

## Structure of Book

### 1-7 RITUAL SACRIFICES

There are five ritual sacrifices

1. **Burnt Offering**
2. **Grain Offering**
3. **Fellowship Offering**
4. **Sin Offering**
5. **Guilt Offering**

The first three → **Thank you**

- The last two → **Atonement**
- **Burnt offering were both.**

And in all honesty, there is a **bit of overlap between the whole lot.**

### BURNT OR ASCENSION OFFERING

(*'ōlâ* - to go up/ ascend)

This is referring to the **smoke ascending from the altar ...**

- When the offering is burned.

#### 1. CHOOSE THE PROPER ANIMAL

Leviticus 1:3 “ **If the offering is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer a male without defect.** [Tāmîm]

What kind of animal?

- One that is **without defect** [Tāmîm]

Why a gift that is without defect? **Why?** a gift that is Tāmîm?

At least two reasons ...

- a) **The gift that you give should reflect the person to whom you are giving it to.**
- b) **Your life as a follower of YHWH is to be blameless** [Tāmîm]

So, first step, I need to go and **CHOOSE** ...

Example of

- Very fluffy one.
- Three legged one.
- Muscular one.

- a) This is supposed to be my view of Him.
- b) Supposed to be representing me.

1. Choose Proper Animal

2. **PRESENTATION RITE**

[qorbān]

Leviticus 1:3 “ ‘If the offering <sup>[‘ō-lā(h)ʹ]</sup> is a burnt offering from the herd, you are to offer <sup>[qorbān]</sup> a male without defect. <sup>[Tāmîm]</sup> You must **present it** at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be acceptable to **YHWH**.

So, you had to choose the proper animal.

- One that is Tāmîm.

Then you would take it to the entrance of the Tent of Meeting.

- Remember that in the midst of this, **God’s presence is in the tent.**
- You would then present it to the **Priest for inspection.**

That is pretty interesting.

- Why the inspection?
- **God is holy** = [qo-desh] = Distinct + Blameless
- **The space around him is holy**
- And therefore the worshipper were not to approach God without cost **\$\$\$**.
- **Bull (rich) + Sheep (middleclass) + Bird (Poor)**

The Priests were the one who were to inspect ...

- Whether the worshipper, was in actual fact doing ...
- What God has called them to do.

low’s God is not just going to accept that the offering is *Tāmîm*

- Because you said it was *Tāmîm*.

It had to be presented for inspection.

- Number of things we can take form that.

- One being, that confidentiality seems to be a modern invention.
- The offeror didn't bring the bull in a huge envelope.

So, how serious was the Priests job.

- Did it really matter if it was Tāmîm or not?

What if it wasn't Tāmîm, but the person brought it with a cheerful heart.

- Would it be acceptable for the Priest to accept the offering ...
- And bring it before YHWH?

God makes the answer to that very clear though the prophet Malachi ...

**Malachi 1:6–14** <sup>6</sup> “A son should honor his father, and a slave his master. If I am a father, where is the honor due me? If I am a master, where is the respect due me?” says **YHWH** Almighty.

“It is you priests who show contempt <sup>[despise]</sup> for my name.

“But you ask, ‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’

<sup>7</sup> “By offering defiled food on my altar. “But you ask, ‘How have we defiled you?’

By saying, “The table of **YHWH** can be treated with scorn.”

<sup>8</sup> When you offer blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice lame or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?” says **YHWH** Almighty.

<sup>10</sup> “Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says **YHWH** Almighty, “and I will accept no offering from your hands.

<sup>11</sup> My name will be great among the nations, <sup>[expand the garden and fill it with his image]</sup> from where the sun rises to where it sets. In every place incense and pure offerings will be brought to me, because my name will be great among the nations,” says **YHWH** Almighty.

<sup>12</sup> But you profane it when you say, “The table of **YHWH** is defiled and the meat, the food, can be treated with scorn.”

You profane it when you say, the gift doesn't matter.

- God doesn't notice, God doesn't care.
- ...

<sup>13</sup> And you say, 'What a burden!' and you sniff at it contemptuously," says YHWH Almighty.

Too much of a mission to do all of this.

- Can't we just go with the flow?
- Can't we just go with whatever the people are bringing?

"When you bring injured, lame or diseased animals and offer them as sacrifices, should I accept them from your hands?" says YHWH.

Notice who he is calling to account on this?

- The Priest!

Was it their bull or sheep or goat?

- No! But they are the ones who said that it was acceptable.

Let me speak to the family group leaders here for a moment.

