Gleanings from the Pentateuch

"A Soothing Aroma" Leviticus 1-7 (pt 2)

Book of Leviticus

Leviticus 1-7: Offerings

1. Essential Message

> The necessity of atonement for sin through substitutionary death

Fulfilled perfectly by the death of Christ

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2. Secondary Message

> Complete dedication to God as the result of substitutionary atonement

Ritual offerings were to be outward expressions of the heart

Dedication to the Lord

Grain Offering

An acknowledgement that everything the worshiper had and was belonged to the Lord

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Grain Offering

- 1. The people offered a token of their substance
- the purified flour represented the best of what the Lord had given them
- the "first fruits/new grain" represented the Lord's claim to all their substance

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Grain Offering

- 2. The offering was to be free of "corruption"
- "leaven" and "honey" are symbolic of corruption (cause fermentation)
- as belonging to the Lord, the people were to be free of wickedness

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Grain Offering

- 3. The offering was an expression of covenant fidelity
 - "salt" represented the preservation of the covenant
 - they expressed their commitment to "preserve" (keep) the covenant

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New Covenant Application

- 1. The Reality
- > Through Christ's atonement, everything we have and are belongs to God

"...you are not your own; for you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

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New Covenant Application

2. The Response

> Through Christ, we offer up "spiritual sacrifices" as an act of gratitude and dedication to the Lord

"...for a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ." – 1 Peter 2:5

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"I urge therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a *living and holy sacrifice*, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

- Romans 12:1

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"Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

And do not neglect doing good and sharing; for with such sacrifices God is pleased."

- Hebrews 13:15-16

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New Covenant Application

- 1. Worship with our Lips
- 2. Service with our Bodies
- 3. Giving of our Resources

We are to give our best without corruption