

*Christ In The Old Testament*  
*“The Burnt Offering”*  
*Leviticus 1:1-17*

**Introduction:**

1. Last Sunday:
  - We Introduced How:
    - We Can Find Christ:
      - Not Only In:
        - The Articles Of:
          - The Old Testament Tabernacle!
      - But Also In:
        - The Activities:
          - Of The Tabernacle!
2. And This Includes:
  - The Five Main Offerings:
    - Made On:
      - The Bronze Altar:
        - Which Stood Front & Center:
          - In The Court Of The Tabernacle!
  - Those Five Main Offerings:
    - Are - In Order Of Appearance:
      - In The Book Of Leviticus:
        - The Burnt Offering!
        - The Meat / Grain Offering!
        - The Peace Offering!
        - The Sin Offering! And:
          - The Guilt / Trespass Offering!
3. All Of These Offerings:
  - Were Given By God:
    - To His People:
      - So That - By Faith - They Might:
        - “Draw Near” To Him:
          - And Learn What It Would Take:
            - To Do So!
4. And - Tonight:
  - We Are Going To First Look At:
    - The Burnt Offering:
      - And What It Tells Us:
        - About Christ!
  - The Burnt Offering:
    - Was Perhaps:
      - The Most Significant Offering:
        - Because - The Sacrificial Altar Upon Which It Was Made:
          - Was Even Called By Its Name!
  - In Exodus - When God Gave:
    - The Instructions To Make The Altar Of Bronze:
      - It Was Specifically Called:
        - “The Altar Of Burnt Offering!”
5. But - The Burnt Offering:
  - Was Also Significant:
    - Because It Is The First Kind Of Offering:
      - Specifically Mentioned:
        - In The Bible! Being Offered To The Lord:
          - Even Before It Was Codified Into The Mosaic Law!
6. In Genesis 8 - We Find The First Mention:
  - Of A Burnt Offering - When:
    - Noah And His Family:

- Was Instructed By The Lord:
    - To Leave The Confines Of The Ark:
      - After The Great, World-Wide Flood - In Which:
        - “All In Whose Nostrils Was The Breath Of Life, Of All That Was In The Dry Land, Died!” (7:22)
  - But - In Genesis 8:16-22 - The Lord Told Noah:
    - “Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons’ wives with thee. / Bring forth with thee every living thing that [is] with thee, of all flesh, [both] of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth!”
  - And - What God Told Noah To Do - He Did!
    - 8:18-19 - “And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons’ wives with him: / Every beast, every creeping thing, and every fowl, [and] whatsoever creepeth upon the earth, after their kinds, went forth out of the ark!”
  - But Then - In Worship To The Lord:
    - 8:20 - “And Noah builded an altar unto the LORD; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar!”
      - This Is The Very First Mention Of A Burnt Offering In The Bible!
      - The Hebrew Word - “Olah” - Whose Root Word Means:
        - “To Ascend!”
    - So - Noah Drew Nigh To God:
      - By Means Of These:
        - “Burnt Offerings!”
  - And - In 8:21-22 - We See The Lord’s Response:
    - “And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake; for the imagination of man’s heart [is] evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. / While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease!”
7. In Genesis 22 - We Find The Second Mention:
- Of A Burnt Offering - When:
    - God Told Abraham:
      - To Offer His Son Isaac:
        - As A Sacrifice!
    - And - In 22:1-2 - We Are Told:
      - “And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, [here] I [am]. / And he said, Take now thy son, thine only [son] Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering – An Olah – upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of!”
    - And - What Did Abraham Do?
      - 22:3 - “And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him!”
8. So - It Is Clear That:
- When We Come To Leviticus 1 - The Burnt Offering:
    - Was Not A New Offering:
      - Being Instituted By God:
        - For His People!
    - Instead - It Was Known:
      - Well Before God Gave His Instructions:
        - To Moses! And:
      - Its Purpose Was:
        - To Display A Person’s Total Consecration & Dedication:
          - To The Lord:
            - Out Of A Heart Of Gratitude And Obedience!
9. And So - With This Background:
- Let’s Read Together:
    - God’s Instructions To Moses:
      - Concerning The Burnt Offering!

- Read Leviticus 1:1-17!
- Now - If The Burnt Offering:
  - Was Supposed To Represent:
    - Complete Consecration To The Lord:
    - The First Thing We Can Glean From These Verses Is:

