

God's Calendar of Redemption

Feast of First Fruits **Part 4**

יום הבכורים (Yom HaBikkurim)

Leviticus 23:9-14

FIRST FRUITS

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Beginning of the Barley Harvest

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THE FEASTS OF THE LORD

THE SEVEN MONTHS CYCLE OF THE "THREE GREAT FESTIVALS" LEV. 23:1-44

(1) PASSOVER

FIRST MONTH

(1) FEAST "THE PASSOVER" LEV. 23:4-5

(2) FEAST "UNLEAVENED BREAD" LEV. 23:6-8

(3) FEAST "FIRST FRUITS" LEV. 23:9-14

14th DAY REDEMPTION 1 COR. 5:7

15th DAY HOLY WALK 1 COR. 5:8

16th DAY MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH RESURRECTION 1 COR. 15:22-23

THE PASSOVER SPEAKS OF REDEMPTION BY BLOOD AS ISRAEL WAS REDEEMED FROM EGYPT, A TYPE OF THE WORLD, AND IS A TYPE OF OUR REDEMPTION FROM SIN BY THE BLOOD OF THE "LAMB OF GOD" CHRIST BEING OUR PASSEOVER - 1 COR. 5:7 "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passtime is sacrificed for us"

SECOND MONTH

(4) FEAST "PENTECOST" LEV. 23:15-22

6th DAY MORROW AFTER THE SABBATH HOLY SPIRIT ACTS 2:1-4

THE "WAVE LOAVES" CONTAINED "LEAVEN" BECAUSE THEY WERE THE JOY AND GENTLE IN UNION WITH EACH OTHER IN THE "BODY OF CHURCH" - THE CHURCH IN WHICH THE "LAMB OF GOD" SHALL ABIDE. THE "WAVE LOAVES" ON THE DAY OF PENTECOST WERE THE "FIRST FRUITS" OF THE HARVEST OF THE "DEAD IN CHRIST" JAMES 1:18, "For his own will" begot he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his church."

FOURTH, FIFTH, SIXTH MONTH

(5) FEAST OF "TRUMPETS" LEV. 23:23-25

(6) FEAST "DAY OF ATONEMENT" LEV. 23:26-32

(7) FEAST OF "TABERNACLES" LEV. 23:33-43

1st DAY THE SABBATH REGATHERING OF ISRAEL MATT. 24:29-31

10th DAY 15th DAY SABBATH ATONEMENT FOR ISRAEL ZECH. 13:1

22nd DAY SABBATH ISRAEL'S MILLENNIAL REST AMOS 9:13-15; ZECH. 14:16-21

THE "LONG INTERVAL" BETWEEN THE "FEAST OF PENTECOST" AND THE "FEAST OF TRUMPETS" TYPES THIS "PRESENT DISPENSATION" IN WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GATHERING OUT THE "ELECT OF GOD", THE CHURCH. THE "FEAST OF TRUMPETS" SUMMONING ISRAEL BACK TO THEIR OWN LAND WHICH IS HAPPENING NOW, REFERS TO THE TIME WHEN GOD WILL RESUME HIS RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

ALMOST 2,000 YEARS

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SEVENTH MONTH

THE "FEAST OF TABERNACLES" WILL BE A MEMORIAL OF THE 7th DAY SABBATH COMING THE 7th MONTH OF THE ROMISH CALENDAR. SEVEN IN THE SCRIPTURES REPRESENTS COMPLETION OR REST. THE YEAR OF JUBILEE CAME DURING THE 50th YEAR AFTER SEVEN SEVENS OF YEARS HAD PASSED. THE SEVENTH DISPENSATION IS THE MILLENNIAL REST. THE SEVENTH DAY SABBATH WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED DURING THIS PERIOD.

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3rd Spring Feast Series - Part 4

Feast of First Fruits

1. **Connecting** Our Life with God Through:

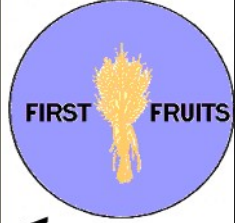
- God's Man - Pastor
- God's Place – Our Local Church
- Our Giving – Levitical Offering –
 - Burnt (1 - salvation)

2. Sabbath...who is it for?

3. Levitical Offerings – Meat (2) and Drink

4. ...Peace (3), Sin (4), Trespass Offerings (5)


(3) FEAST
"FIRST FRUITS"
LEV. 23:9-14



FIRST FRUITS

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16th DAY MORROW
AFTER THE SABBATH
RESURRECTION
1 COR. 15:22-23



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3rd Feast: Feast of First Fruits - Leviticus 23:9-11



And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (10) Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, **When** (כִּי) ye be come into the land which **I give unto you**, and shall reap the **harvest thereof**, then ye shall bring a sheaf (עֹמֶר - 'ōmer - Noun) of the **firstfruits of your harvest** unto the priest: (11) And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: **on the morrow after the sabbath** the priest shall wave it.

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3rd Feast: **Feast of First Fruits** - Leviticus 23:12-14

Leviticus 23:12-14 And ye shall offer that day when ye wave the sheaf an **he lamb without blemish** of the first year for a **burnt offering** (*1st offering*) unto the LORD. (13) And the **meat offering** (*2nd offering*) thereof shall be two tenth deals of fine flour mingled with oil, an **offering made by fire** unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the **drink offering** (*3rd offering*) thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of **an hin**. (14) ...it shall be a statute **for ever throughout your generations** in all your dwellings.

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Feast of First Fruits: **Connecting** Your Life With God Through Giving.

As we have been teaching, to properly understand the Seven Feasts of Israel, the Levitical offering must be taught.

- While the *Levitical* offerings are for Israel, they (Burnt, Meat Peace, Sin, Trespass offering) will **help** the New Testament Believer understand the *impact* the offering had on Old Testament saints.
 - 2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

We **connect** our lives with God when we give, just like the Old Testament saints did.

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Feast of First Fruits: **Connecting** Your Life With God Through Giving. **Review**

We have already established that the Burnt Offering was given when you were thanking God for your salvation (Part 1).

- In part 2, we spoke of what the Biblical **sabbath** (Feast of First Fruits – wave the sheaf “morrow after the Sabbath”) was teaching as it was fulfilled by Christ as we rest in Him.
 - Leviticus 23:11 And he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it.
 - Matthew 11:28-30 Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and **I will give you rest**. (29) Take my yoke upon you, and **learn of me**; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and **ye shall find rest unto your souls**. (30) For **my** yoke is easy, and **my** burden is light.

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III. **Connecting** Your Life with God **Through Giving:**

Through our local Church:
Salvation, Baptism, Tithes, **Offerings**, Prayers, and Service!

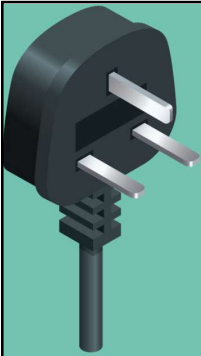
NOTE: We **MUST connect** with God to have power!

Review

Connecting Your Life

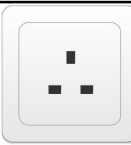
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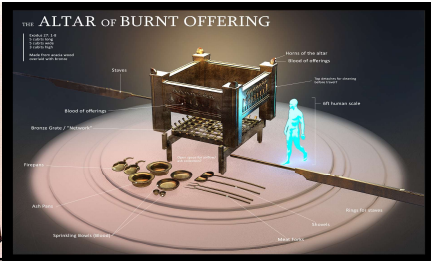
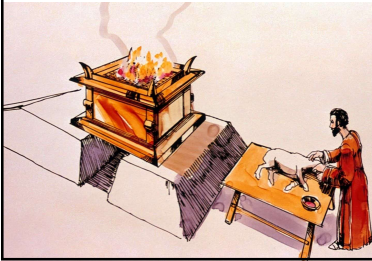


III. *Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:* Burnt Offering – Leviticus 1 – FFF-Pt. 1

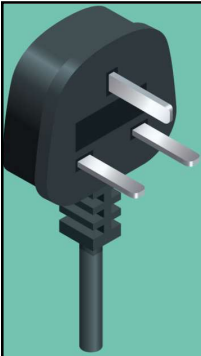
Blueprint: Exemplified the covering of Christ’s righteousness.

