

Overview: The entire book of Leviticus is a record of God's speaking in the tabernacle, which is a building. God's speaking today is in His tabernacle, and this tabernacle is the church. God trained His people to worship and partake of Him through the offerings and the priesthood. According to the record in the holy Word, the reality of the universe is Christ as the tabernacle and the offerings. God trained His people to live a holy, clean, and rejoicing life. The book of Leviticus shows us what kind of God our God is; our God wants us to be "Hallelujah people," who rejoice in the Lord always.

II. God trained His people to worship and partake of Him through the offerings and the priesthood: A. Christ is the reality of the offerings:]

1. The burnt offering, which was wholly for God's satisfaction, typifies Christ as God's pleasure and satisfaction, the One whose living on earth was absolutely for God. 2. The meal offering typifies Christ in His perfect humanity as food for God and for those who have fellowship with God and serve Him. 3. The peace offering typifies Christ as the Peacemaker, the One who became the peace and the fellowship between us and God by dying for us, enabling us to enjoy Christ with God and to have fellowship with God in Christ for our mutual satisfaction with God. 4. The sin offering typifies Christ as the One who was made sin for us and who died on the cross to deal with the sinful nature of our fallen being. 5. The trespass offering typifies Christ as the One who bore our sins in His own body and was judged by God on the cross to deal with our sinful deeds that we might be forgiven in our sinful conduct. 6. The wave offering typifies Christ as the resurrected One in love. 7. The heave offering typifies the powerful Christ in ascension and exaltation. 8. The drink offering typifies Christ, the One poured out as wine before God for His satisfaction and also the One who saturates us with Himself as heavenly wine to be poured out for God's enjoyment and satisfaction.]

B. We need to experience Christ as the reality of the offerings :

1. The offerings solve our problems and bridge the gap between us and God.
2. The offerings are good for us to enjoy God, to be mingled with God, and to have God assimilated into our being to become our constituent.
3. The offerings are the way for us to enter into God and become part of the divine-human incorporation.
4. The offerings are not only sacrifices to solve our problems but also presents to God for His enjoyment.

C. God's people were trained to worship and partake of God through the priests, who typify Christ as God's Priest offering Himself to God for us.

D. According to the record in the holy Word, the reality of the universe is Christ as the tabernacle and the offerings :

1. As the God-man, Christ is the tabernacle to be the dwelling place for God and man, and He is the offerings for man to enter into God.
2. Christ, who is the reality of the tabernacle and the offerings, is the reality and content of the universe.
3. Through Christ as the offerings, we can dwell in God, and God can dwell in us; this is the reality of the universe and the content of the Bible.
4. Christ as the tabernacle brings God to man, and Christ as the offerings brings man to God so that man may be united, mingled, and incorporated with God.]

I. In Leviticus God was in the tabernacle, the Tent of Meeting, and spoke in the Tent of Meeting:

A. The entire book of Leviticus is a record of God's speaking in the tabernacle, which is a building.

B. God's speaking today is in His tabernacle, and this tabernacle is the church :

1. According to the principle of the typology, God speaks in the church as His tabernacle; this Tent of Meeting is the oracle, the place of God's speaking.
2. The preciousness of the tabernacle was God's speaking; today the preciousness of the church is the speaking God and God's speaking.

III. God trained His people to live a holy, clean, and rejoicing life :

A. God charged His people to have a holy living according to His holy nature :

1. Being holy because God is holy signifies walking according to God's holiness, living a holy life.
2. Leviticus reveals that in order to live a holy life, we must put off the old life and put on the new; God charged the people of Israel to put off the former Egyptian conduct and not to walk in the statutes of the Canaanites. 3. The mutual enjoyment between God and His people separates His people unto Himself from everything other than Him, making them a holy nation. 4. Before the foundation of the world, God chose us to be holy: a. Holy means not only sanctified, separated unto God, but also different, distinct, from everything that is common. b. Only God is different, distinct, from all things; hence, He is holy; holiness is His nature. c. He makes us holy by imparting Himself, the Holy One, into our being so that our whole being is permeated and saturated with His holy nature. d. For us to be holy is to partake of God's nature and to have our whole being permeated with God Himself.]

