

Leviticus: Holy God, Holy People
The Peace Offering
Leviticus 3:1-17; 7:11-36 (pages 68, 71)

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The P e a c e Offering (Lev 3:1-17; 7:11-36)

- The offering from the h e r d (vs 1-5)
- The offering from the f l o c k (vs 6-11)
- The offering of the g o a t (vs 12-16)
- The solemn r e s t r i c t i o n (v 17)

D i s t i n c t i v e s of the Peace Offering:

- The sacrificial animal could be m a l e or f e m a l e (v 1,6)
- Only the f a t and k i d n e y s were burned on the altar - the L o r d ' s portion (v 3-5; 9-11; 14-16)
- The b r e a s t and right t h i g h was the p r i e s t s ' portion (7:34)
- The r e m a i n d e r was the w o r s h i p p e r and his family's portion (7:15-16)
- The meal had to be eaten b e f o r e the t h i r d day (7:15-18)
- There were t h r e e t y p e s of peace offerings - thanksgiving, vow and free will offerings (7:12-16)
- The worshippers were not to eat the f a t or the b l o o d (3:17)

Note: The Peace Offering resulted in a festive, communal m e a l shared by the worshipper's family and friends in c e l e b r a t i o n of enjoying God's p e a c e.

The S i g n i f i c a n c e for us:

- We are to g i v e our b e s t to God (Mal 1:6-14; 2 Cor 8:1-5)
- We are to p a r t a k e of, or f e e d, on Christ (1 Pet 2:2-3; John 6:33-35)
- Jesus H i m s e l f is our p e a c e (Eph 2:14)

The Foreshadowing of Jesus in the Peace Offering:

- Jesus is the One Who was m a d e our peace regarding s i n (Col 1:20-22)
- It pictures Jesus as the One Who H i m s e l f is our p e a c e (Eph 2:13-22; 1 Jn 1:3)
- It pictures Christ's p e r f e c t life and the i n n e r values and g l o r y of Christ (Heb 7:26)
- It pictures Christ as the center of our c o m m u n i o n and f e l l o w s h i p with G o d and each o t h e r (Mk 14:22-26; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 6:50-51)