A realization/reminder of our atonement in the Messiah.

You give this **voluntary** offering today,
as you are thanking God for your salvation.

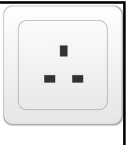


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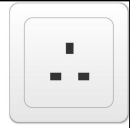


III. *Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:* Meat Offering: Leviticus 2 – **Part 2**

The Meat Offering connected the giver to God, as his sustenance or food allowed him to live. It is a **gift offered to a divinity**, a sacrifice. This offering was more than a prayer (as we do before we eat today). It acknowledges that all things (including food) come from Him. It is our “minha” (Meat offering)



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III. *Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:* **Drink Offering:** Leviticus 2 – **Part 2** - **NEW**

New: As believers, we pour our knowledge of the Word of God into others like a Drink Offering (נִסְכָּה - root - נָסַךְ - *neseḵ*). Noun: Common Masculine Singular Construct - (H5258).

In Genesis, Jacob poured out the drink offering.

- Genesis 35:14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he talked with him, even a pillar of stone: and he **poured** (יָשַׁק - root - *yāṣaq*) a **drink offering** (*neseḵ*) thereon, and he poured oil thereon.

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III. *Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:* Drink Offering: Leviticus 2 – **Part 2**

Paul seems to be saying this in two key verses:

1. Philippians 2:16-17 Holding forth the word of life; that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that **I have not run in vain, neither laboured in vain**. (17) Yea, and if I be **offered** upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all.

“offered” - σπένδομαι (root: σπένδω *spendō*) - G4689 - Verb – Present (speaks of happening now) Passive (happening to him) Indicative (fact – it has occurred) - 1st Person Singular

- Strong's: **σπένδω *spendō*** - a primary verb; **to pour out as a libation**, i.e., (figuratively) to devote (one's life or blood, as a sacrifice) ("spend");—(be ready to) be offered.
2. 2 Timothy 4:6 For I am now ready to be **offered** (*spéndō*), and the time of my departure is at hand.

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III. *Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving*: Drink Offering: Leviticus 2 – **Part 2**

Most see these verses as referring to Paul's approaching death.

- While true, it can also explain how the struggles and toils of his ministry were like a "libation" as he poured himself out, showing Christ to the people he ministered to.

Note: His services to God were offered up as a "drink offering".

- In the Old Testament, your drink offering was the fruits of the worshiper's labor.

He then encouraged the Philippians to also pour out their life to God as he did.

- Philippians 2:18 For the same cause also do ye joy, and rejoice with me.

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A Drink, Burnt, and Meat Offerings – A Reminder of the Covenant with God. **Review**

The drink, meat, and burnt offerings are illustrations of the Lord's Supper which was required at the Feast of First Fruits.

- Luke 22:19-20 And he took **bread**, and gave thanks, and brake it, and gave unto them, saying, This is **my body** which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. (20) Likewise also the **cup** after supper, saying, This cup is the new testament in **my blood**, which is **shed** for you.
 - Bread – Meat Offering
 - Body – Burnt Offering
 - Cup - "my blood" – Drink Offering

The concept of giving an offering was a tangible expression of faith, gratitude, and obedience! Just as it was in the New Testament and remains so today.

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Offerings: Exemplified the Person of Christ...Connecting YOUR life with God!

Yes, the Levitical offerings point to Jesus!

- Hebrews 10:1 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, **can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year** continually make the comers thereunto perfect.

This confirms that **all** the Old Testament offerings were **shadows** that pointed to the future, the Messiah that Daniel 9 later speaks to, as well as the Kings of Israel were supposed to represent.

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From “*Expository bible Teaching*” by Robert J. Sargent – pg. 160

1. **Burnt Offering:** This typifies Christ’s offering Himself without spot to God.
 - It was costly, spotless, voluntary, and substitutionary – perfection in Christ’s death
2. **Meat Offering:** Typifying Christ’s offering of a holy, perfect life to God.
3. **Peace Offering:** Typifying Christ as our peace.
4. **Sin Offering:** Typifying Christ “being made sin for us” and making atonement for the guilt of our sin.
 - Sin is completely judged.
5. **Trespass Offering:** Typifying Christ’s atoning for the injury of our sin.

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Quick Note:

It is easy to get caught up in all the small details of these offerings.

- We will focus primarily on **what the giver was thinking** when he brought the offering.
- We have acknowledged how all the offerings and feasts were **fulfilled in Christ**, as they were the shadow.
- **Nor** are we suggesting a Believer in Christ should give one of the offerings **based** on the Old Testament.

But we are suggesting that a Believer seeking to **connect their life to Christ** give to their church as God has **impacted them**, just as the Old Testament Saints did.

- In their case (Old Testament saints), they would give an animal based on Levitical law.
- In our case, it is as the Lord **leads** the believer.

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- Colossians 2:16-17 Let no man therefore judge you in **meat**, or in **drink**, or in respect of an **holyday**, or of the **new moon**, or of the **sabbath days**: (17) Which are a **shadow** of things to come; but the body is of Christ.

KEY: We shall see that the offerings also **point to what the Israelites were thinking** as they brought them to the Tabernacle/Temple.

- It is the view of this writer that this is what has been missing in most studies of the understanding of the offerings.

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Here are the **Answers** to Leviticus 1-5 offerings.

What were the Levitical offerings, and **why** were they given?

- They speak to the **mind** of the giver in recognition of a supreme God - יהוה (Yahweh) *AND* the *coming* Messiah/Saviour!
- The giver was recognizing the **daily** impact God had on his life by the offering (**connecting** their life).
- 1. Burnt Offering:** Salvation – only “outer skin” left – Leviticus 1
 - Genesis 3:21 – “coats of skins” covering of Adam and Eve
 - Isaiah 61:10 – “he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness”
- 2. Meat Offering:** Food (sustenance) allowed them to live came from God. – Leviticus Chapter 2
 - Matthew 6:11 Give us this day our daily bread.

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- 3. Peace Offering:** Answered prayer – Leviticus Chapter 3
 - Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- 4. Sin Offering:** Forgiveness of simple, unintended mistakes, or wrongdoings – Leviticus Chapter 4
- 5. Trespass Offering: Forgiveness** of terrible or impactful sins with an added 20% penalty – Leviticus Chapter 5

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Offerings: Exemplified the Person of Christ...**Connecting** YOUR life with God!

The first three offerings were **voluntary**, reflecting the giver's faith in God and **His daily impact** on their lives.

- They were supposed to be doing this each week/month **as led by God**.

The exception to these **voluntary** offerings:

- **Spring Feast:** Feast Days [Passover (1), Unleavened Bread (2), First Fruits (3), Weeks/Pentecost (4),
- **Fall Feasts:** Trumpets (5), Day of Atonement (6), and Tabernacles (7), which were **required** to be given.

It was supposed to be a reminder of what their daily/weekly life was to look like.

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Meat Offering: Exemplified the Person of Christ...**Connecting** YOUR life with God!

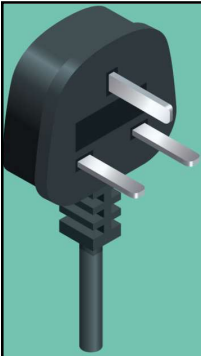
Another way of saying this: These feast days were a “**revival**” as they went to Jerusalem to celebrate three times a year.

- Exodus 23:14-16 **Three times** thou shalt keep a feast unto me in the year. (15) Thou shalt keep the **feast of unleavened bread** [Passover]: (thou shalt eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the month Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: and none shall appear before me empty:) (16) And the **feast of harvest** [Feast of Weeks – Shavuot/Pentecost – the end of the grain harvest] the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou hast sown in the field: and the **feast of ingathering** [Feast of Tabernacles – Sukkot – the reading of the law at Mount Sinai – Deuteronomy 31:10-13], which is in the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in thy labours out of the field.

