

Leviticus 1

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“I Surrender All!”

1. **Intro:**

- 1.1. “It took God only 1 night to get Israel out of Egypt, but it took 40 yrs to get Egypt out of Israel!”
 - 1.1.1. **Exodus** – Is. Redeemed & established as a kingdom of priests.
 - 1.1.2. **Leviticus** – How to fulfill their priestly call.
 - 1.1.2.1. They came out of the **slavery** of the world(Exodus) & into the **sanctuary** of God(Lev.).
 - 1.1.2.2. From **Redemption to Service** – From **Deliverance to Dedication**.
- 1.2. The book of **Hebrews** is the key to unlocking the spiritual significance of **Leviticus**.
 - 1.2.1. How should we “who are not under the law “ view the material in Leviticus?
 - 1.2.1.1. **Read** - As “symbols” (Heb.9:9); “copies of the things in the heavens” (9:23); & “a shadow of the good things to come,” (10:1).
- 1.3. Leviticus starts with **5 offerings** – Only 1 is *unbloody* (grain) – 3 are for a sweet savor (sin & trespass is not)
 - 1.3.1. Each of these offerings point to Christ...like a 5 sided Diamond, highly refractive, beaming forth different colors off of Himself.
- 1.4. **Read** – From end of Exodus into Leviticus...note the flow.

2. **THE BURNT OFFERING! (1-17)**

- 2.1. **THE DIVINE ORIGIN OF THE SACRIFICE! (1)**
 - 2.1.1. At Mount Sinai God gave the law to Moses.
 - 2.1.2. This law lets us know very clearly, the **Holiness** of God & His **righteous demand** upon sinful men.
 - 2.1.3. Is it only the **law** of God in the OT, & the **Grace** of God in the NT?
 - 2.1.3.1. Absolutely not! – Here we see the “ultimate Grace of God” in graciously revealing the way man may be restored.
 - 2.1.3.2. No one! - No one in any period! - No one! - Has ever been saved “**but by Grace**”!

- 2.2. **THE VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE SACRIFICE! (2)**
- 2.2.1. “When any of you” – not mandatory.
- 2.2.2. The animal was **involuntary**, but Gods people are to be willing living sacrifices.
- 2.3. **THE VALUABLE NATURE OF THE SACRIFICE!**
- 2.3.1. It goes from “most costly” to “not as costly”.
- 2.3.2. The animals presented as a rule were costly. – Atonement is not cheap!
- 2.3.3. The normal sacrifice was “of the herd or flock”. Domesticated not wild animals.
- 2.4. **THE VARIETY OF THE SACRIFICE! (2-17)**
- 2.4.1. The sacrifice could be “of the herd – of the flock – or, of the fowl”.
- 2.4.2. **(2-9) OF THE HERD!**
- 2.4.3. **(10-13) OF THE FLOCK!**
- 2.4.4. **(14-17) OF THE FOWL!**
- 2.4.4.1. For those not able to present more costly offerings.
- 2.4.4.2. No one need allow **poverty** to keep him from making his offering to the Lord.
- 2.4.4.3. No matter how poor or how little we think we have to give to Him – He will **receive it & bless it**.
- 2.4.4.4. Important thing is we give our **all** to Him each day!
- 2.4.4.5. **Crop** - A pouchlike enlargement of a bird's gullet in which food is partially digested or stored for regurgitation to nestlings. ¹
- 2.5. **THE RITUAL OF THE SACRIFICE!**
- 2.5.1. The “**Offerer's Part**” 1-3 & the “**Priests part**” 4-6.
- 2.5.2. **[1] PRESENTATION (3) “at the door”**
- 2.5.2.1. Bring it to the door...thus acknowledging his sin.
- 2.5.2.2. **W/o Blemish** – our very best to the Lord – **Mal.1:7,8**
- 2.5.2.2.1. This symbolizes the **perfection** that God demands.
- 2.5.3. **[2] IDENTIFICATION (4) “put his hand on the head”**
- 2.5.3.1. The sinners guilt is symbolically transferred to the victim, the substitute.
- 2.5.4. **[3] KILLING THE VICTIM (5) “he shall kill the bull before the Lord”**
- 2.5.4.1. “The wages of sin is **death.**” **Rom.6:23**
- 2.5.4.2. **He shall kill**(the offerer) “**Anyone** can kill the animal (thus identifying w/their sin & guilt) but only **the priest** could engage in the act that signified the bestowal of pardon” (Andrew Bonar)

