

A PLEASING AROMA TO THE LORD  
Leviticus, Numbers  
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<p><b>Ex 29:18</b> וְהִקְטַרְתָּ אֶת-כָּל-הָאֵילַת הַמִּזְבֵּחַ עָלָה הוּא לַיהוָה רֵיחַ נִיחֹחַ אֲשֶׁה לַיהוָה הוּא</p>	<p><b>Ex 29:18</b> burn the whole ram on the altar. It is a burnt offering to the LORD. It is a <b>pleasing aroma</b>, a food offering to the LORD.</p>
<p><b>2Cor 5:9</b> διὸ καὶ φιλοτιμούμεθα,<sup>1</sup> εἴτε ἐνδημοῦντες εἴτε ἐκδημοῦντες, εὐάρεστοι αὐτῷ εἶναι.</p>	<p><b>2Cor 5:9</b> So we <b>make it our goal to please him</b>, whether we are at home in the body or away from it.</p>
<p><b>Col 1:10</b> ... περιπατῆσαι ἀξίως τοῦ κυρίου εἰς πᾶσαν ἀρεσκείαν</p>	<p><b>Col 1:10</b> walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him,</p>

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**0. INTRODUCTION**

- (16x) Lev 1:13, 17; 2:2, 9; 3:5; 6:14; 23:18; Num 15:3, 7, 10, 13f; 28:8, 24; 29:13, 36
- “I find the Old Testament confusing, and especially all the sacrifices that people were supposed to make. Why did God command people to do these, when they wouldn't completely take away their sins, like Jesus' sacrifice did?”<sup>2</sup>
- *do ut des?* problem → “business” attitudes

**1. PLEASING THE LORD**

- the one most important goal of faith/religion!
- **1Thes 4:1** ...how you ought to live and to **please God**...
- **Eph 5:10** ...discern what is pleasing to the Lord (δοκιμάζοντες τί ἐστὶν εὐάρεστον τῷ κυρίῳ,) → “finding out what is well-pleasing to the Lord” (cf. v. 17). The verb has to do with the **testing of metals** and so can mean to discover by examination, verify, or approve.

**1.1. OT OFFERINGS**

- Animal sacrifices: “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness” (Heb 9:22)

**1.1.1. THE FIVE OFFERINGS**

- (1) The Burnt Offering (Leviticus 1) → Surrender all to God
- (2) The Meat Offering (Leviticus 2) → Rev 3:16
- (3) The Peace Offering (Leviticus 3) → Fellowship in the Spirit
- (4) The Sin Offering (Leviticus 4) → Forgiveness

<sup>1</sup> *have as one's ambition, consider it an honor, aspire*

<sup>2</sup> <https://billygraham.org/answer/why-did-god-command-people-to-make-sacrifices-in-the-old-testament-when-they-wouldnt-completely-take-away-their-sins-like-jesus-sacrifice-did/> (30/07/2016)

## (5) The Trespass Offering (Leviticus 5) → Forgiveness

Burnt Offering <sup>3</sup>	Phil 2:6 8	Christ Surrendered Himself Entirely To God Being Fully Consumed In His Commitment
Meat Offering	John 4:34	Christ Gave Himself As A Living Sacrifice Continually Doing The Will Of The Father
Peace Offering	Eph 2:13 14	Christ Made Peace With God On The Behalf Of Man
Sin Offering	Is 53:10 11	Christ Atoned For Our Fallen Sin Nature On The Cross And Satisfied The Wrath Of God
Trespass Offering	Heb 10:12	Christ Paid For Our Individual Sins In His Death On The Cross

- "When more than one kind of offering was presented (as in Nu 6:16-17), the procedure was usually as follows: (1) sin offering or trespass offering, (2) burnt offering, (3) peace offering and grain offering (along with a drink offering).

**1.1.2. UNACCEPTABLE SACRIFICES**

- **1Sa 15:22-23** "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup> For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry.
- **Ho 9:1-5** Rejoice not, O Israel! Exult not like the peoples; for you have played the whore, forsaking your God. You have loved a prostitute's wages on all threshing floors. <sup>2</sup> Threshing floor and wine vat shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail them. <sup>3</sup> They shall not remain in the land of the LORD, but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria. <sup>4</sup> They shall not pour drink offerings of wine to the LORD, and their sacrifices shall not **please him**. It shall be like mourners' bread to them; all who eat of it shall be defiled; for their bread shall be for their hunger only; it shall not come to the house of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> What will you do on the day of the appointed festival, and on the day of the feast of the LORD?
- **Ps 51:16-17** For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. <sup>17</sup> The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

