

Jesus Christ

Our Peace with God

Leviticus 3:1-5; 7:11-36;

Romans 5:1-8; 2 Corinthians 5:12-21

Pressing Forward into 2023

God's Eternal Purpose

God Speaks (Leviticus 1:1-2)

"Be Holy Because I Am Holy" (1 Peter 1:13-16)

The Five Offerings

- Sweet Smelling Offering to GOD:
 - ① Whole Burnt Offering (Leviticus 1:1-17; 6:8-13)
 - Christ voluntarily giving His all to God.
 - ② Meal Offering (Leviticus 2:1-16; 6:14-23)
 - Christ's perfect obedience to God.
 - ③ Peace Offering (Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-36)
 - Christ becoming the believer's peace having been reconciled to God for fellowship.
- NOT Sweet-Smelling Offering for MAN:
 - ④ Sin Offering (Leviticus 4:1-13; 6:24-30)
 - Christ becoming sinful man's Substitute.
 - ⑤ Trespass Offering (Leviticus 5:14-6:7; 7:1-10)
 - Christ dying for the transgressions of God's special people.
- ★ NOTE that the PEACE OFFERING stands between the other two sweet and not-sweet-smelling offerings.
- ★ Peace offering was never offered alone but with the whole burnt offering. Burnt offering was **FOUNDATIONAL**.

Background: The Peace Offering

- The peace offering was not an offering to make peace with God but an offering to enjoy peace with God - Christ satisfying the Justice of God.
- Jesus Christ made peace between the Father and the saints (His Special People) so that peace could be enjoyed.



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- Peace offering: In contrast to the burnt offering (Leviticus 1:3), a male or female animal could be used. However, the animal still had to be without blemish. Without blemish means:
 - ① We give God the best. MEDITATE!
 - ② We still need a sinless substitute.
 - ③ Points to Jesus, the perfect sacrifice (1 Peter 1:19).
 - ④ For anything or anyone to be accepted by (pleasing to) God, they must be PERFECT. We (sinners) are accepted ONLY IN Christ (Matthew 3:17; 12:18; 17:5; Ephesians 1:6; Philippians 3:19).
- When it comes to peace and fellowship with God, there is no male or female. We are all ONE accepted in Christ (Galatians 3:28; 1 Corinthians 12:12; Romans 12:4-5).
- There must be the shedding of blood for the remission of sin. There is NO PEACE with God unless justice is fulfilled. It is ONLY through the DEATH of Christ that we are reconciled to God (v. 2; Hebrews 9:22; Romans 6:23; 5:10).
- The sinner would lay his hands on his offering - identifying with the offering - Jesus Christ (v. 2). A peacemaker must be worthy of the trust of both parties.
- The Blood of Christ, shed for many, justifies only those who by faith identify themselves with it (Romans 5:1).

Why Peace with God?

- Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, we are born with a sinful nature and in opposition to God (Genesis 3:15; Col 1:21-23; Eph 2:1-6; Romans 5:12).
- Our sins have separated us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2; Genesis 2:16-17; Romans 5:12).
- We cannot obtain peace with God on our own. We need a Mediator - Jesus Christ, the man (1 Timothy 2:5-6).
- God desires fellowship with His special people - God's Eternal Purpose.

Details Details Details

- Sweet Smelling Offering to GOD - man giving to God that which is sweet and pleasant to Him.
- The offeror, the priest and God all fed together - communion/fellowship in feeding on the same offering. MEDITATE.
- We come to God as He commands us to come - His revealed way.

- If a peace offering was brought for thanksgiving, the offeror was to bring the animal to be sacrificed along with unleavened cakes mixed with oil, unleavened wafers smeared with oil, and loaves of fine flour mixed with oil.
- Part of the animal used for the peace offering was to be eaten by the one who brought the sacrifice. He was to eat it the same day and not leave any leftovers in the morning.
- If the peace offering was for a vow or voluntary offering, the meat of the animal was to be eaten on the day of the sacrifice, the next day, or burnt with fire on the third day.
- The meat of the peace offering wasn't to touch anything ceremonially unclean, and no unclean person was to eat the meat.
- Prohibited from eating the fat of oxen, sheep, and goats (v16).
- Forbidden to eat blood. Any person found eating blood was to be "cut off from his people (Genesis 9:4; Leviticus 7:27).
- The Priest's children also share with the offeror in the Peace Offering (Hebrews 2:13-14; Numbers 18:9-11; Leviticus 7:31-32).

The Substance - Jesus Christ (All For His Special People)

- Jesus is the peace offering- the Prince of Peace, and it is through Him alone that we may have peace with God (Isaiah 9:6; Romans 5:1).
- It was sweet smelling to God - Christ ALWAYS in EVERY WAY pleased God. Because God is pleased with Christ He is pleased with us! (v. 5; John 8:29; Romans 15:3).
- Christ voluntarily offered Himself for His special people, bearing our sins.
- Christ had to suffer to bring us to God. The Gospel is of Peace - bringing us back to God (1 Peter 3:18; Acts 10:36; 2 Cor 5:20).
- We (sinners) are accepted by God ONLY IN Christ (Ephesians 1:6; Philippians 3:19).
- Christ lived a perfect life - kept the law for us. Leaven was not included - Christ knew NO SIN (1 Timothy 2:5; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 John 3:5; 1 Peter 2:22-23)
- It is ONLY through the life of OBEDIENCE and DEATH of Christ that we are reconciled to God (Romans 5:10).
- Christ is our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16).
- Christ is our advocate/our representative (1 John 1:1-2).
- We are to feed on Christ. We get our hope and strength from meditating on all that Christ did for us (Luke 4:4; John 6:43-58).
- The peace offering shows us the offeror himself satisfied - Christ.

- Blood - for making propitiation for God's Special People. Life is the blood pointing to the precious blood of Jesus Christ (Leviticus 17:11; 1 John 4:10).
- When Christ offered, God saw us offering for Christ stood as offering for us.
- What He did, we are reckoned to have done, for as us He did it.
- What He enjoys, we enjoy since we are in Him.
- The Church (God's special people) enjoys fellowship of the offeror, the Priest, and God.

Learning from the Peace Offering - Is God at peace with you?

- Because of what Christ has done for us, we;
 - Submit fully to Him, Obeying and Abiding in His word (Hebrews 13:15).
 - Offer our whole bodies as living sacrifices, holy acceptable to God (Romans 12:1-2).
 - Thank God continuously for reconciling us to Himself through Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:18; Col 1:20)
 - Live our lives glorifying God only (1 Cor 10:31; 1 Cor 6:19-20)
 - Fellowship with God more and more and enjoy Him forever (Psalms 145; Ecclesiastes 12:13-14)