

THE OT CONCEPT OF _____

Romans 1:1, 8, 16-21

Leviticus 7

Intro: November is the month dedicated to the giving of thanks. For the believer, the Bible has much to say about our giving of thanks. For the next several Sunday evenings, we are going to look at the Biblical teaching concerning thanksgiving in hope that we are thankful believers and walking in obedience to the teaching of Scripture. Today we are looking at the Old Testament concept of thanksgiving.

- I. God _____ the Thanksgiving Offering at part of the OT law. Lev 7:11-15
- A. Peace offerings were presented to God at times of _____ between God and the one offering the sacrifice-when there was no _____ sin issue to be dealt with in the life of the one making the offering.
1. Peace offerings were offered on behalf of individuals as _____ offerings given from devotion rather than in response to an obligation.
 2. With a peace offering the fat and specified parts of the internal organs were burned on the altar and the blood poured out around the altar, but the _____ who brought the animal ate the meat in a joyous worship meal.
- B. Thanksgiving Offering was one of the Peace offerings. Vs 11-21
1. The Thanksgiving Offering Vs 11-15
 2. The Vows Offering Vs 16-21
 3. The Voluntary Offering Vs 16-21
- C. The Thanksgiving Offering was one offered to God as a show of _____.
1. Ps 116:16-17 O LORD, truly I am thy servant; I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid: thou hast loosed my bonds. 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD.
 2. It was offered to God as an _____ of thanksgiving for what He had done in the life of the one making the offering.
 3. The Thanksgiving Offering was established by God to help meet the _____ needs of the priest who offered it for the individual. He and his family would receive part of the bread that was offered with the animal sacrifice. Vs 14b
 - a. The offering was offered with _____ bread and oil Vs 12
 - b. The offering was also offered with _____ bread also Vs 13
 1. One of the cakes of leavened bread was to be waved in the air before the Lord as a _____ of the entire offering being given to the Lord. Vs 14
 2. The offering of leavened bread as part of a sacrifice offering to God was a show of the _____ of the one offering, yet as waved before the Lord it showed God _____ the fact that sinful people make sacrifices to God, not perfect people, since there are none on the earth. *Ec 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.*
- D. The Thanksgiving Offering was to be offered on a _____ basis.
- II. In OT worship, thanksgiving was a _____ part of that worship.
- A. 1Ch 16:4 And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel:
- B. 1Ch 16:7 Then on that day David delivered first this psalm to thank the LORD into the hand of Asaph and his brethren.
- C. 1Ch 23:27-30

- III. At the dedication of Solomon's Temple, thanksgiving was a _____ part of that ceremony.
2Ch 5:13 It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endures forever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;
- IV. Even at times when Israel was recovering from the _____ of God upon their sin, thanksgiving was a major part of their life.
- A. Thanksgiving at the reconstruction of the Temple after its destruction due to Israel's _____ against God
Ezr 3:11 And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid.
- B. Thanksgiving at the dedication of the rebuilt Wall around Jerusalem after it had been _____ down due to Israel's rebellion against God
1. Ne 12:27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps.
 2. Ne 12:31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies of them that gave thanks, whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate:
 3. Ne 12:38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went over against them, and I after them, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the furnaces even unto the broad wall;
 4. Ne 12:40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me:
- V. Thanksgiving unto God was a _____ of Scripture in the OT for the one who believed in and followed after God.
- A. 1Ch 16:34 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.
 - B. Ps 50:14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High:
 - C. Ps 95:2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
 - D. Ps 119:62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.
 - E. Ps 147:7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God:

Concl: On Nov 26th we will celebrate Thanksgiving Day 2015. As we enjoy this time of the year may we begin to become ever more aware of the goodness of God in our ever day life, and be even more thankful!