B. In Leviticus 12–15 God trained His people to live a clean life :

1. Chapter 12 shows us the cleansing from the human impurity by birth, and chapters 13 and 14 speak of being cleansed from leprosy. 2. Chapter 15 reveals that we need to be cleansed from all unclean discharges from the human being; anything discharged from our being, including our words, is unclean. 3. We need the cross of Christ to end our old life and the resurrection of Christ to give us a new beginning. 4. We also need the water of life, which is the washing, cleansing Spirit of life embodied in the word.

C. God trained the people of Israel to live a rejoicing life, a happy life : 1. The weekly Sabbath was the principal denotation of all the annual feasts; these feasts were a Sabbath, which was for God's redeemed people to rest with God and with one another. 2. The monthly new moon feast signifies that we can experience a new beginning in Christ as our joy and enjoyment with light in darkness.

3. The Feast of the Passover typifies Christ as our Passover for our initial and foundational salvation—a time of rejoicing. 4. The Feast of Unleavened Bread typifies the entire course of our Christian life without sin. 5. The Feast of Firstfruits typifies the resurrected Christ for our enjoyment as a feast in His resurrection. 6. The Feast of Pentecost typifies the enjoyment of the outpouring of the Spirit for the formation of the church. 7. The Feast of the Blowing of Trumpets typifies God's calling together of His scattered people.]

8. The Feast of Expiation typifies the enjoyment for the whole house of Israel after they will be gathered together by God. 9. The Feast of Tabernacles typifies the enjoyment of the age of restoration to be fulfilled in the millennium. 10. The Sabbath year typifies Christ as our rest in full. 11. The jubilee, the Pentecostal year, typifies Christ as our full release, rest, and joy by His redeeming back what we have lost in our rights and have sold in ourselves.

D. The book of Leviticus shows us what kind of God our God is; our God wants us to be "Hallelujah people," who rejoice in the Lord always.]

Day1: Lev1:1 Then Jehovah called to Moses and spoke to him out of the Tent of Meeting, saying,

27:34 These are the commandments which Jehovah commanded Moses on Mount Sinai for the children of Israel.

John1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

Day2: Heb10:9 He then has said, "Behold, I have come to do Your will." He takes away the first that He may establish the second,

12 But this One, having offered one sacrifice for sins, sat down forever on the right hand of God,

Lev1:3 If his offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall present it, a male without blemish; he shall present it at the entrance of the Tent of Meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.

Day3: John1:14 And the Word became flesh and tabernacled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only Begotten from the Father), full of grace and reality.

29 The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

14:20 In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you.

Day4: Lev11:44 For I am Jehovah your God. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy. And you shall not defile yourselves with any of the swarming things that move upon the earth.20:7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy; for I am Jehovah your God.

Eph1:4 Even as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world to be holy and without blemish before Him in love,

Day5: 2 Cor5:17 So then if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away; behold, they have become new.

1 Cor5:7 Purge out the old leaven that you may be a new lump, even as you are unleavened; for our Passover, Christ, also has been sacrificed.

Gal2:20 I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

1 Cor15:3 For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures;

Day6: Rev20:6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

Phi4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.

Rev20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given to them. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of the testimony of Jesus and because of the word of God, and of those who had not worshipped the beast nor his image, and had not received the mark on their forehead and on their hand; and they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years.

《Composition for prophecy》

Experience① : Experiencing Christ as the reality of offerings in the work life

Because of the fall there is a gap between God and man. We need some offerings to bridge the gap, to bring us from the altar into the tabernacle. The main offerings, of course, were the burnt offering, the meal offering, the peace offering, the sin offering, and the trespass offering.... All these offerings are bridges to bring us to the other side, that is, into the tabernacle.