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Offering	Purpose	God’s Portion	Priest’s Portion	Symbolism
Burnt Offering (1:1-17)	Thanking God for his Salvation	All that is burned	Skins (7:8)	Christ was offered up for us
Meat Offering (2:1-16)	Thanking God for His Sustenance	All except when it is first fruits	Remainder (6:16-18)	Jesus is the Bread of Life
Peace Offering (3:1-17)	Thanking God for answered Prayer.	All that is burned	Breast & right shoulder (7:31-32)	Jesus has a ministry of reconciliation to bring us back to God
Sin Offering (4:1-5:13)	Forgiveness of simple, unintended mistakes or wrongdoings	Fat burned outside the camp	Only eaten by the priest if it has not entered the Tabernacle (6:30)	Sin is not permitted into the presence of God. But Jesus died ‘outside the camp’ (Hebrews 13:11-13)
Trespass Offering (5:14-6:7)	Forgiveness of terrible sins with 20% penalty	All that is burned	Skins (7:8)	Christ was offered up for us

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III. Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:

Peace Offering – Leviticus 3:1-17 – FFF **Part 4**

Blueprint: Christ has made the way for us to be reconciled (made at peace) with God.


Thanksgiving to God for our answered prayers!

Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

3 TYPES of PEACE OFFERINGS


korban shelamim (קורבן שלמים)

- To GIVE THANKS to the LORD (7:11 – 15)
- To FULFILL a VOW (7:16)
- To VOLUNTEER an offering in a sense of GRATITUDE and CONSECRATION to God (7:16)



PEACE OFFERING

Leviticus 3; 7: 11-34
Psalm 85



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Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving: **Peace Offering** – Leviticus 3

Peace Offering (Leviticus 3) - It was a Thanksgiving offering for God’s answered prayers.

- Leviticus 7:16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a **vow**, or a **voluntary** offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

Blueprint: Christ has made the way for us to be reconciled (made at peace) to God.

Circular: As God answers our prayers, we ought to give a special thanksgiving offering.

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Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving: **Peace Offering**

Peace Offering (Leviticus 3): Thanksgiving for God's answered prayers.

1. Our prayer request (vow) – THINK! Why should GOD answer our prayers??
2. If God gives you an unexpected blessing
3. To simply show your love to God.

NOTE: Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace**, good will toward men.

If you hear this at Christmas time, the interpretation is that if we (people on earth) were to have peace among ourselves, God will bless us.

- **No**, Jesus is our peace offering, reconciling us (men) to God. It answers the question of how a perfect, holy God can have a relationship with sinful man!

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Peace Offering – Leviticus 3

Leviticus 3:1-3 And if his oblation be **a sacrifice of peace offering**, if he offer it of the herd; whether it be a male or female, he shall offer it **without blemish** before the LORD. (2) And **he shall lay his hand upon the head** of his offering, and kill it at the **door of the tabernacle of the congregation**: and Aaron's sons the priests shall **sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about**. (3) And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the **peace offering** an offering **made by fire** unto the LORD..."

- **“a sacrifice of peace offering”** – זָבַח שְׁלָמִים
- זָבַח (*zebah*) H2077 - Noun: Common Masculine Singular **Construct** (sacrifice is connected to the Peace Offering)
 - **KJV translates Strong's H2077: sacrifice** (155x), offerings (6x), offer (1x).
 - Strong - the flesh of an animal; by implication, a sacrifice
- שְׁלָמִים (root: שָׁלַם – *šalem*) H8002 – Noun: Common Masculine Plural Absolute (standard form) – It comes from the root shalom - peace
 - KJV translates Strong's H8002: **peace** offerings (81X), peace (6X)

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Three **Motivations** for the Giver to **Give** a Peace Offering

1. A Thanksgiving Offering to God for His answer to your prayer:
 - Leviticus 7:12-14 If he offer it for a **thanksgiving**, then he shall offer with the **sacrifice of thanksgiving** unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour, fried. (13) Besides the cakes, he shall offer for **his offering leavened bread** with the **sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings**. (14) And of it he shall offer one out of the whole oblation for an **heave offering** unto the LORD, and it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the **peace offerings**.
 - “**sacrifice of thanksgiving**” - זֶבַח הַתְּנוּחָה
 - Leviticus 22:29 And when ye will offer a **sacrifice of thanksgiving** unto the LORD, offer it at **your own will**.

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1st **Motivation** for the Giver to **Give** a Peace Offering

Note: Leviticus 7:14 – ...“**heave offering**” unto the LORD, ...sprinkleth the blood of the **peace offerings**.

- “**heave offering**” – תְּרוּמָה (*têrûmâ*) – KJV translates Strong's H8641: offering (51X), oblation (19X), **heave** (4X), gifts (1x), offered (1x)
- *têrûmâ* - It's root form is **רָם** (room) - KJV translates “room” **Strong's H7311**: (lift, hold, etc.) up (63x), exalt (47x), high (25x) offer (13x), give (5x), **heave** (3x), extol (3x), lofty (3x) take (3x), tall (3x), higher (2x), *miscellaneous* (24x).
- It was “*lifted off*” – BDB Dictionary.

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1st **Motivation** for the Giver to **Give** a Peace Offering

This (heave offering) is not a separate offering but one where the priest would take the offering, pick it up from the altar, and **present it to God**.

- Exodus 29:27-28 And thou shalt sanctify the **breast of the wave offering**, and the **shoulder of the heave offering**, which is **waved**, and which is **heaved up**, of the ram of the consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: (28) And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute for ever from the children of Israel: for it is an **heave offering**: and it shall be an **heave offering** from the children of Israel of the sacrifice of their **peace offerings**, even their **heave offering unto the LORD**.

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1st **Motivation** for the Giver to **Give** a Peace Offering

The heave offering is **similar** to the wave offering. The **wave** offering went **side by side**, while the **heave** offering went up and down.

Now, you might be saying, Wow, this is really boring!! But YOU are missing the point.

- When the giver brought his offering to the temple, he was giving his offering to **GOD!!**

When we give our offering today, we are **not** giving it to the church, the pastor, or the missionaries.

- We are **giving it to GOD through our Church!!** *We forget about this important point.*

We are connecting our lives through God's man, God's place, and now through our giving. **Never lose/miss this point.**

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1st Motivation for the Giver to Give a Peace Offering

Therefore, the first motivation for an individual to bring a Peace Offering of Thanksgiving was God **answering** the giver's prayer.

- Think? Why should God answer YOUR/MY prayers? Whom am I but a sinner saved by grace? Why should the Creator of the world answer my prayers?

God does answer our prayers, as evidenced in the Bible.

1. 1 Kings 18:41-46, Elijah prayed for rain after a prolonged drought.
2. Acts 12:5-17 - Peter's miraculous escape from prison, **despite the believers' lack of faith**.

Acts 12:12-15 And when he had considered the thing, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, whose surname was Mark; where **many were gathered together praying**. (13) And as Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a damsel came to hearken, named **Rhoda**. (14) And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for gladness, but ran in, and told how Peter stood before the gate. (15) And they said unto her, **Thou art mad**. But she constantly affirmed that it was even so. **Then said they, It is his angel**.

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1st Motivation for the Giver to Give a Peace Offering

We are even told in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 Pray without ceasing.

KEY: Our prayers are answered, IF what we are praying is God's will.

