

The M e a l Offering (Leviticus 2:1-16)

- The u n c o o k e d meal offering (vs 1-3)
- The various c o o k e d meal offerings (vs 4-10)
- The i n g r e d i e n t s (vs 11-13)
 - R e s t r i c t e d ingredients: l e a v e n and h o n e y
 - R e q u i r e d ingredients: s a l t
- The e a r l y meal offerings (F i r s t f r u i t s) (vs 14-17)

The Significance for Israel:

- It was an acknowledgement that they o w e d e v e r y t h i n g to God
- It demonstrated l o y a l t y to God by giving to God the b e s t they had
- It showed that whatever God p r o v i d e d was r e t u r n e d to Him in g r a t i t u d e

The Significance for us today:

- We dedicate the "fruit of our labor" to the Lord (Eph 2:10; Col 1:10; 3:23)
- God is more interested in the commitment of the worshipper than the gift (Luke 21:1-4; Phil 4:14-18)
- We partake of Christ with God (1 Cor 10:17; Jn 6:54)

Foreshadowing of Jesus Christ:

- Fine flour pictures His perfect humanity (Jn 8:46; Heb 7:26)
- Oil pictures the full measure of the Holy Spirit in His life (Lk 1:35; Matt 3:16-17; Mark 1:12; 3:34)
- Frankincense pictures the moral fragrance of His life (Heb 7:26)
- No leaven or honey indicates His separateness from sin (Jn 8:46; 1 Jn 3:5; 1 Pet 2:22)
- The salt speaks of His faithfulness (Rev 19:11; Heb 3:1-2)

- He is the "Bread of Life" from which we are to partake (Jn 6:35, 51)
- His life and work were dedicated wholly to the will of God (Heb 10:5-7; Jn 4:34; 6:38)

Personally....

How often do I express my thankfulness and gratefulness to God?
Why do I seem to neglect this basic attitude of personal worship? What would help change that? _____

How do the various ingredients in the meal offering apply to my coming before God? *For example:* the *oil* - do I find myself living in dependence of His Holy Spirit or do I come in my own "power"? How does the absence of *leaven* apply here? The *salt*? _____

Why is it important that I as a follower of Christ partake of Him with regularity? What does that look like for us today as a "royal priesthood"? _____

