

# HOW CAN I BE CLOSE TO GOD?

Leviticus 1-3 (1:1-9)

*Israel in ancient days  
Not only had a view  
Of Sinai in a blaze,  
But learn'd the Gospel too;  
The types and figures were a glass,  
In which they saw a Saviour's face.*

*The paschal sacrifice  
And blood-besprinkled door,  
Seen with enlighten'd eyes,  
And once applied with power,  
Would teach the need of other blood,  
To reconcile an angry God.*

*The Lamb, the Dove, set forth  
His perfect innocence,  
Whose blood of matchless worth  
Should be the soul's defense;  
For He who can for sin atone,  
Must have no failings of His own.*

*The scapegoat on his head  
The people's trespass bore,  
And to the desert led,  
Was to be seen no more:  
In him our Surety seem'd to say,  
"Behold, I bear your sins away."*

*Dipt in his fellow's blood,  
The living bird went free;  
The type, well understood,  
Express'd the sinner's plea;  
Described a guilty soul enlarged,  
And by a Saviour's death discharged.*

*Jesus, I love to trace,  
Throughout the sacred page,  
The footsteps of Thy grace,  
The same in every age!  
Oh grant that I may faithful be  
To clearer light vouchsafed to me!*

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*"After an introduction to the whole section (1:1-2) come nine paragraphs of detailed directives, three paragraphs for each of the three kinds of sacrifice. Each time the most valuable sacrifice is handled first, and then the less valuable. [This refers to the cost of the sacrifice to the individual worshipper, not God's level of acceptance, so that poor and rich alike could offer sacrifices.]"*

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## I. Fellowship without Sacrifice

Chapter 1			Chapter 2			Chapter 3	
Burnt	Atonement	→	Grain	Commitment	→	Peace	Communion
3-9	cattle		1-3	uncooked		1-5	cattle
10-13	sheep/goats		4-10	cooked		6-11	sheep
14-17	birds		11-16	miscellaneous		12-17	goats

## II. Sacrifice without Fellowship

## III. Fellowship and Sacrifice

*Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

EPHESIANS 5:1-2