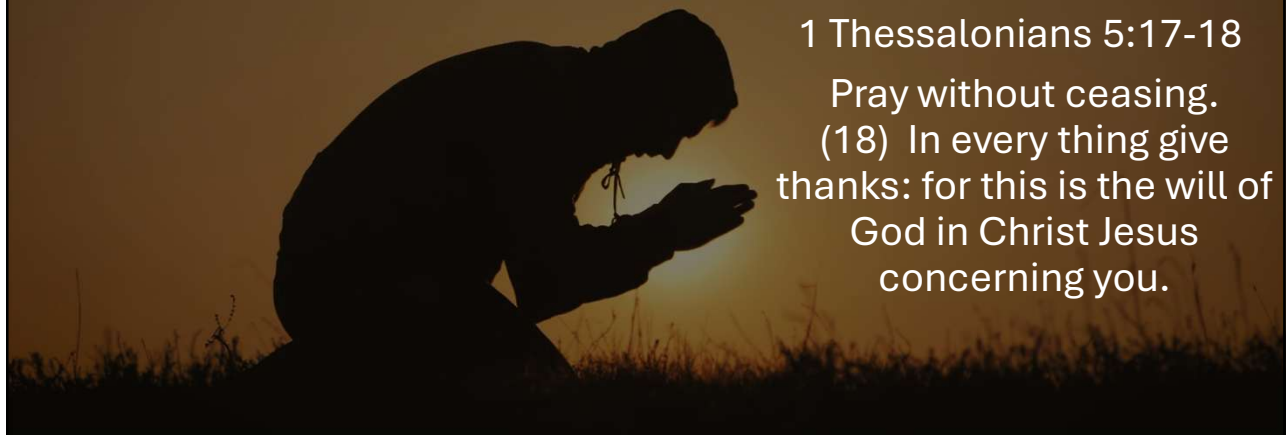
- 1 John 5:14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing **according to his will**, he heareth us:

Let me stop here and sit for a little bit. Only if our prayer is God's will, will it happen! I have prayed for individuals to be healed or for God to raise them, but unfortunately, it did not happen. I was disappointed and felt like my prayers did not help. Sometimes we throw up our hands and scream, "Why pray?"

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Biblical Prayer

My view on Prayer



1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

Pray without ceasing.
(18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

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Prayer: Can Be Difficult to Understanding

It is better “felt than telt”

- It is not easy to square the two views of the same coin.

If God knows the beginning from the end (*and He does*), then how do we “change” an all-knowing God who has never made a mistake or misstep?

Answer: We don’t. Prayer changes **ME!**

- Philippians 4:6-7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving **let your requests be made known unto God.** (7) And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, **shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.**

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On one side of the ledger

James 5:16 Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye **may** be healed. **The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.**

“**availeth**” - ἰσχύω - ischuō - *is-khoo'-o*

- From G2479; to *have* (or *exercise*) *force* (literally or figuratively): - be able, avail, can do ([-not]), could, be good, might, **prevail**, **be of strength**, be whole, + much work.

Our prayers give the Prayer Warrior the **ability** to see “God in action”!

- If I don't know your problems...I will not know your victories either!

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Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6 /Luke 11

1. Matthew 6:7-8 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions...(8)
...for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

- a. This means He knows what you are going through.
- b. He knows what you're thinking and feeling (emotions).
- c. Rabbinical Judaism required men to pray the same prayer three times because of their hardness (women – only once!)

2. Matthew 6:10 Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done in earth**, as it is in heaven.

3. Luke 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. **Thy will be done**, as in heaven, so in earth.

This occurs in the **Millennial Kingdom**, as Christ reigns in the remodeled third or fourth temple.

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Lord's Prayer – Matt. 6:9-15/Luke 2:12-14

Both places contain the phrase:

- **Thy will** be done, as in heaven, so in earth. – Luke 11
- **Thy will** be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven. - Matthew 6

Key – It is **God's will** that WILL be done! As **opposed** to yours or mine!

- **Question - How can I know God's will unless I know what is found in the Bible?**

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Illustration – Dallas Cowboy Football



Imagine three types of Individuals:

- **1st Individual** – He loves and is a fanatic for the Dallas Cowboys Football Team.

- He wore his “lucky” jersey when he watched the game, and each time, the Dallas Cowboys won.

In his mind, it is **because** he wore the jersey.

- He followed the game and boasted after the game that **he** helped win the game because he wore **his** lucky shirt.

This is what people do when their prayers are answered by God. They will say, “Well, it happened because **I** prayed!” If I had **not** prayed, so-and-so would **not have been saved or healed**.

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Let's use the prophet Daniel to show how it is supposed to be done

Daniel is made aware of the problem.

- Daniel 2:15 He answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Why is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Arioch made the thing **known** (*the king's dream*) to Daniel.
 - Daniel 2:2-5 Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to **shew the king his dreams**. So they came and stood before the king. (3) And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. (4) Then spake the Chaldeans to the king in Syriack, O king, live for ever: **tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation**. (5) The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, **The thing is gone from me: if ye will not make known unto me the dream, with the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces**, and your houses shall be made a dunghill.

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He asked his three friends to pray for God to reveal the answer.

- Daniel 2:17 Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing **known** to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions:

God reveals it to Daniel.

- Daniel 2:19 Then was the **secret revealed unto Daniel** in a night vision. Then Daniel **blessed** the God of heaven.

Daniel gives the glory to God for revealing the answer.

- Daniel 2:20 Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: **for wisdom and might are his**:

Daniel tells it to the King.

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Notice this REAL-LIFE Event on prayer

Did Daniel claim it was **his** prayer that gave him the victory in the interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream? **No!**

- Daniel 2:18-23 That they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his fellows should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. (19) Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a night vision. **Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven. (20) Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his:** (21) And he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that know understanding: (22) **He revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth** what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. (23) **I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast made known unto me now what we desired of thee: for thou hast now made known unto us the king's matter.**

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Bottom Line: Our prayers are to glorify the Lord – Mistake of the 1st individual

- Psalms 115:1 Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto **thy name give glory**, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.
- Isaiah 48:11 For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give **my glory unto another.**

- Claiming your prayers did "X" – Takes God's Glory from Him!

Another way of saying this is: That God gets the glory for answered Prayer! NOT ME OR YOU!

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Illustration - **2nd type** of Individual who loves the Dallas Cowboys Football team:



He is a fanatic for the Cowboys, like the 1st guy.

- But he ignored this game.
- He didn't know the score or who won.
- He **missed** the blessing of knowing what happened.

This is what happens when we don't pray. We don't see God do extraordinary work in other people's lives – such as salvation, healing, or getting a job.

- We become **oblivious** to God's actions in our lives, friends, and the world.

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2nd Person – loves God but misses His Glory!

Jesus is the visible manifestation of God's glory!

- Colossians 1:15 Who is the image of the **invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:
- 2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the **glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**.
- John 14:8-9 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us. (9) Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? **he that hath seen me hath seen the Father**; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

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Compare Paul's prayer to the 2nd Person – who loves God but misses His Glory!

As believers, the Lord has given us “understanding” of His mighty works that **the world will never see**.

- Ephesians 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; **that ye may know what is the hope** of his calling,”
- Ephesians 1:19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, [**Here is the key**] according to the **working of his mighty power**,

Without “Prayer”, we will not see God’s “mighty power!”

- After God entered the Tent of the Congregation, Moses states:

Exodus 33:16-18 For wherein shall it be **known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight**? is it not in that **thou goest with us**? so shall we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. (17) And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. (18) And he said, I beseech thee, **shew me thy glory**.

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Jesus at the **Garden of Gethsemane** – **Answers!**

Luke 22:42 Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless **not my will, but thine, be done**.

The humanity of Jesus shows us what we are to do in our time of difficulty.

- Like Jesus' baptism, Lord's Supper, etc – He is our **example**.
 - Leviticus 11:44 For I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and **ye shall be holy; for I am holy...**
 - 1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, **Be ye holy; for I am holy**.
- To be “holy,” I must **follow Him to know** what is holy!

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King David's son from Bathsheba

As humans, the desire to live has been built into us.

- Illustration – I prayed with a dying man and his wife. His wife kept saying throughout my prayer that it was God's will for her husband to live. Unfortunately, he did pass away.

It reminded me of King David praying for his son with Bathsheba.

