS OFFERING TO GOD

- v. 1 - “*he shall offer it .. before the LORD*”
- v. 3 - “*he shall offer .. an offering made by fire unto the LORD*”
- v. 7 - “*he shall offer it before the LORD*”
- v. 9 - “*he shall offer .. an offering made by fire unto the LORD*”
- v. 12 - “*he shall offer it before the LORD*”
- v. 14 - “*he shall offer .. an offering made by fire unto the LORD*”

Leviticus 7:30 - “His own hands (voluntarily) shall bring the offering made by fire to the LORD.” Consider example of Solomon when dedicating the temple - he offered 142,000 peace offerings – cf. *1 Kings 8:62-66*

❖ 2A. THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THIS OFFERING

➤ 1B. OF THE HERD (bull, oxen, cow) - 1-5 (CHRIST AS SERVANT – to serve!)

- 1C. Male or female - *Galatians 3:28*
- 2C. Without blemish - *Ephesians 1:4; 5:27*

➤ 2B. OF THE FLOCK (lamb or sheep)- 6-11 (CHRIST AS SACRIFICE – to give His life!)

- 1C. Male or female
- 2C. Without blemish
- 3B. A **GOAT** - 12-16 (**CHRIST AS SIN-BEARER –Lev. 16** – outside the camp bears our sin!) Note: Birds - too small for such a festive meal - the poor were invited to share with others in their peace offerings. (Are you sharing in time of need?)
- ❖ 3A. THE **PROCESS** USED IN THE SACRIFICE - 2, 8, 13
 - 1B. “lay his hand upon the head of his offering” Perhaps to express the purpose of his offering. Chap. 7 – Thanksgiving ? A vow?
 - 2B. “kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation” - Reminds us of our relationship w God.
 - 3B. “sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about” – cf. **Heb. 9:22** requires the work of a Mediator (priest) – What a picture of our Lord!
- ❖ 4A. THE **PRINCIPLE** CONCERNING THE FAT

Psalm 36:8 - “*They are abundantly satisfied with the fullness (fatness) of Your house, And You give them drink from the river of Your pleasures.*”

Genesis 45:18 (Pharaoh to Joseph) - “... *I will give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.*”

Deuteronomy 32:13-14 - speaking about the Lord's blessings upon His people - “*He made him ride in the heights of the earth, that he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, And oil from the flinty rock; Curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs; And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the choicest wheat; And you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.*”

 - 1B. It was to be burned on the altar - 5, 11, 16
 - 2B. It was a sweet savor unto the Lord - 5, 16
 - 3B. All the fat is the Lord's - 16
- ❖ 5A. THE **PROHIBITION** CONCERNING FAT & BLOOD – 17

“*a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood* - cf. **Leviticus 7:22-27; Deut. 12:16, 23, 25; 15:33; 1 Samuel 14:32-35; Ezk. 44:15; Acts 15:20, 28-29, 31.**”
- ❖ 6A. THE **PORTION** GIVEN TO THE PRIEST – **7:30-36**
 - 1B. The Breast (love and tender care) – heart of God - They waved it before the Lord!
 - 2B. The Shoulder (the place of strength) – strength of God
- ❖ 7A. THE **PURPOSE** OF THE PEACE OFFERING
 - 1B. To **RETURN** thanks for all God has done – **Heb. 13:15-16**
 - 2B. To **REVEAL** the Lord as our peace offering – **Eph. 2:11-18; Col 1:19-20**
 - 3B. To **REMIND** us of our need of peace – **Phil. 4:6-7, 9; Col. 3:15; John 14:1; Eph. 4:3; Rom. 12:18**

“**Like a river glorious**, is God’s perfect peace, Over all victorious, in its bright increase; Perfect, yet it floweth, fuller every day, Perfect, yet it groweth, deeper all the way.

Refrain

Stayed upon Jehovah, hearts are fully blest

Finding, as He promised, perfect peace and rest.

Hidden in the hollow of His blessed hand, Never foe can follow, never traitor stand;

Not a surge of worry, not a shade of care, Not a blast of hurry touch the spirit there.

Refrain

Every joy or trial falleth from above, Traced upon our dial by the Sun of Love;

We may trust Him fully all for us to do. They who trust Him wholly find Him wholly true.”

Refrain