

Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People

The Burnt Offering

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Leviticus chapters 1-7 contain the five offerings that God prescribed for His people to access Him in worship and fellowship.

1. The Burnt Offering - *Voluntary/Sweet Savor* (1:1-17)
2. The Meal (Grain) Offering - *Voluntary/Sweet Savor* (2:1-16)
3. The Fellowship Offering - *Voluntary/Sweet Savor* (3:1-17)
4. The Sin Offering - *Required/Expiatory* (4:1-5:15)
5. The Trespass Offering - *Required/Expiatory* (5:16-6:7)

The Purpose of the five offerings:

- To provide a way for the Israelites to access and maintain a right relationship with God
- They are a type of Jesus Christ and portray various aspects of His Person and Work in our salvation
- They reveal the pattern and spiritual principles for our own access to God, continued fellowship, worship and service to Him today.

The Burnt Offering (Leviticus 1:1-17)

- The burnt offering is instituted ((vs 1-2)
- The burnt offering from the herd (vs 3-9)
- The burnt offering from the flock (vs 10-13)
- The burnt offering from the birds (vs 14-17)

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The Requirements of the Burnt Offering:

- *First requirement:* A male without any imperfections (1:3,10; 1 Jn 3:5; 1 Pet 1:19; 2:22; Heb 7:26; Matt 11:28-30)
- *Second requirement:* it required the death of the sacrifice (1:5,11,15; 1 Pet 3:18)
- *Third requirement:* The sacrifice was to be flayed (1:6;12; 17; Heb 4:12-13)
- *Fourth requirement:* The burnt offering must be totally consumed by fire (1:7-9; 13-14; 17; Deut 4:24)

The Significance of the Burnt Offering:

• **for the worshipper:**

It was an act of worship symbolizing the commitment and dedication of the worshipper to the Lord.
(Rom 12:1-2; Heb 13:15-16; 1 Pet 2:5)

• **As it points to the Person and Work of Jesus Christ:**

Jesus Christ was the perfect Lamb of God who surrendered Himself completely to His Father's will and was fully consumed in His commitment - even to death
(Eph 5:2; Phil 2:6-8; 1 Pet 1:19)

The Distinctive of the Burnt Offering:

- It was totally consumed by fire and resulted in a sweet smelling aroma pleasing to the Lord; picturing acceptance by God (Matt 3:17; 17:5;

Taking it home...

In what areas of life am I reluctant to give God my very best?

When is the last time I came before God and worshipped Him honestly and wholeheartedly? Consecrated myself to Him? Laid my whole life on His altar? _____

Have I ever felt totally consumed by God's "fire"? What does it mean to me to be a "living sacrifice"? (Rom 12:1-2) _____

What holds me back? Why not come before God this week and consecrate yourself wholly to Him? _____