- 2 Samuel 12:15-23 ...And the LORD struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. (16) **David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth.** ... (18) And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the **child died.**

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- 2 Samuel 12:19-23 But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead: ...(20) Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel, and **came into the house of the LORD, and worshipped:** then he came to his own house; and when he required, they set bread before him, and he did eat. (21) Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. (22) And he said, **While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live? (23) But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again?** I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

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As God, Jesus knew He came to earth to die!

- 1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was **foreordained before the foundation of the world**, but was manifest in these last times for you,
 - Foreordained – God’s plan was BEFORE the fall of man!
- John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

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2nd Fan – Super Bowl

If I am not praying, I am **unaware** of what God is doing in my/yours, and others’ lives.

- I miss the blessing of seeing God’s work in my life or your life.

Heard the story of a young man who was in a horrific accident yet walked away unscathed.

- A preacher saw it and told him he should thank God for allowing his life to be spared.
 - His response – No, it happened because I am lucky!!

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Illustration – Dallas Cowboy Football Team



Review:

- 1st individual claimed it was his luck shirt that helped with the game.
- 2nd Individual did not watch the game... missed the blessing!

3rd Individual – He was also a fanatic for the Cowboys and was thrilled to see his team win the Super Bowl XXX! (1996 – 5th time over the Pittsburgh Steelers – 27-17)!

- He was “blessed” and “thrilled” that his team won.

By praying, he reaped the joy and blessing of seeing God do a special work in other individuals’ lives.

- Yes, he was praying for others.

If he were going through a difficult time, God would get all the glory, not the oil, not the “elders” prayers!

- James 5:14 Is any sick among you? let him call for the **elders** of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with **oil** in the **name of the Lord**:

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At the same time, we are told to pray! 3rd Person

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18 Pray without **ceasing**. (18) In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

- “**ceasing**” - ἀδιαλείπτως - adialeiptōs - *ad-ee-al-ipe'-toce*
 - Adverb from G88; *uninterruptedly*, that is, *without omission* (on an appropriate occasion): - without ceasing – KJV – 4x.
 - Romans 1:9 For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that **without ceasing** I make mention of you always in my prayers;

By praying, we become aware of what God’s impact/work is doing with us, our friends, and our enemies.

- Matthew 5:44 But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and **pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you**;
 - Jonah and the Ninevites – He wanted judgment on them.

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This is not a “name it and claim it” as if God is doing our bidding.

- As a missionary, I have read many prayer letters that will say,
 - “Because of YOUR PRAYERS, God has blessed
 - ...as if you/I can claim “thru our prayers,” God did this or that.
- Who is getting the glory here...**YOU/ME** with OUR prayers or **God**?

I submit to you that some think it is “our” prayers that make us/you think God acted.

- Had a lady (who attended JHN) who had cancer...we prayed...she still died.

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3rd Fan

When we ask God today to reveal His glory, He may answer our requests in countless ways.

- Show us some attributes of **His** character we’ve missed.
- Open our eyes to **His** smile behind a problem.
- Meet some physical need in a way that warms our souls and fills us with gratitude for **HIM**.
- A long-standing problem that you thought was humanly impossible, a breakthrough that **ONLY God can change**.
 - After over nine years of prayer, I saw my nephew’s wife and son get saved.
 - God saved them because of MY prayers? **NO!** But because I prayed, I stayed in their lives and saw the flowers bloom!

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3rd Fan

But the fullest response to our plea, “Show me your glory” is to turn the eyes of our soul to Jesus.

- Colossians 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

And our knowing the fullness of his answer doesn’t mean we shouldn’t ask.

- On the contrary, it inspires us to ask all the more!

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Prayer Conclusion

1. My God rules, controls, and ordains “all things” for **my good** and **His glory**.

- Romans 8:28 And we know that **all things** work together **for good** to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

2. God invites me to pray to him and promises to respond to my prayers.

- **If** I am praying for God’s will to be done!
- **If** I give God the glory, I will see what **HE** does to reveal Himself to that prayer.
- It is all about HIM!!! Isn’t that glorious, and it removes the weight from my shoulders to Him.

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One last point:

3. Psalms 122:6 **Pray** for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee.

By praying for the “peace of Jerusalem” -

- Psalms 85:10 Mercy and truth are met together; **righteousness** and **peace** have **kissed** each other.
 - Praying for no war.
 - Ultimately, I am praying for the salvation of the Jewish people.

Only Christ gives **TRUE** peace.

- But you will only **see this prayer in action** if you pray for Jerusalem.

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2nd Motivation for the Giver to **Give** a Peace Offering

Recap 1st motivation - God **answers** the giver’s prayer (Thanksgiving)!

2nd Motivation - When the giver makes a vow or promise to God for something, to demonstrate sincerity, the giver would bring an offering, a voluntary gift.

- Leviticus 7:16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a **vow**, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:

“vow” – נֶדֶר *neder* - Noun: Common Masculine Singular Absolute - H5088

- KJV – **vow** (58x), vowed (2x) - a promise (to God); also (concretely) a thing promised:—vow(-ed).

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2nd Motivation for the Giver to **Give** a Peace Offering

Bible Example – Nazarite (נָזִיר – Strongs: separate, i.e., consecrated) vow - dedication and consecration to God.

Numbers 6:17-21 And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of **peace offerings** unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also his meat offering, and his drink offering. (18) And the **Nazarite** shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the **peace offerings**. (19) And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after the hair of his separation is shaven: (20) And the priest shall wave them for a **wave offering** before the LORD: this is holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder: and after that the Nazarite may drink wine. (21) This is the **law of the Nazarite** who hath **vowed**, and of his offering unto the LORD for his separation, beside that that his hand shall get: according to **the vow which he vowed**, so he must do after the law of his separation.

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2nd Motivation for the Giver to **Give** a Peace Offering

So, what does this second motivation teach us today? It is very **practical** when we walk with the Lord and vow that, if God answers our prayer, we will bring an offering to demonstrate our total commitment to God.

- When we promise to serve Him.
- When we promise to pray and study the Bible, we demonstrate our sincerity with a peace offering.
- When we dedicate our baby to the Lord, we promise to raise the child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.
 - Ephesians 6:4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the **nurture and admonition of the Lord**.

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The giver would give a **freewill** offering to express devotion and thanksgiving to God for an unexpected blessing.

- Leviticus 7:16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be **a vow**, or **a voluntary offering**, it shall be eaten the same day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow also the remainder of it shall be eaten:
- Leviticus 22:17-19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (18) Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whatsoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that will offer his oblation for **all his vows**, and for all his **freewill offerings**, which they will offer **unto the LORD for a burnt offering**; (19) Ye shall offer at your own will a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the goats.
- “his freewill offerings” – נְדָבָה (nēdābā) - Noun: Common Feminine Plural Construct - H5071 – KJV also translates it “freely”, “voluntary”.

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Illustration of the Peace Offering!

I had taught on the Levitical Offering many years ago at a Baptist Church in Louisiana.

- The pastor called me a few months later, asking for advice in a situation he found himself in.
- A church member had given him a large offering to buy a car.

Problem: If he had tithed on it, he would not have had enough money to buy the car, and the offering was stipulated to pay off the car.

- I asked if he had worked for this money for this person, and he said no, that it was a gift she wanted to bless him with.

My advice, since it was not something he worked for, it was not to be tithed but a Peace Offering, as it was an unexpected blessing the Lord gave him through this family.

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Christ fulfilled the Peace Offering!

The Messiah would bring Peace between mankind and God

- Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, **The Prince of Peace**.
- Luke 2:14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth **peace**, good will toward men.
- Mark 4:39 And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, **Peace**, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.

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Christ fulfilled the Peace Offering!

That peace Jesus offered is given to those who accept Him!

- Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the **peacemakers**: for they shall be called the children of God.
- John 14:27 **Peace I leave with you, my peace** I give unto you: **not** as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
- Colossians 1:20 And, having made **peace through the blood of his cross**, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

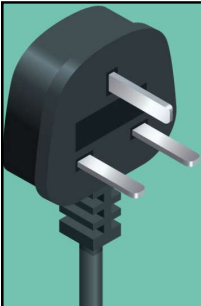
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- Luke 1:79 To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of **peace**.
- Romans 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have **peace** with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:
- Romans 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of **peace**, and bring glad tidings of good things!
- Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, **peace**, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

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III. Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:
Sin Offering – Leviticus 4:1-6 – FFF **Part 4**

Blueprint: Christ became sin for us, and bore the penalty, as he took upon Himself the wrath of God...Death!

SIN OFFERING

‘When anyone sins **unintentionally** and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord’s command’

For the **unintentional sins** of the Priest or for the entire congregation – a young bull

For the **unintentional sins** of a leader – a male goat without defect


For the **unintentional sins** of the people, based on what they could afford – a female goat/ lamb, two doves/ pigeons, a tenth of an ephah of finest flour. The fat is for the Lord, the rest of the animal is for the priest – it is most holy.

For sins including not testifying, not keeping the promise, certain ceremonial uncleanness

Ref: Lev 4 – 5:13, 6:24-30, 8:14-17, 16:3-22

Purpose: Mandatory atonement for specific **unintentional** sin; confession, forgiveness of sin; cleansing from defilement.

The **fat** is burnt on the **altar**, the **rest of the animal** is taken **outside the camp** where it is burnt

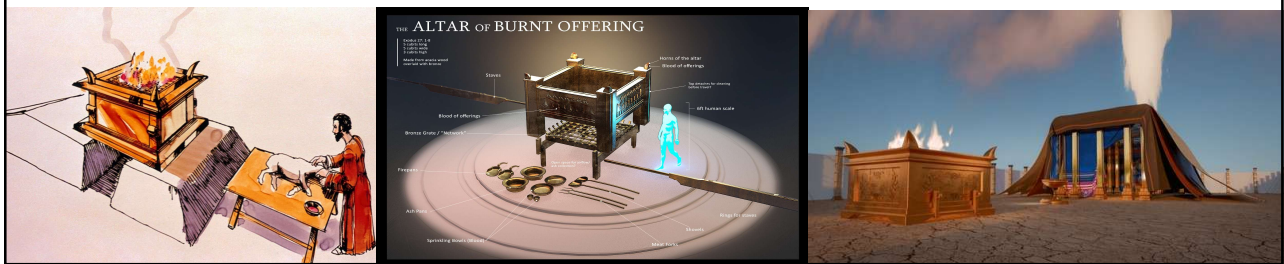


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III. Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:

Sin Offering – Leviticus 4



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Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving: **Sin Offering**

Sin Offering – (Lev. 4) Reminder of our sinful nature

- **Illustration:** A husband does wrong to his spouse, maybe his tone was wrong, or he did not realize the real problem. Yet, he realizes his wife's action tells him he did something wrong. **He will bring flowers to prove his remorse.**

Blueprint: Christ became sin for us, and bore the penalty, took upon Himself the wrath of God – Death!

- 2 Corinthians 5:21 For he hath made him to be **sin for us**, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

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Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving: **Sin Offering**

Circular: When we sin and ask forgiveness, we can bring an offering to God.

- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- When we do wrong, we ought to bring a **special** offering to God for what we have done wrong.
- There is closure when we give this type of offering.

NOTE: I have had people say that if I had to bring an offering every time I did something wrong, I would be financially broke!

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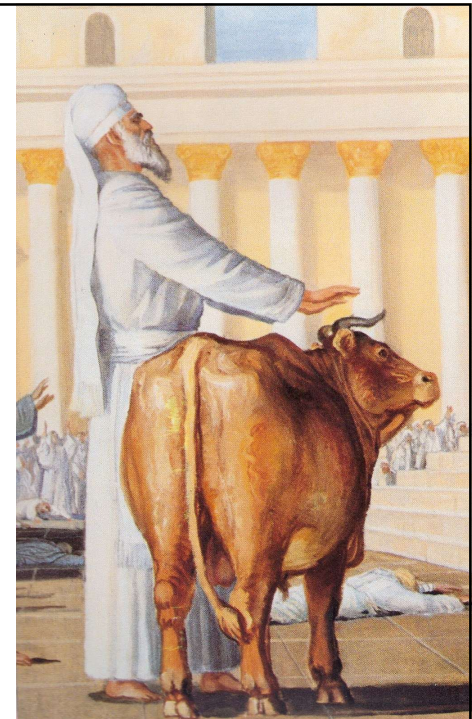
The Five Offerings requirements by the Giver:

Voluntary Offerings: As God led you to give:

1. **Burnt** – Thankful to God for your salvation
2. **Meat** – Thankful to God for providing your sustenance.
3. **Peace** – Thankful for God's answered prayers

Required Offering: As God's Word brought understanding:

1. **Sin** – **Unintentional** breaking of the law. – Focused on the sin itself.
2. **Trespass** – **Intentional** sin of breaking the law. – Focused on the **penalty** of the sin.



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Sin Offering...it is NOT what you think it is!

Leviticus 4:1-6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (2) Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, **If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD** concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them: (3) If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; **then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering.** (4) And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD; and shall lay his hand upon the bullock's head, and kill the bullock before the LORD. (5) And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bullock's blood, and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation: (6) And the **priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the LORD**, before the vail of the sanctuary.

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Leviticus 4:2- **"If a soul shall sin through ignorance"**

בְּשִׁגְגָה - šəgāgā – Noun: Common Feminine Singular Absolute

- H7684 - **The KJV translates:** (through, in...), **ignorance** (12x), **unawares** (4x), error (2x), **unwittingly** (1x)
- Numbers 35:11 Then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the slayer may flee thither, which killeth any person at **unawares**.
- Leviticus 22:14 And if a man eat of the holy thing **unwittingly**, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing.

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Sin Offering...it is NOT what you think it is!

It is a reminder that our sinful nature is to do wrong.

- In other words, ignorance is NOT bliss, NOR is it an excuse.
- A lack of knowledge (did not know it was the Sabbath day, etc., etc.), so you worked when you were not supposed to.
- Another way to understand, this offering brought closure to your sin, now realizing what you did was wrong.

This was why Jesus had to be crucified “**without the gate.**”

- Hebrews 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, **suffered without the gate.**
- Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, **being made a curse for us:** for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

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Sin Offering...fulfilled in Christ

This was why Jesus had to be crucified “**without the gate.**”

Old Testament law taught that if one committed a sin worthy of death, he was to be hanged from a **tree.**

- Deuteronomy 21:22-23 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a **tree:** (23) His body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt in any wise bury him that day; (**for he that is hanged is accursed of God;**) that thy land be not defiled, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.
- Galatians 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, **being made a curse for us:** for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

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File 23 - Garden Tomb versus Church of the Holy Sepulchre
Garden Tomb – Church of the Holy Sepulcher

Most teachers will say your **heart** [eyes] will tell you “Gordon’s” Calvary and the “Garden Tomb” is the place where Jesus was crucified and buried. *[Has the look with **NO** Catholic influence.]*

- **But** your **head** [scholarship] will say it was at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher [*but **has** the Catholic influence which upsets many Baptists*].

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Christ bore the wrath of God on a “tree”:

Key Thought: The cross is called a tree, which goes back to the Garden of Eden and ends in the Book of Revelation.

- Acts 5:30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye **slew and hanged on a tree**.
- Acts 10:39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they **slew and hanged on a tree**:
- Acts 13:29 And when they had fulfilled all that was written of him, they took him down from the **tree**, and laid him in a sepulchre.

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Christ bore the wrath of God on a “tree”:

Garden of Eden – Eve and Adam ate from the **tree** of the Knowledge of Good and Evil, causing sin to enter the world.

- Genesis 2:9 And out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and **good for food**; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the **tree of knowledge of good and evil**.
- Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the **tree** was **good for food**, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a **tree** to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.
- Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

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Christ bore the wrath of God on a “tree”:

The “tree” where Adam and Eve sinned was now forgiven by Jesus, who was also crucified on the tree/cross and is the **Tree of Life**.