The offerings are presents to God. Every time we come to a meeting, we should sense the sweetness of coming to present dear and precious presents to God for us to enjoy with Him. We should offer Christ to God not merely as the sacrifices for our problems but also as presents to God for His enjoyment and for our enjoyment with Him.

The burnt offering, which was wholly for God's satisfaction, typifies Christ as God's pleasure and satisfaction. When the Lord Jesus was on earth, He made God happy and satisfied Him because He always did God's will and sought His glory.

The peace offering typifies Christ as the Peacemaker. Apart from Christ, we cannot have peace with God or with others. Because there can be no peace in the universe without Christ, we need Him to be our peace offering. Christ has "made peace through the blood of His cross". Now as the fulfillment of the type of the peace offering, Christ is our peace with God and with one another. Through Him and in Him we have peace with God and man.

Christ is also typified by the trespass offering. We are sinful and have many sins and transgressions. God can forgive our sins only through Christ as the trespass offering. On the cross Christ bore all our trespasses before God. He "Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree"....As the trespass offering He bore our sins.

For Young Working Saints

In order to enter into the tabernacle, you need to experience, possess, and offer Christ as the offerings. Only Christ as the offering can bring you to the tabernacle which is God's dwelling place. You must experience Christ every day, and come to the meeting, especially the Lord's Table meeting, to offer Christ to God. Once you have this point of view, you realize your work life from Monday to Friday is, in fact, to experience Christ as the reality of the offerings.

You should consider your job given by God's blessing not for yourself but for God, so you should offer it to God. You must not place your job on the position of for the sake of your glory or your enjoyment. Christ lived completely for God. You need to experience and possess Christ as the life which can live absolutely for God, and offer yourself and your job to God. You should experience Christ as the burnt offering in this way every day.

Also, you should have peace with as many people as possible in your office. However, no one can have real peace outside of Christ as the peace offering. Only in Christ, you can have peace with God and with other people. For example, someone does not have a good impression of you so he does not want to talk with you, or he may talk to you with anger when he speaks. In such a situation, you should come to the Lord and confess your shortcomings and weaknesses to cleanse your conscience. And then you enter into Christ to experience Christ as the peacemaker. By experiencing Christ, your inner being will be filled with Christ and adjusted by Christ so that you will be able to know how you should talk with those people. Amen!

Experience② : God trains His people to live a holy, clean and rejoicing life

In order to live a holy life, Leviticus shows us that we need to put off the old life and put on the new. The people of Israel were charged to put off the former Egyptian conduct.

To be holy is to be separated from everything other than God. It also means to be different, distinct, from all that is not God. Thus, we should not be common but different. In the universe God alone is holy. He is different from everything else and is distinct. Therefore, to be holy means to be one with God. To be sinless or perfect is not the same as being holy. To be holy we need to be one with God because only God is holy.

Leviticus 13 and 14 speak of being cleansed from leprosy. Sins such as fornication, adultery, the worship of idols, stealing, etc., are included in man's leprous situation. Leprosy always comes from rebellion and signifies the serious sin issuing from within man, such as willful sin, presumptuous sin, and opposing God with determination.

Leviticus 15 shows that we need to be cleansed from all unclean discharges from the human being. Anything discharged out of us, including our words, is unclean. This is why we need the cross of Christ to end our old life, and we need the resurrection of Christ to have a new beginning. Also we need the water of life, which is the washing, cleansing Spirit of life embodied in the word. Whenever we come in our spirit to the word, we touch something within the word that washes us.

Our life, the Christian life and the church life, is according to God's good pleasure. The Christian life is a happy life. Many times the New Testament exhorts us to be happy. "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Phil.4:4). We should be rejoicing day after day, not in ourselves but in the Lord.

For Junior and Senior High students

God speaks to you and trains you in the church meetings, for you to live a holy, clean and rejoicing life by your experiencing of Christ. You are God's people, and differ from the worldly people. The people of God are under God's training. You need to recognize that in your school life, you are not only under the training of your teachers, but also under God's training. The purpose of this training is for you to experience Christ in your school life, and for you to live a holy, clean, and rejoicing life.