### **1. *The Problem With The Burnt Offering!***

- The Problem Was:
  - The Same Problem:
    - That Noah Had & That Abraham Had:
      - That Required:
        - A Burnt Offering To Begin With!
  - The Problem Was:
    - That They Could Not Approach God - Or:
      - Be Accepted By God:
        - In Their Own Person:
          - Before God!
- Because Of Sin:
  - There Was A Failure:
    - For Them - And For Us:
      - To Live Our Lives:
        - The Way God Intended For Us:
          - At Creation!
    - In Total Consecration:
      - And Obedience To The Lord:
        - And His Will!
  - Adam & Eve Were The Only Ones:
    - Who Could Approach God:
      - Without The Need Of A Sacrifice:
        - Until Their Fall:
          - Through Sin!
  - And - Ever Since Then:
    - There Was A Fulfilment:
      - Needed - To “Make Up For” What:
        - Was Missing In Our Lives!
      - And - This Is What:
        - The Burnt Offering:
          - Was For!
    - Back In 1:4b - The Lord Told Moses That:
      - When The Burnt Offering Was Made:
        - “It shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him!”
    - This Did Not Mean That:
      - The Offering Actually:
        - Did Or Could:
          - “Make Up For” The Complete Consecration:
            - That They Failed To Render To The Lord!
      - It Only Meant That:
        - For That Time:
          - God “Accepted” It For Him:
            - To Please & Pacify God:
              - And His Demands!
      - Even As One Writer:
        - Describes It:
          - The Burnt Offering Was Made:
            - “To Propitiate The Anger Of God Incurred By Original Sin, Or By Particular Transgressions; And Its Entire Combustion Indicated The Self-Dedication Of The Offerer – His Whole Nature – His Body And Soul – As Necessary To Form A Sacrifice Acceptable To God!” (JFB)

- But - How Is It:
  - That God Would Accept:
    - The Burnt Offering:
      - In Place Of:
        - The Consecration Of:
          - The One Who Made The Offering?
- Its Because Of:

## 2. ***The Picture Of The Burnt Offering!***

- In So Many Ways:
  - The Burnt Offering Is A Picture Of:
    - The Complete Consecration & Dedication:
      - Of Christ:
        - To God The Father!
  - And When:
    - This Offering Was Made:
      - By Faith In & In View Of:
        - The One Who It Pointed To!
    - Then - The Fulness Of Christ's Consecration Was Accepted:
      - In Place Of The Failure Of Their Consecration!
- In 1:2 - The Burnt Offering:
  - Was To Be:
    - A Valuable Offering!
      - The Lord Said To Moses - "Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man of you bring an offering unto the LORD, ye shall bring your offering of the cattle, [even] of the herd, and of the flock!"
        - So - The Person Making This Offering Was To Give:
          - Of Their Very Best:
            - To The Lord!
  - This Is The Kind Of Offering:
    - Christ Was:
      - When He Offered Himself:
        - To His Father!
    - In John 8:28-29:
      - Jesus Said Something That Only He Could Say! "When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am [he], and [that] I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things. / And he that sent me is with me: the Father hath not left me alone; for I do always those things that please him!"
  - One Of The Reasons For:
    - The Burnt Offering Was Because:
      - We Fail - All The Time:
        - To Do "Those Things That Please" God!
          - But - That's Not True About Jesus!
  - The Kind Of Valuable Offering:
    - That We Fail To Offer To The Lord:
      - Christ Fulfilled:
        - By "Always" Doing "Those Things That Please Him!"
- Then - In 1:3 - We See That The Burnt Offering:
  - Was To Be:
    - A Voluntary Offering!
      - "If his offering [be] a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish: he shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD!"
  - This Is The Kind Of Offering:
    - Christ Was:
      - When He Offered Himself:
        - To His Father!
    - In Psalm 40:6:

- David Wrote That About The Lord:
  - That - "Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required!"
- So - What Did The Lord Require?
  - If Not Burnt Or Sin Offerings?
    - In Psalm 40:7-8 - David Prophecies How Christ - And His Complete Consecration:
      - Is What God Required & What Christ Fulfilled!
    - "Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book [it is] written of me, / I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law [is] within my heart!"
  - The Kind Of Voluntary Offering:
    - That We Fail To Offer To The Lord:
      - Christ Fulfilled:
        - By Delighting In & Doing:
          - The Will Of God Completely!
- Then - Also In 1:3a - The Burnt Offering:
  - Was To Be:
    - A Virtuous Offering!
      - "If his offering [be] a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish!"
    - Now - No Matter How Hard:
      - We Might Try To Consecrate Ourselves To The Lord:
        - There Will Always Be Found:
          - Spots & Blemishes:
            - In Our Love & Service & Commitment To The Lord!
    - But - Not So In Christ!
      - The Kind Of Virtuous Offering:
        - That We Fail To Offer To The Lord:
          - Christ Also Fulfilled!
      - Peter Even Uses The Same Wording:
        - When He Tells Us About Jesus:
          - In 1 Peter 1:18-19 - "Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [received] by tradition from your fathers; / But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot!"
    - And - The Spotless, Virtuous Offering:
      - Of Christ - More Than Makes Up For:
        - The Spots & Blemishes:
          - In Our Consecration:
            - To The Lord!
- Then - In 1:4 - The Burnt Offering:
  - Was To Be:
    - A Vicarious Offering!
      - "And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him!"
  - So - It Was The Responsibility:
    - Of The Offerer:
      - To Put His Hand:
        - On The Head Of The Animal Presented:
          - For The Burnt Offering, And To Kill It!
  - And - In This Way - Before God:
    - A Transfer Was Made!
      - The Consecration Unto Death:
        - Of The Animal - Was Accepted In The Place Of:
          - The Consecration Of The Individual!
    - It Was Meant To Show:
      - The Serious & Solemn Nature:
        - Of Commitment:
          - To The Lord!
- This Too Is The Kind Of Offering:

