SCRIPTURE: Leviticus 3:1-17; Hebrews 13:1-21

SERMON: <u>Divine Hospitality</u> 18 November 2007

## I. DIVINE HOSPITALITY: SACRIFICE AS TABLE FELLOWSHIP

- **A. TABLE FELLOWSHIP: CLOSE, COVENANTED RELATIONSHIP** (see Gen.26:30; Ex.24:8,11; Jdg.19:4; 1Chr.29:22; see 1Sam.20:27; 2Sam.9:7,10; 2Kngs.25:27f; Lk.22:30; 1Cor.5:11)
- **B. GOD EATS: I AM YOUR GOD** (soothing aroma; consuming fire; *food*; *Lev.3*:(5),11,16)
- C. MAN EATS: YOU ARE MY PEOPLE (directly, self; see *Lev.*7:11-18; indirectly, priests; Lev.4,5)

## II. THE PEACE OFFERING (Lev.3; see chps.7,22)

- **A. HERD** (3f) or **FLOCK** (lamb,6f; or goat,12f)
- **B. MALE** or **FEMALE** (1,6)
- **C. WORSHIPPER: HAND, SLAY** (2,8,12; see Lev.16:21)
- D. PRIEST
  - 1. blood splattered around altar (2,8,13; see Lev.17:11)
  - 2. fat & innards burned on altar (3-5, 9-11, 14-16)
- E. FOCUS: THE LORD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COVENANT MEAL (16,17; see 7:23,26)

## III. CHRIST OUR PEACE OFFERING (see 2Cor.5:7)

- **A.** *CHRIST* **IS OUR** *SUBSTITUTIONARY SACRIFICE* (Heb.9:12; see 1Cor.5:7; 2Cor.5:14; see Heb.1:2,3; 10:5)
- **B.** *CHRIST* **IS OUR** *REDEEMING BLOOD* (Heb.9:12; Eph.1:7)
- **C.** *CHRIST* **IS OUR** *FAT* (3,9,14 / 9 / 16; see Gen.45:18; Neh.8:10; see Is.1:11/17,19; Mt.3:5,17; Phil.2:5f; Heb.1:3; Rom.3:22; *5:1,11*; 10:3,4; i.e.,\_\_\_\_\_\_\_)
- **D.** *CHRIST* **IS OUR** *INNARDS* (4,10,15; see Jn.4:34; Lk.22:42; see Mt.9:13(12:7: Hos.6:6; Neh.13:14); 20:34; 22:37&39; i.e., \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_; see 1Chr.28:9; Heb.4:12)
- E. CHRIST OFFERED HIS "FAT" & "INNARDS" ON THE CROSS (Lev.3:1f; see Phil.2:5-8; Mt.26:42)
- **F.** *CHRIST IS THE "FOOD" THAT DELIGHTS THE LORD!* ((5),11,16; see Jn.4:34 with (1) Mt.3:5&17; (12:18); (2) 16:23&17:5(Lk.12:50); (3) Phil.2:5f&8f; Acts 13:33(Heb.1:3-5); Rom.1:4; 5:1,11)
- IV. ENJOY DIVINE HOSPITALITY BY PRESENTING HIS GIFT OF CHRIST AS YOUR PEACE OFFERING! (Lev.3; see Jn.3:16; Rom.3:22; 5:1,11; 10:3,4; Jn.4:34; Mt.20:34)