

Leviticus 6:8-7:38

12-7-00

“Our Priestly Service!”

1. Intro:

- 1.1. Ch.1- 6:7 dealt w/Laws to **Approaching** God.
 - 1.1.1. To the people.
- 1.2. Ch.6:8-7 dealt w/Laws to **Administering** the Offering.
 - 1.2.1. To the priests(esp. their portion)
 - 1.2.2. “Priestly life & service cannot be too particular in its care for the will of God to be done at every point.”¹
 - 1.2.3. The best proof of life is faithfulness in the little things.

2. BURNT OFFERINGS! (8-13)

- 2.1. Let’s follow the priests example:
 - 2.1.1. **[1]** Wake up & “**put on**” your spiritual clothes each morn(full armor).
 - 2.1.2. **[2]** Get up each morn & get rid of the “**ashes** of old”(yesterdays ashes)
 - 2.1.3. **[3]** Stoke the fire!
 - 2.1.3.1. **2 Tim.1:6** “I remind you to **stir up**(fan into flame) the gift of God which is in you” {i.e. “stir up the flame again in your life!”}
 - 2.1.4. **[4]** Offer a **new burnt offering** unto the Lord.
 - 2.1.4.1. The daily service was 2 lambs, 1 offered at **sunrise** & the other at **evening**.
 - 2.1.5. **[5]** Keep our hearts flame **burning perpetually**.
 - 2.1.5.1. Wood was provided for the fire at the expense of the congregation.
 - 2.1.5.1.1. **Body Life!** (team work – unity)
 - 2.1.5.2. **Fire always burning (3 x’s)**. This fire originated from God (see **9:24**), thus it shall always be maintained carefully by the priests.
 - 2.1.5.3. Is the flame burning high on the altar of your heart?
 - 2.1.5.4. **Lk.24:32** "Did not our **heart burn within us** while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?"
 - 2.1.5.5. **Song of Sol. 8:6** “Set me as a seal upon your heart, As a seal upon your arm; For love is as strong as death, Jealousy as cruel as the grave; **Its flames are flames of fire, A most vehement flame.**”
 - 2.1.5.5.1. Feed yourself with the word of God, which is fuel to the flame.
 - 2.1.5.5.2. Ask that it may burn hotly!

2.1.5.6. Q: Is your heart **lukewarm**? – Rev.3:15,16

2.1.5.7. Q: Has your heart grown **cold**? - “And because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold.”

3. **GRAIN OFFERINGS! (14-23)**

3.1. (17) Let’s also keep out the **leaven** out of our lives. This includes:

3.1.1. Hypocrisy “Beware of the **leaven** of the Pharisees, which is **hypocrisy**.” Lk.12:1

3.1.2. False doctrine “You ran well. Who hindered you from obeying **the truth**? This persuasion does not come from Him who calls you. A little **leaven** leavens the whole lump.” Gal.5:7-9

3.1.3. Corrupt living “It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named... Do you not know that a little **leaven leavens the whole lump**?” 1 Cor.5:1,6

3.2. (18) Remember, only the holy souls may partake of the heavenly bread!

3.2.1. “**Holy** has the same root as **wholly**, it means complete. A man is not complete in spiritual stature if all his **mind, heart, soul, and strength** are not given to God.”²

3.2.2. “A holy life is not an **ascetic**, or **gloomy**, or **solitary** life, but a life regulated by divine truth and faithful in Christian duty. It is living **above the world** while we are still in it.”³

4. **SIN OFFERINGS! (24-30)**

4.1. This offering was so **holy** it could not remain in the defiled camp (4:11,12)

4.2. (25) With both the sin & trespass offerings you’ll notice the repetition of “**it is most holy**”.

4.2.1. Thus probably emphasizing the holiness of the lord.

4.2.2. **Pilate, Herod, & Judas** all agreed in asserting that **in Him** there was no fault.

¹ W.H.Griffith Thomas

² R. J. Stewart

³ Tryon Edwards (1809-1894)

5. **TRESPASS OFFERINGS!** (7:1-10)

- 5.1. We learn from this “it is a very costly thing for people to commit sin & for God to cleanse sin!”⁴
- 5.2. Forgiveness comes only because of the death of an innocent substitute.
 - 5.2.1. **Is.53:10** clearly says that when Jesus died on the cross, God made His Son “a *guilt offering*” (the penalty we should have paid, He paid for us), “Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a **guilt offering**, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.”

6. **PEACE OFFERINGS!** (7:11-21)

- 6.1. In ch.3 the Peace offerings were classified into 3 groups:
 - 6.1.1. [1] **thank** offering [2] **vow** offering [3] **voluntary** offering.
 - 6.1.2. When the soul is full of gratitude what is more natural than that it should render some tangible recognition to him from whom comes every good & perfect gift!
 - 6.1.3. We are so quick to cry out when we find ourselves in trouble(as we should be). But, we are also too forgetful of his benefits when the cloud passes & the sun shines again.
- 6.2. (19-21) Fellowship w/God & one another depends on **purity**.

7. **FAT & BLOOD!** (7:22-27)

- 7.1. Things forbidden.

8. **PRIESTS PORTION!** (7:28-38)

- 8.1. (30,32) **Wave Offering** – (moved left to right)
 - 8.1.1. Suggests recognition of the God of heaven & dependence on Him.
- 8.2. **Heave Offering** - (raised toward heaven)
 - 8.2.1. Probably the acknowledgment of God as among His people, the God of redemption.
 - 8.2.2. The **Heave Offering** sees “**God the infinite High**”; The **Wave Offering** sees “**God the infinite Nigh**”.
 - 8.2.3. These movements signified that the pieces, though not burnt on the altar, were specially consecrated to God's service.
- 8.3. (35-38) Emphasis is placed on the fact that the law was given by God.

⁴ Wiersbe

9. **Communion:**

- 9.1. Over & over they had to do these sacrifices...why?
- 9.1.1. Burnt offering – every morning, every evening, every day, every year!
- 9.1.2. Why?...so they wouldn't forget!
- 9.2. Jesus never commanded a sacrament to commemorate his **birth**, his **life**, his **miracles**, or even his **resurrection**!
- 9.2.1. Only **His death** does he ask us to remember & remember again!
- 9.2.2. God knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. He knows we are but clay & w/o Him we are undone.
- 9.3. “Lord Jesus, forgive me that sometimes I get callous - hardened & unfeeling - about your sacrifice you made on the cross. Remind me over & over again. I don't want to forget.”⁵
- 9.4. 1 Jn.1:9 “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”
- 9.4.1. **All?** – **William Cowper** suffered from **depression**. He constantly struggled against **suicide**. Once he even tried to **hang** himself. Another time he fell on a **knife** but the blade broke, & at one point he threw himself into a **river**, hoping to drown. He had a **mental breakdown** & was placed in an insane asylum for 18 months. During his **detention** he read **Rom.3:25** “whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had **passed over the sins that were previously committed**”, especially the part about the blood of Christ being so powerful as to atone for all past sins – even the guilt of suicidal thoughts! – After his conversion he met **John Newton**, who wrote “**Amazing Grace**.” - It was just the inspiration Cowper needed to write the beautiful hymn “**There is a fountain.**”⁶
- 9.4.1.1. Throughout his life Cowper continued to be plagued by **severe depression**, & often he sought to **end his life**. His most powerful hymns were written **after** those times.
- 9.4.1.2. **Read** - There is a fountain.

⁵ Joni Eareckson Tada

⁶ 101 Hymn Stories, pg.264,5