- Christ Was:
  - When He Offered Himself:
    - To His Father!
- He Offered Himself:
  - In The Place Of:
    - Those Who Would Lay Hold On Him With:
      - Their Hands Of Faith!
- The Kind Of Vicarious Offering:
  - That We Needed:
    - Christ Fulfilled!
  - Even As We Read In The Prophecy Of Isaiah:
    - About Him - "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. / But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. / All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all!" (Isaiah 53:4-6)
- Then - From Much Of Leviticus 1 - The Burnt Offering:
  - Was To Be:
    - A Violent Offering!
      - Even - A Bloody Sacrifice!
  - Because We Have Failed:
    - Through The Fall:
      - To Consecrate Ourselves Fully To God:
        - The Only Way To Do So:
          - Is Through The Shedding Of Blood!
  - In 1:3-9 - The Lord Gives Details:
    - About How Offer A Burnt Offering:
      - From The Herd Of Cattle!
    - So That - In 1:9b:
      - Everything Except The Skin:
        - "The priest shall burn all on the altar, [to be] a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD!"
  - In 1:10-13 - The Lord Gives Details:
    - About How To Offer A Burnt Offering:
      - From The Flock! Sheep & Goats!
    - So That Again - In 1:13b:
      - "The priest shall bring [it] all, and burn [it] upon the altar: it [is] a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD!"
  - In 1:14-17 - The Lord Gives Details:
    - About How To Offer A Burnt Offering:
      - Of Fowls! Turtledoves & Young Pigeons!
    - So That - Once Again - In 1:17b:
      - "The priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that [is] upon the fire: it [is] a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD!"
  - This Is The Kind Of Offering:
    - Christ Was:
      - When He Offered Himself:
        - In Our Place!
    - Hebrews 10:10 Tells Us That:
      - "We are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once [for all]!"
  - And So - The Kind Of Violent Offering:
    - That We Could Never Offer To The Lord:
      - For Our Sins - Christ Fulfilled!
        - "Once For All!"
    - So That - His Father Could Say:
      - "This Is My Beloved Son, In Whom I Am Well Pleased!"
        - The Sacrifice Of Christ On The Cross Was The Sweetest Saviour:

- To The Lord!
- Also - As We Saw From Leviticus 1 - The Burnt Offering:
  - Was To Be A Versatile Offering!
    - In That - Anyone Could Approach The Lord:
      - No Matter How Rich Or Poor!
  - The Three Kinds Of Burnt Offerings Allowed:
    - Ranged From:
      - The Most Valuable To The Least Valuable!
    - The Large Cattle:
      - Were The Most Valuable!
    - The Small Birds:
      - Were The Least Valuable!
    - But - God Permitted The Offerer:
      - To Bring Whatever Offering He Could:
        - In Order To Approach The Lord:
          - Who - By Grace - Is “No Respector Of Persons!” (Acts 10:34)
- And This Too Is The Kind Of:
  - Versatile Offering We Needed!
    - One In Which:
      - Any & All Can Come To God Through:
        - To Be Accepted & Receive Atonement!
  - And This Versatile Offering:
    - Is Found In Christ!
      - He Is The Same Kind Of Savior:
        - For All Kinds Of:
          - Sinners!
  - In 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 - Paul Wrote:
    - “Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, / Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. / And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God!”
  - So - Even Though We Have All Failed:
    - In Our Duty To Consecrate Ourselves:
      - Completely To The Lord:
        - Christ’s Offering Is Enough:
          - For Us All!
    - And - In His Grace:
      - He Draws Even The Poorest & Humblest Of Sinners:
        - Close To Himself!
  - One Difference That We Find:
    - In The Different Burnt Offerings:
      - Is The Place Where The Burnt Offering Was To Be Killed!
    - The Larger, More Valuable Animals:
      - Were Killed “By The Door Of The Tabernacle Of The Congregation!” (1:5)
    - The Mid-Size Animals - Sheep & Goats:
      - Were To Killed - “On The Side Of The Altar!” (North) (1:11)
        - So - The One Who Offered It Was Drawn Closer To The Altar!
    - But - The Smallest & Least Valuable Animals:
      - Were Brought - “Unto The Altar” Itself!
        - And Drawn Closer Still!
- And This Is Why:
  - The Burnt Offering Is Such A Lasting Picture:
    - Of Christ - And His Offering:
      - Of Consecration:
        - For Us!
  - What We Fail To Do:

- In Our Duty As God's Creation:
- He Fulfilled!

**Conclusion:**

1. But - Why Would He Do Such A Thing?
  - Hebrews 10:14 Provides The Answer!
    - "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?"
  - Because Christ:
    - Is Now Our Burnt Offering:
      - We Are Free:
        - To Live For & Serve The Lord:
        - With The Kind Of Consecration:
        - He Deserves!

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