- Hebrews 9:26 For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to **put away sin by the sacrifice of himself**.
- Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the **cross**, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.
- Revelation 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that **they may have right** to the **tree of life**, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

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Sin Offering - Circular

When we sin and ask forgiveness, we can bring an offering to God.

- 1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Practical teachings: When we do wrong, we ought to bring a special offering to God.

- There is **closure** when we give this type of offering.

Note: It does not always have to be about money. It can be our time and talent.

The point is, whatever you bring should be a reminder:

- Not to do it again.
- Thanking God for forgiving us.
- It will help us to stop living a **defeated** life, as **all of our sins are under the blood**.

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Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5: – FFF **Part 4**

Blueprint: Christ has paid the price for what our sins have **caused**.

1.Confession

2.Restitution

3.Sacrifice

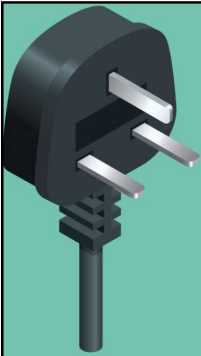
4.Forgiveness

- Leviticus 5:14-19
- Leviticus 6:1-7
- Numbers 5:6-7
- Sins: Known and Unknown



Trespass Offering of the poor

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Sacrifices of
the LORD

(קרבנות יהוה)

The Trespass Offering

Messiah

OUR TRESPASS OFFERING





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Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving: **Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5**

Trespass Offering – (Leviticus 5) – Restitution made for our sin!

Leviticus 5:4-5 Or if a soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; **when he knoweth of it**, then he shall be **guilty** in one of these. (5) And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that **he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing**:

Blueprint: Christ paid the price for what our sins have caused

Circular: The damage our sin has caused, our guilt is removed, and we bring an offering thanking Him.

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Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving: **Trespass Offering – Leviticus 5**

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Three types of sin penalty:

1. Sin committed against yourself – Concealing truth, contamination by touch, careless talk.
2. Sin committed against God.
3. Sin committed against man.

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3rd Feast – Feast of First Fruits – Old Testament Procedure

Required to be done forever (vs. 14b)

- Leviticus 23:14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor green ears, until the selfsame day that ye have brought an offering unto your God: **it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.**

Counting of the “sheaf”/omer was for 49 days (seven “weeks”) for a total of 50 days (“next day”) until the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot/ weeks).

- Leviticus 23:15-16 And ye shall count unto you from the **morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths shall be complete:** (16) Even unto the morrow **after the seventh sabbath** shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meat offering unto the LORD.

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Trespass Offering – Restitution made for our sin

Leviticus 5:1-5 And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity. (2) Or if a soul **touch any unclean thing**, whether it be a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty. (3) Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty. (4) Or if a soul swear, **pronouncing with his lips to do evil**, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these. (5) And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that **he shall confess that he hath sinned in that thing:**

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Trespass Offering – Restitution made for our sin - (חַטָּאת)

Leviticus 5:6 And he shall bring **his trespass offering** unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin.

- “**his trespass offering**” – (חַטָּאת) - Noun: Common Masculine Singular Construct from the root (אָשָׁם - 'āšām) H817 –
- The KJV translates Strong's H817: **trespass offering** (34x), trespass (8x), **offering for sin** (1x), **sin** (2X), guiltiness (1x).

Notice how the trespass offering was given “for his sin” as a payment for a sin offering by which the priest made an “atonement”.

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Trespass Offering – Extra payment of 20%

Leviticus 6:1-7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, (2) If a soul sin, and commit a **trespass against the LORD**, and **lie** unto his **neighbour** in that which was delivered him to keep, or in **fellowship**, or in a **thing taken away by violence**, or hath **deceived his neighbour**; (3) Or have found that which was lost, and **lieth concerning it**, and **swareth falsely**; in any of all these that a man doeth, **sinning therein**: (4) Then it shall be, because he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took violently away, or the thing which he hath deceitfully gotten, or that which was delivered him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, (5) Or all that about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in the principal, and **shall add the fifth part** more thereto, and give it unto him to whom it appertaineth, in the day of his **trespass offering**. (6) And he shall bring his **trespass offering unto the LORD**, a **ram** without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a trespass offering, unto the priest: (7) And the **priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD**: and it **shall be forgiven** him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

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Trespass Offering – Restitution made for our sin - (חַטָּאת)

Jesus is our “trespass offering” (חַטָּאת) in Isaiah 53...

- Isaiah 53:10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an **offering for sin**, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
- “**sin**” – (חַטָּאת - 'āšām)
...as Jesus paid the penalty by making restitution for **our sins through His death!**

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Jesus paid the 20% Trespass penalty

- Isaiah 53:5 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.**
- 1 Peter 2:24 Who his own self **bare our sins in his own body** on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.
- Galatians 1:4 **Who gave himself for our sins**, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:
- Hebrews 9:12 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, **but by his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

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Trespass Offering – “shall make an atonement” (וְכָפַר)

Leviticus 6:7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

- “shall make an atonement” – (וְכָפַר) - Verb: Piel **Sequential Perfect** 3rd Person Masculine Singular from the root – כָּפַר *kāpār* - H3722 (71x)
- Piel - Expresses simple, “intensive”, “**resultative**”, “causative”

The root word (*kāpār*) is also found in the 6th Feast – “Day of Atonement”

- Leviticus 23:28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it is a **day of atonement**, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. (Yom kāpār)

Sequential Perfect – Because the individual did this:

- Leviticus 6:6 And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, with thy estimation, for a **trespass offering**, unto the priest:

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Trespass Offering – “it shall be forgiven”

Leviticus 6:7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD: and it shall be forgiven him for any thing of all that he hath done in trespassing therein.

“and it shall be forgiven” – (וְנִסְלַח – root נָסַח - *sālah* - H5545) - Verb: **Niphal Sequential Perfect** 3rd Person Masculine Singular

- **Niphal** - “passive” of Qal. It sometimes expresses a “reflexive” action. – An automatic action, a completed action!
- **Sequential** – Because the priest made an atonement, it shall be forgiven.
- “**forgiven**” H5545 - KJV translate it: forgive (19x), **forgiven** (13x)

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Hebrews 10:1-4 For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. (2) For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. (3) But in **those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.** (4) **For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**

Yes, the Old Testament saint would bring the feasts and offerings to God each year.

- “those sacrifices” brought remembrance each year or rolled over each year.

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There is NO Question that their trespass were forgiven. So, how do we explain Hebrews 10?

As most believers understand, those Old Testament shadows culminated in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection!

- Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the **offering** of the body of Jesus Christ **once for all.**

But that does not answer the question, as our Levitical texts (6:7) used the terms “**shall** make atonement” and “**shall** be forgiven.”

Our answer: Think of a Bank CD rate. The interest rate is guaranteed no matter what happens to the stock market. Even if the Bank goes under, the government guarantees the money by the FDIC (Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation – 1933).

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There is NO Question that their trespasses were forgiven. So, how do we explain Hebrews 10? **Our answer continued:**

God, who knows the beginning to the end!

- Isaiah 41:4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? **I the LORD, the first, and with the last; I am he.**
- Isaiah 46:9-10 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, (10) **Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done,** saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:
- Revelation 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the **beginning and the end, the first and the last.**

The Old Testament economy was guaranteed not by a bank or government institution, but by **Christ's death and final sacrifice!**

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Trespass Offering – Blueprint: Christ paid the price/penalty for what our sins have caused

Circular, as the damage of our sin has caused, our guilt is removed by bringing an offering.

Three types of sin penalty:

1. Sin committed against yourself – 5:1-13

- **Concealing truth – 5:1**
 - Leviticus 5:1 And if a soul sin, and hear the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he hath seen or known of it; if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.