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- 2.5.5. **[4] SPRINKLING THE BLOOD (5) “sprinkle the blood”**
- 2.5.5.1. **Sprinkle** – actually, “dash the blood round against the altar”.
- 2.5.5.2. There is “**life in the blood**”. This symbolizes the life given in the death.
- 2.5.5.3. This points to **expiation** = “to appease, to make satisfaction, to make atonement, to pay the price for, to suffer for.”
- 2.5.6. **[5] PREPARING THE ALTAR (7,8) “the wood & parts in order”**
- 2.5.6.1. The priests provided the wood & maintained the fire on the altar.
- 2.5.7. **[6] WASHING & BURNING (9) “wash & burn”**
- 2.5.7.1. In the symbol of the smoke rising upward God is seen as accepting w/pleasure the prescribed sacrifice, offered in faith.
- 2.5.7.2. **Fire** = the action of God excepting the sacrifice.
- 2.6. **THE PURPOSE OF THE SACRIFICE! (4 & 9)**
- 2.6.1. **Acceptance & Atonement (4); & Consecration (9)**
- 2.6.2. **To Be Accepted!** – “**Acceptance**” The sacrifice is offered because sin has brought estrangement(alienation) between God & the offer’er.
- 2.6.3. **To Be Atoned for!** – “**Atonement**” – covering (now he’s sheltered from the penalty)
- 2.6.4. **To Be Consecrated!** – “**Consecration**” (to devote entirely) (9,13,17)
- 2.6.4.1. “**Burn all**” - The **Burnt offering** (olah) lit. “that which goes up”.
- 2.6.4.2. It was also called the “**whole** burnt offering”.
- 2.6.4.3. **Example of “all”**- A little girl (*Brittany*) brought me a gift last week.
- 2.6.4.4. **Put your all on the altar & hold back nothing!**
- 2.6.4.5. **ALL**...except for **the skin** (hide) (7:8)
- 2.6.4.5.1. This is the “**only**” Sacrifice entirely consumed. {**The Epidermis Exception!**}
- 2.6.4.5.2. It’s amazing then the emphasis **we** put on skin when **God** says, “you can have it!”
- 2.6.4.5.3. **Wars** are fought over its color. – **Individuals** die daily because of the amount of color pigment in their skin. – We spend Billions annually on **skin products** to lighten, darken, or moisten our skin.
- 2.6.4.5.4. So that is the only thing given to the priest (7:8). The Skin or Hide.
- 2.6.4.6. **Q: Is God compartmentalized in your life? Or does He fill every niche?**
- 2.6.4.7. **Q: Is He an add on, or is He everything?**
- 2.6.4.8. **Q: Can you name one area of your life where He is left out?** {family, worship, sexuality, treatment of the poor, friends you hang around}

2.6.5. To Be Pleasing!

2.6.5.1. **Sweet Aroma**(9,13,17) – The offering is given from a heart of love!

2.6.5.2. If you seek to please Him He will except it!

2.6.5.2.1. **1 Pet.2:5** “you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices **acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.**”

2.6.5.3. **See** Gen.8:20,21 – God is Spirit, God doesn't have a body, but physical terms are used to depict Gods actions & responses.

2.6.5.4. **Eph.5:2** “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a **sweet-smelling aroma.**”

2.7. THE PROPHETIC SIGNIFICANCE OF THE SACRIFICE!

2.7.1. Christ as the Burnt Offering:

2.7.2. “This means his entire surrender, even to death, to do the fathers will.”²

2.7.3. **Jn.10:17** “Therefore My Father loves Me, because **I lay down My life** that I may take it again.”

2.7.4. **Rom.5:19** “For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's **obedience** many will be made righteous.”

2.7.5. **Eph.5:1,2** “Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a **sweet-smelling aroma.**”

2.7.6. The Believer as the Burnt Offering:

2.7.7. “This means that everything we are & have belongs to God, to be used for his glory.”³

2.7.7.1. Complete dedication!

2.7.7.2. It's putting your **all** on the altar daily!

2.7.7.3. It's putting your all on the altar **at** the beginning of each day, every night, & having a perpetual flame (see 6:8-13).

2.7.8. What scriptures teach this?

2.7.9. **Rom.12:1,2** “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present **your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable** to God, which is your **reasonable service**. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that **good and acceptable and perfect** will of God.”

² W.H.Griffith Thomas

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- 2.7.10. **1 Thes.5:23** “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you **completely**; and may your **whole spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- 2.7.11. **Lk.11:36** “If then your **whole** body is full of light, having no part dark, the **whole** body will be full of light, as when the bright shining of a lamp gives you light.”
- 2.7.12. **Ps.119:2** “Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with the **whole** heart!”
- 2.7.13. **1 Pet.2:5** “you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, **a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God** through Jesus Christ.”

2.7.14. **Read** the words to the Hymn “I Surrender All”!

All to Jesus, I surrender;
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

**I surrender all, I surrender all,
All to Thee, my blessèd Savior,
I surrender all.**

All to Jesus I surrender;
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken;
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

All to Jesus, I surrender;
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel the Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.

All to Jesus, I surrender;
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power;
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

All to Jesus I surrender;
Now I feel the sacred flame.
O the joy of full salvation!
Glory, glory, to His Name!

(Spurgeon) “**My numerous sins transferr’d to him,
Shall never more be found,
Lost in his blood’s atoning stream,
Where every crime is drown’d!**”