

Seeing Only Jesus

17) Seeing Jesus in the Jewish Sacrifices

- ✓ **There were five Jewish offerings. These were at the very heart of the Judaism**
- ✓ **The shedding of blood was basic to all the offerings. The wages of sin is death, and life is in the blood**
- ✓ **The Israelite identified with the animal by the laying on of hands**
- ✓ **A beast is amoral and can never take away sin. They pointed to the only One who can**
- ✓ **They symbolized the Person and work of Christ. Together they present a fuller view of what He has accomplished for us**

The Burnt Offering

- ✓ This offering consisted of a young bull, or a young ram or a young he-goat
- ✓ All was totally consumed. No part remained
- ✓ The main feature of this offering is that it was wholly for the Lord. It is a picture of Jesus who gave all in full surrender and devotion to the Father, in both His life and His death. Jesus *'...offered Himself without spot to God'* (Heb.9:14)
- ✓ *'...shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood'* (Acts 20:28)

***'...when He came into the world, He said:
"Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, but
a body You have prepared for Me. In burnt
offerings and sacrifices for sin You had no
pleasure. Then I said, 'Behold, I have come—
in the volume of the book it is written of Me—
to do Your will, O God.'" Previously saying,
"Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and
offerings for sin You did not desire, nor had
pleasure in them" (which are offered
according to the law), then He said, "Behold, I
have come to do Your will, O God." He takes
away the first that He may establish the
second. By that will we have been sanctified
through the offering of the body of Jesus
Christ once for all'***

(Heb.10:5-10)

✓ *'This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased'* (Matt.3:17)

✓ **It was a sweet-smelling sacrifice to God.**
'Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma' (Eph.5:2)

✓ **When Jesus gave Himself for us the alabaster box was broken, and heaven has been filled with that aroma ever since**

2) The Grain Offering

- ✓ **The Hebrew word for 'grain offering' is *minchah*, meaning a gift made to a superior person**
- ✓ **It is the only offering which was not a blood sacrifice. Yet, it could only be offered with blood**
- ✓ **To offer something to God while not under the blood is 'the way of Cain'**
- ✓ **As a royal priesthood we offer spiritual sacrifices to God through Christ, perfected by Him. 'You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Pet.2:5)**

Our gifts and spiritual sacrifices to God

- ✓ *'I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service'* **(Rom.12:1)**
- ✓ *'Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name'* **(Heb.13:15)**
- ✓ *'But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased'* **(Heb.13:16)**

✓ *'The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints'*
(Rev.5:8)

✓ *'I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet-smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God'* (Phil.4:18)

✓ **All we do or say is offered through Christ, and therefore is perfected.** *'Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him'* (Col.3:17)

3) The Peace Offering

- ✓ The burnt offering portrays the means of justification; the peace offering depicts its effects, (Rom.5:1). The outworking of the cross is that now we are at peace *with* God and in fellowship with Him. Christ is our peace
- ✓ This was not a meal to bring about peace, but one to *celebrate* it. Similar to communion
- ✓ Here God is seen feasting with His people and rejoicing that they are at peace together
- ✓ It was lifted up to God, then down. Then waved from side to side

4) The Sin Offering

- ✓ **The word 'offering' is not attached to the word 'sin' in the original language. The sin offering takes on the sin of the offerer and becomes sin, (2 Cor.5:21)**
- ✓ **But under the old covenant the sin offering was limited. The law had no atonement for certain sins. Jesus offered something far better**
- ✓ **Unlike the burnt offering, which was totally consumed, the body of the sin offering was to be taken and burnt outside the camp. This depicts Jesus who became sin and bore our alienation from God, (Heb.13:11-12)**

5) The Trespass Offering

- ✓ **The trespass offering deals with the fruit of our sin, rather than its root**
- ✓ **The word 'trespass' means a breach of the rights of others. So it deals with the damage caused by sin and provides restitution or compensation**
- ✓ **Christ is the repairer of the damage caused by sin, both towards God and man**
- ✓ **The full amount had to be made in money, plus one-fifth. Jesus restored what was lost in Adam, plus 'much more'**

Summary

- ✓ **As our burnt offering, God is well pleased with His Son, and therefore with us in Him**
- ✓ **As our grain offering, all our gifts, sacrifices and services are a sweet savour to God**
- ✓ **As our peace offering, we celebrate or peace with God and feast together with Him**
- ✓ **As our sin offering, all our iniquities have been forgiven - past, present and future**
- ✓ **As our trespass offering, He compensates and makes restitution for the consequences of our sin**