- Or to anyone responsible for someone else spiritually, for that matter.

Are you accepting second rate offerings?

- People are calling themselves disciples of Jesus.
- But only come to Family Group when they feel like it?
- When it is convenient?

They only get input in their lives, when the wheels fall of.

- ...

The Priest were responsible and so are we ...

- As to what it is that we allow to be brought before God ...
- And say that it is to his honor.

So, that was the Priest ...

- Now, where is the offeror in all of this?

Malachi 1:14 <sup>14</sup> "Cursed is the cheat who has an acceptable male in his flock and vows to give it, but then sacrifices a blemished animal to YHWH. For I am a great king," says YHWH Almighty, "and my name is to be feared among the nations.

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So I am saying that I am giving him my best.

- He is my first love, he is my greatest treasure, joy and delight.
- I have a “Tamim” male, but I am giving him a “blemished” animal instead.

How does God feel about that?

- If that is you or me.
- He calls us a cheat and says that we are to be cursed!

Remember, he is Holy!

- He is distinct and he is blameless.

Malachi 1:14 “... For I am a great king,” says YHWH Almighty, “and my name is to be feared among the nations.

I deserve more!

Isaiah 6:1–5 <sup>1</sup> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw YHWH, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple.

Temple vision

<sup>2</sup> Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.

<sup>3</sup> And they were calling to one another: “Holy, holy, holy <sup>[qādôš]</sup> is YHWH Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory.” <sup>[Kābôd]</sup>

<sup>4</sup> At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> “Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, YHWH Almighty.”

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Therefore, the Presentation Rite ...

Leviticus 1:3 ... You must present it at the entrance to the tent of meeting so that it will be acceptable to YHWH.

Last week we looked at the fact that their currency was ...

- Bull, sheep, goat & dove.

Our currency is ...

- Time, Talent & Money

What would happen if we were to do this ...

- With regards to our time, talent and money?

Your offering is brought and checked by one of the leaders to see if it is "Tamim?"

- They look at your salary slip ...
- Then what you spend your money on ...
- Then your offering.

Will it be acceptable?

1. Choose Proper Animal
2. Presentation Rite
- 3. HAND-LEANING RITE**

Leviticus 1:4 <sup>4</sup> You are to lay your hand on the head of the burnt offering, <sup>['ō-lā(h)']</sup> and it will be accepted on your behalf to make atonement <sup>[kippūr]</sup> for you.

By putting your hand on the sacrifice ...

- You were putting your name on the sacrifice.
- It was your way of identifying yourself with the sacrifice.
- So that the benefits gained from that sacrifice is credited to your account.

WHY?

- I think Psalm 15 gives us some insight into this.
- Gate liturgy.

Psalm 15:1 <sup>1</sup> Who may dwell in your sacred tent? Who may live on your holy mountain?

...

<sup>2</sup> The one whose walk is blameless, [Tāmîm] who does what is righteous ...

You want to have fellowship with God, but you can't.

- Because in order to do so you need to be "Tamim."
- The bull is now "Tamim" on your behalf.
- And symbolises the complete surrender of your **whole life** to God.

A complete and total allegiance is what God called them to in the OT.

- And it is what Jesus called the church to in Act 5 ...
- As the New Israel or the New Humanity.

Remember the big picture here.

- God wants to renew the whole world through Israel.
- He wants to expand his garden in them and through them.
- They are to be light to the nations.
- They are to be the salt of the earth.

Part of this sacrifice and the hand leaning rite.

- Is to remind them of this.

Here is a good question for us to think about, consider and talk about.

- Does Jesus have (or still have) your total allegiance?
- Not, should he have or do you agree that he should have.
- But does he actually have it.

Campus students not reading the bibles.

Total allegiance.

- The unblemished whole bull or sheep was a reminder.
- I am giving my whole.
- I am all in!

Should we not also have some sort of symbolic act ...

- Reminding us of our allegiance.

- The first part of my time, talent and treasure belongs to YHWH.
- Is dedicated to YHWH.
- Dedicated to his honour and glory.
- Dedicated to my relationship with Him.
- Dedicated to expanding his garden and bearing his image into it.

Frist time of the day, belongs to YHWH.

- First part of my income, belongs to YHWY.

How I spend my evenings ...

- Dedicated to YHWH!

My relationships belong to YHWH!

Follow?

1. Choose the Proper Animal
2. Presentation Rite
3. Hand-leaning Rite
4. **Slaughter Rite**

- But for that we will have to wait for next week.