To be holy is to be separated from everything other than God and be sanctified. In the universe God alone is holy. You should enjoy Christ and experience the holy essence of God. You need to get along with your friends, but you should be different and should be distinct. Because you are the holy chosen people of God.

Also you should be a cleansed person. There is the washing water of life in God's Word. The more you exercise your spirit to pray-read the word, the more you will be cleansed. If you do not take a shower every day, your body can not be cleansed, but give off bad smell. Likewise, your mind also must be washed and cleansed everyday with the water of life.

Furthermore, you should live a rejoicing life. You are practicing your church life according to God's good pleasure. Therefore, you can live a rejoicing life in the Lord every day. Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!

Phil. 3:1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord.

165 主を賛美する—彼のすべてを含むこと

- 1 主はささげもの、かみは用意す；
その意義は甘美、ゆたか、えい光！
ちちのみこころ、満たし、成就し、
われのひつようも、すべて満たす！
- 2 なれははんさい、火にて焼かれ、
香ばしいかおり、かみ、満ぞくす。
主、御まえに生き、御むねもとむ、
きずなきいけにえ、わがしよもつ。
- 3 主はあぶら、乳香、混ぜた素さい、
きよく、こまやか、あまく、かん全。
なれは平安さい、平あん成就し、
かみとひと、ともに なれを享受す。
- 4 なれはざいさい、つみとなりて、
死、通してわれを あがなわれる。
なれはけんさい、とがをにない、
かみの義を満たし、ゆるし得さす。
- 5 なれはようさい、復かつにより、
ハデス、死、やみに、しょう利を得る。
なれ、また拳さい、しょうてんして、
てんのパンとなり、われを満たす。

大本, #165 賛美主—祂的万有包罗性

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你是一切の祭物、为我神所预备；哦、其意义何丰富、
何其荣耀、甘美！成全父神的旨意、满足祂心所愿；
应付我们的需要、所缺全都补满！

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你是馨香的燔祭、焚于神圣火焰；作神甜美的香气、
满足神的心愿。你曾行在神面前、神旨是你所顾；
献上无瑕的自己、为我作神食物。

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你是甜美的素祭、调油加上乳香；纯净、柔细又完全、
甘美供神欣赏。你是完全平安祭、和平为我成就；
且作食物何丰富、供我同神享受。

—四—

你是我的赎罪祭、为我你曾成罪；藉死成功了救赎、
为要将我赎回。你也是我赎愆祭、担当我众罪愆、
满足我神的公义、使我得蒙赦免。

—五—

你也是我的摇祭、已经从死复活、阴府、死亡并黑暗、
全都为我胜过。你更是我的举祭、为我升到神前、
作我天界的食物、使我得到饱满。

Hymns, #195 Praise of the Lord – His Worthiness

1 Lord, Thou art all the offerings

Prepared by God for us;
They are so rich in meaning,
So sweet and glorious.
They have fulfilled God's purpose
And met His heart's desire;
They too have satisfied us,
And faced what we require.

2 Thou art the burnt-oblation,

Consumed by holy fire;
To God as a sweet savor,
Fulfilling His desire.
Thou walkedst in God's presence,
And all His will pursued;
Thyself the spotless offering,
For us to God as food.

3 Thou art the meal-oblation,

With "oil" and "frankincense";
'Tis holy, fine, and perfect,
And sweet to every sense.
Thou art the peace-oblation,
The peace for us to make,
That we with God may share Thee,
As food of Thee partake.

4 Thou art the sin-oblation,

For us Thou sin wast made;
By death for our redemption
The ransom Thou hast paid.
Thou art the trespass-offering,
Thou all our sins didst bear
To satisfy God's justice,
That we His pardon share.

5 Thou art the wave-oblation,

The resurrected One;
O'er hades, death and darkness,
The vict'ry Thou hast won.
Thou art the heave-oblation,
Thou didst ascend to God;
As such in heav'nly places
Thou art our holy food.