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- Leviticus 5:2-3 Or if a **soul touch any unclean thing**, whether it be a carcase of an unclean beast, or a carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and if it be hidden from him; he also shall be unclean, and guilty. (3) Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness it be that a man shall be defiled withal, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty.

• **Careless talk – 5:4**

- Leviticus 5:4 Or if a **soul swear, pronouncing with his lips to do evil**, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then **he shall be guilty in one of these**.

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2. Sin committed against God – 5:14-19

- Unintentionally sinning against the Lord – 5:14-16
- Unaware of breaking a commandment even though one knew the commandments – 5:17-19

3. Sin committed against man – 6:1-7

- Distrustfulness – 6:1-2c
- Dishonesty – 6:2d
- Despoiling – 6:2e
- Deception – 6:2f
- Denial of one's property – 6:3

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Trespass Offering: Practical Connecting Our Life with God

The impact of our sin has consequences, and an “**apology**” is not enough.

- A husband may have committed a difficult sin against his spouse. How can one get past it?
- Besides counseling, he has to make it right with **her** and **God**.
- A 20% penalty was meant to inflict financial pain to remind him not to do it again.

Illustration: When one gets a speeding ticket for going too fast (possibly causing injury), paying the fine is a reminder not to do it again.

- It might include having to change jobs or sell a business.

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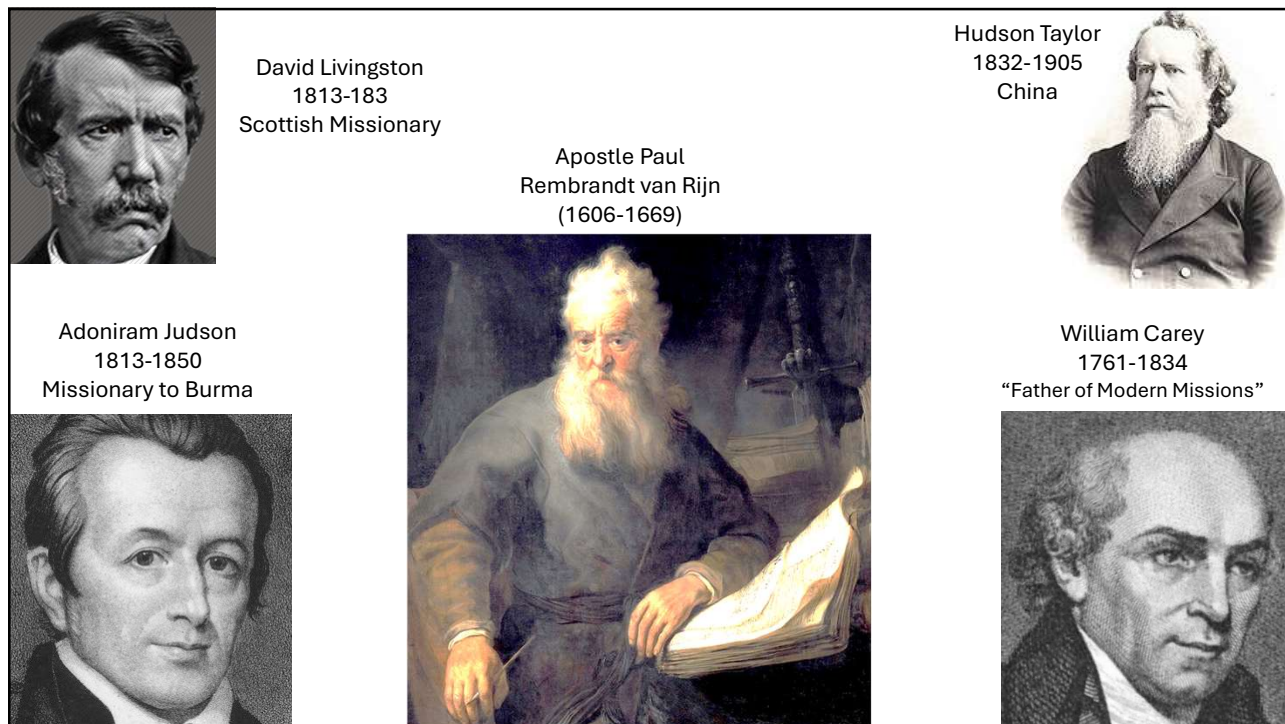


III. Connecting Your Life with God Through Giving:

Mission Offering – Matthew 28:18-20
Pastor Clifford Clark – “Faith Promise Mission”



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Connecting Your Life to God: **Missions:**

Blueprint: Commissioned by God to go into your city, nation, and the world to reach the lost.

Circular motion of your Church's witness: The Great Commission

- Matthew 28:18-20 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) **Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.** Amen.

As your pastor teaches you to live for God, by keeping your life **connected to God**, you and your church will continue to reach the lost.

- Your tithes and offerings **connect** your life with reaching your city – “your Jerusalem.”
- Your mission “offering” helps you connect with God in the nation and world as part of the commission of Christ.

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Connecting Your Life to God: **Missions**

Blueprint: Your church is commissioned by God to go into your city, nation, and the world to reach the lost.

Israel was supposed to do this:

- Isaiah 42:6-7 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a **light of the Gentiles**; (7) **To open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison house.**

But they were set aside for their lack of obedience

- Jeremiah 11:15-16 What hath my **beloved to do in mine house**, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. (16) The LORD called thy name, A **green olive tree**, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the **branches of it are broken.**

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You connect to God through your mission giving:

Circular motion of your Church's witness:

Solomon's Temple was built to be a witness to the Gentiles:

- 1 Kings 8:41-43 Moreover concerning a stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, but cometh out of a far country for thy name's sake; (42) (For they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy strong hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall come and pray toward this house; (43) Hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for: that all people of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as do thy people Israel; and that they may know that this house, which I have builded, is called by thy name.
- 1 Kings 10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove him with hard questions.

The covenants were given to be a witness to the Gentiles:

- Isaiah 42:6 I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles;

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Connecting Your Life to God: **Missions:**

Blueprint: Commission by God to go into your city, nation and the world to reach the lost.

Reverse Circular Effect: Israel tried to stay inward.

- They disconnected their life from God.
 - Malachi 1:8 And if ye offer the **blind for sacrifice, is it not evil?** and if ye offer the **lame and sick, is it not evil?** offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

Solomon's Temple was built to be a witness to the Gentiles:

- Queen of Sheba – 1 Kings 8.
- 1. The covenant was given to be a witness to the Gentiles "**light of the Gentiles**" (Isaiah 42:6)
- 2. The story of Jonah illustrates this lack of witness.

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Connecting Your Life to God: **Missions:**

Blueprint: Commissioned by God to go into your city, nation, and the world to reach the lost.

Reverse Circular Effect: Because of a lack of belief, God cut them off (Jeremiah 11:15-17) and grafted the Gentiles into the olive tree of God's blessings.

- Jeremiah 11:15-17 What hath **my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many,** and the holy flesh is passed from thee? **when thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest.** (16) The LORD called thy name, A **green olive tree**, fair, and of goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the **branches of it are broken.** (17) For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Baal.

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Connecting Your Life to God: **Missions:**

Blueprint: Commissioned by God to go into your city, nation, and the world to reach the lost.

You, as a member of this church, can also be **disconnected** –

Romans 11:17-21 And if **some** of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree; (18) Boast not against the branches. But if thou boast, thou bearest not the root, but the root thee. (19) Thou wilt say then, The branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. (20) Well; because of unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by faith. **Be not highminded, but fear: (21) For if God spared not the natural branches, take heed lest he also spare not thee.**

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Connecting Your Life to God: **Missions:**



TO HAVE THE POWER OF GOD IN YOUR LIFE – YOU MUST BE CONNECTED!

- **THOUGHT:** Have you been **mirroring the world** so much and in debt to the world's things that all you have left for God is a prayer? It takes support to get the missionary to the field!
- It takes our prayers to connect with God **to watch to see how** God works in and through that missionary, your pastor, your Sunday School teacher.

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