

Intro:

Vs. 5: Peace Offering connected to Whole Burnt Offering. Similarities. And differences.

Main Point of Text: The Peace Offering represents complete heart fellowship between people and God and one another.

Sermon Point: *Jesus Christ is Your Peace.*

Move 1: God has made peace with you and so He gives you peace.

Peace Offering reminds the offerer of a lack of peace without God's merciful presence. Yet God graciously gives peaceful relations and thus peace of mind. Expresses Psalms 85:8 and Ps. 125:5. Vss. 11, 16: it is "food": eaten by God. The rest eaten by the offerer with his family (Lev. 7:15-18). Peace Offering is a "fellowship" offering; Hebrew could be sacrifice of "friendship", "settlement", "alliance". So the Lord's Supper reminds you of His true Peace Offering: Rom. 5:1, 10-11. "Peace Offering" plural variation of "Shalom" in Hebrew: safety, completeness, soundness. Relates to "without blemish" (vss. 1, 6): complete. And "holy": "whole".

Move 2: Jesus Christ puts God's perfect peace within your soul.

Kidneys/liver/inwards/fat: deepest, richest, inner part of the animal. Represented the offerer's inner man (thoughts, will, emotions). God has been satisfied, so the offerer's soul is satisfied: Psalms 63:5 and 85:10. Isa 53:5. Phil. 4:7. Gen. 14:18: Melchizedek is "King of Salem"; Hebrew, Shalom. Type of Christ (Ps. 110:4, Heb. 7:2). Isa. 9:6. Col. 1:19-20. NT epistles all begin w/ something like: *Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Move 3: Be at peace within yourselves and with others.

Lev. 19:5: peace offerings offered at the person's own will. Experience of fellowship with the LORD and the brethren came with personal peace offerings. Vs. 16-17: fat represents the person's soul, which is the Lord's, and that is the source of the person's peace. Peace Offerings help experience inner peace: Isa 26:3. Vs. 17: "dwellings"; Andrew Bonar, offerer's house to be a "sanctuary". So must you receive Jesus in your heart and home. Jn. 20: three times, Jesus entered past the disciples shut doors and said, "Peace be unto you." Jn. 14:27; 16:33. *Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.* (Mt. 5:9). Eph. 2:13-17. 2 Cor. 13:11. Phil. 4:9. Ps. 37:37. Heb. 12:14. Rom. 14:19. Rom. 8:6.

Conclusion:

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