

Gleanings from the Pentateuch

“Offerings, Offerings, Offerings!”
Leviticus 1-7

Book of Leviticus

Unifying Theme:

➤ *“Be holy, for I am holy”*

Holiness that reflects God’s holiness is required in order to be accepted by God and not destroyed by Him

Book of Leviticus

Purpose of this book:

➤ *To define God’s people as a holy nation in which God uniquely dwells*

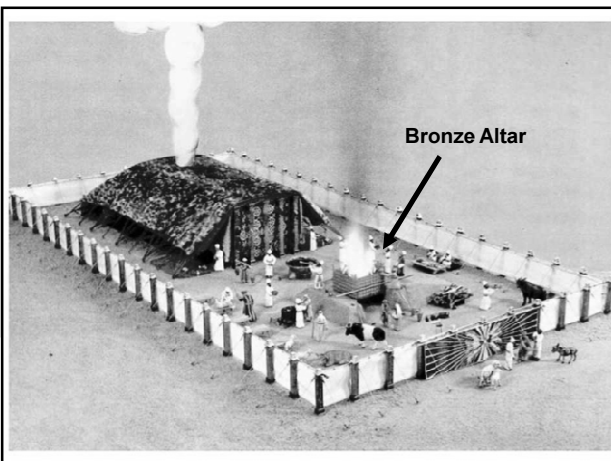
Leviticus establishes the way it is possible to be accepted by God and dwell in His presence as His people

Offerings to the Lord

Leviticus 1-7

- Offerings are an essential aspect of being accepted by God (1:3)
- Ritual offerings were not magic or superstition

“it was a divinely instituted drama that enacted God’s way of sanctifying those who desired communion with him” – A. Ross



Offerings to the Lord

1. Burnt Offering (1:3-17)
2. Grain Offering (2:1-16)
3. Peace Offering (3:1-17)
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4. Purification (Sin) Offering (4:1-5:13)
5. Reparation (Guilt) Offering (5:14-6:7)

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The Necessity of Atonement

➤ *through a substitutionary death*

1. The Burnt Offering

- ❖ God's wrath for sin is removed from the worshipper by being spent on a "perfect" substitute

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2. The Purification Offering

- ❖ God restores sinners who appeal to him for forgiveness on the basis of the purifying blood of a substitute

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3. The Reparation Offering

- ❖ God is compensated for the loss sin brings through a satisfactory, equivalent substitute

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Fulfillment in Christ

➤ Hebrews 10:1-14

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Fulfillment in Christ

➤ *Jesus' death is the final, perfect substitutionary death for atonement*

- He gave His life as a ransom for us to make propitiation for our sins
- By His blood He purified the heavenly sanctuary
- By the value of His death He made full restitution to God for our sin