**1.1.3. OT PARADIGMATIC SACRIFICE**

- Abraham offering Isaac

**1.2. NT OFFERINGS****1.2.1. THE WHOLE BEING**

- Jesus → **2Cor 5:21** <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin
- **Rom 6:13** present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from **death to life**
- **Rom 12:1** present your bodies as a living sacrifice (παραστήσαι τὰ σώματα ὑμῶν θυσίαν ζώσαν ἁγίαν εὐάρεστον τῷ θεῷ)
- **2Tim 4:6** I am already being poured out as a drink offering (Ἐγὼ γὰρ ἤδη σπένδομαι.), and the time of my departure has come. (καιρὸς τῆς ἀναλύσεώς μου) → (ἀνάλυσις) "unloose." The noun was used for the "loosing" of a vessel from its moorings or of soldiers "breaking up" camp for departure. Paul was about ready to "strike tent" (leave his physical body)
- **Phil 2:17** Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering (Ἀλλὰ εἰ καὶ σπένδομαι ἐπὶ τῇ θυσίᾳ καὶ λειτουργίᾳ τῆς πίστεως ὑμῶν,) upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all.
- **Ps 40:6-8** Sacrifice and offering you have not desired, but you (לֵב טָהוֹר וְצִדִּיק אֲנִי) have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me: <sup>8</sup> I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." → **Heb 10:5-7** Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; <sup>6</sup> in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. <sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" → **Dt 15:17** then you shall take an awl, and put it through his **ear** into the door,

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.learnthebible.org/sermon-outlines/the-five-major-offerings.html> (30/07/2016)

and he shall be your slave forever. And to your female slave you shall do the same.  
*σῶμα δὲ κατηργήσω μοι* (LXX Ps 39:7)

### 1.2.2. OTHER TYPES OF OFFERING

- **Heb 11:6** ...without faith it is impossible to please...(χωρὶς δὲ πίστεως ἀδύνατον εὐαρεσθῆσαι) → Hebrews 11 (Abel, Noah, Abraham, ...martyrs)
- **Property Mk 12:41** And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box.
- **Time Lk 10:42** ...one thing is necessary (ἐνὸς δὲ ἐστὶν χρεία)
- **People Lk 9:60** "Leave the **dead** to **bury** their own **dead**. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God."
- **Trials Ps 69:29-31** But I am afflicted and in pain; let your salvation, O God, set me on high! <sup>30</sup> I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with thanksgiving. <sup>31</sup> This will **please** the **LORD** more than an ox or a bull with horns and hoofs.

## 2. THE "PRICE" OF LOVE

- **Song 8:7** If a man offered for love all the wealth of his house, he would be utterly despised.
- an either-or situation → it is not about *giving* but about *giving up* – making space (God is a jealous God)
- **Jos 24:15** ...choose this day whom you will serve... (בַּחֲרֵי לְכֶם הַיּוֹם אֶת־מִי תַעֲבֹדוּן)
- **1Ki 18:21** and Elijah ... 'Till when are ye leaping on the two branches?
  - **1Cor 10:21** <sup>21</sup> You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.
  - **2Cor 6:14** ...what fellowship has light with darkness?

### 2.1. SIN VS. HOLINESS

- **Dt 30:19** I have set before you **life** and **death**, blessing and curse. Therefore **choose life**...
- **Jer 21:8** I set before you the way of **life** and the way of **death**.
- **2Tim 3:6-7** burdened with sins and led astray by various passions, <sup>7</sup> **always learning** and never able to arrive at a knowledge of the truth

### 2.2. NATURAL VS. SPIRITUAL

One of the principles of our Lord's teaching which we are slow to grasp is that the only basis of the spiritual is the sacrifice of the natural. The natural life is neither moral nor immoral, I make it moral or immoral by my ruling disposition. Jesus teaches that the natural life is meant for sacrifice, we can give it as a gift to God, which is the only way to make it spiritual (see Romans 12:1-2).<sup>4</sup> ... If I refuse to sacrifice the natural, the God-life in me is killed.<sup>5</sup> ... It is the refined, **cultured, religious, moral** people who refuse to sacrifice the natural for the spiritual. When once you get that thought, you understand the inveterate detestation of the Cross of Christ. Where are we with regard to this barter? Are we disciples of Jesus? Who is **first**, or what is **first**, in our lives? who is the **dominating personality that is dearer to us than life**, ourselves or someone else?<sup>6</sup>

- Jesus' temptation: (1) bread, (2) power, (3) fame ["natura" things in the life of the Son of God]
- **Gal 6:14** But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the **world** has been **crucified** to me, and I to the **world**.

## 3. LOVE IS IDENTIFICATION

- God is LOVE
- Gal 2:20
- **1Cor 3:16** Do **you** not know that **you** are God's temple and that God's Spirit **dwells in you**?
- 1Cor 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

### 3.1. WORSHIP IN THE SPIRIT

- **John 4:24** God is **spirit**, and those who worship him must worship in **spirit** and **truth**."

<sup>4</sup> CHAMBERS, O. *Studies in the sermon on the mount*, Complete Works, p. 1447.

<sup>5</sup> CHAMBERS, O. *Our Portrait in Genesis*, Complete Works, p. 973.

<sup>6</sup> CHAMBERS, O. *If thou wilt be perfect*, Complete Works, p. 597.

- (either or) → **Gal 5:17** For the desires of the **flesh** are against the **Spirit**, and the desires of the **Spirit** are against the **flesh**, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.
- **Rom 8:9** You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.

### 3.2. SPIRITUAL UNITY

- **1Cor 6:17** But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.
  - [the one who cleaves (κολλώμενος) to a prostitute is one body with her, but the one who cleaves (κολλώμενος) to the Lord is united to him spiritually. In saying this]
- John 17:21 Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us...

### 4. TO REMEMBER

- What have you made the primary goal of your life? Is it to *please God*?
- To please God is to love him exclusively at any price.
- God desires to dwell among his people, to be one with him we have live the life of resurrection.