

The Presence: Priestly Instruction - Pt. 1

Leviticus 6:8-30

INTRODUCTION

- Leviticus described the conduct in the tabernacle, giving instruction regarding how holy God will dwell in the midst of His people.
- Today, we look at the instructions given to the priests for the Burnt, Grain and Sin Offerings. Next week we will complete this look at the priestly instruction as they relate to the Guilt and Peace offerings.
- **READ THE TEXT (Plus Leviticus 7:27-28)**
- This is leading into a study in Lev.8:1-10:20 on the initiation of the Priesthood, which would be a type and shadow pointing to Christ, the great Priest of God.
- **The BIG question: Can we possibly handle the things of God with less care under Christ's blood than the priests did under the blood of goats, bulls and rams?**
- **PRAAYER**

Review the Offerings

- A) **Burnt Offering** - Making petition before God (including praise)
- B) **Grain Offering** - Goes along with the purpose of the Burnt Offering, remembering God's physical and covenantal provision
- C) **Peace Offering** - Being at peace with God (and men)
- D) **Sin Offering** - Atonement for sin emphasizing purification of worshipper
- E) **Guilt Offering** - Atonement for sin emphasizing reparation by the worshipper

Role of the Priest

- A) **Set apart by God out of the tribe of Levi**
- B) **To order / administer the sacrificial system**
- C) **To ultimately be the people's advocate before God, that He would be pleased to be in their presence**

Instructions for Burnt Offerings (6:8-13)

A) The Lord Speaks

- a. Through a mediator
- b. To other mediators (priests)
- c. Detailed commands

B) Instructions

- a. The Offering - petition with complete devotion to God
- b. The Altar
- c. The Garments
- d. The Sacrifice (wholly consumed)

Instructions for Grain Offerings (6:14-23)

A) Instructions

- a. In Front of the Altar
- b. Memorial Offering
- c. Priestly Portion
- d. All things Holy - Pure and Purposeful

B) Instructions for Priestly Anointing

- a. The Grain Offering - Morning & Evening
- b. An Act of Worship
 - i. Ancient beliefs in "feeding" deities
 - ii. Ps.50:12-15
- c. Wholly Consumed, none eaten (as part of the Burnt Offering - fully devoted and consecrated)

Instructions for Sin Offerings (6:24-30)

A) Instruction

- a. In the same location as the Burnt Offering - the death of one sacrifice, does not count for the other
- b. Every element - purified by blood (care needed in handling all the blood -- honors God as the giver and sustainer of life)
- c. The offering with blood for atonement would be totally consumed with fire (no blood was wasted)

B) Vessels

- a. Earthenware (porous - stained)
- b. Bronze (could be cleaned)

Truth Applied...

- A) God has spoken through His Word -- out of His holiness He gives instructions to His people regarding how they are to live to be His dwelling place.
- B) Is He speaking to us? Are we His people?
 - a. If so... we are the worshippers of God who have been made a dwelling place by the sacrificial offering of Jesus Christ, offered by God's ultimate priest, Jesus Christ. We have our sin atoned for, and are made to be at peace with God. We are imperfect and frail, failing even as believers. However, instead of needing regular sacrifices and offerings we trust that the death of Christ on the cross was sufficient for all of our sin (past, present and future) and we are His own FOREVER!
 - b. If not... we must recognize and believe that there is no sacrifice or priest around that can please God, because He has graciously provided that sacrifice and priest in His Son, Jesus Christ. His provision is enough. We either believe and obey His command to trust Him as our substitute and Savior, or we reject and disobey, asserting that we are just fine on our own, with only judgment to come.

C. Hebrews 10:26-27

C) If we are His, Christ is our Priest forever

- a. **Hebrews 1:3**
- b. **Hebrews 2:17**
- c. **Hebrews 3:1**
- d. **Hebrews 4:14-15**
- e. **Hebrews 5:1-5**

D) If we are His, Christ is our forever Sacrifice

- a. **Hebrews 7:27**
- b. **Hebrews 9:11-14**

E) If we are His, we are called to be Holy...this is the only true response

- a. **1 Peter 1:14-16**
- b. **Hebrews 12:7-10**