

The Presence: Priestly Instruction - Pt. 2
Leviticus 7

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 Guilt and Peace offerings.
- 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 reiteration and detail of these 5 major offerings speaks of the importance of them and, therefore, what they point to: The Cross of Jesus Christ!**

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 Guilt Offering (7:1-10)

A) Priestly responsibilities (vv.1-5)

- a. Remember the offering's purpose (holy)
 - i. Dealing with breach of faith
 - ii. Need for realization of sin
 - iii. Need for reparation
- b. Administer the blood
- c. Detailed commands

B) Priestly rights (vv.6-10)

- a. Portion from the Burnt Offering
- b. Portion from the Grain Offering

Instructions for Peace Offering (7:11-36)

A) Types of Peace Offering (vv.11-18)

- a. Thanksgiving (response to God's favor) -- next week
- b. Vow (to fulfill a vow made)
- c. Freewill (no specific motivation)
- d. Do you look for reasons to be in good fellowship with God, or do you make Him perform for you as if He has to be made right with you?

B) Instructions

- a. Pure offerings
- b. Purified elements & instruments
- c. Totally Consumed

C) **Severe Consequences (vv.19-21)**

- a. Cut off from the people
- b. The anti-thesis of holiness (yet preserving holiness)
 - i. Set apart for a purpose
 - ii. Cut off for a purpose
 - iii. God does them both

D) **Instructions for the People in dealing with the Priests (vv.22-36)**

- a. Personal responsibility
- b. Priestly provision

a. **Heb.10:19-22**

b. **1 John 1:6-2:2**

E) **Guilt Offering** - Atonement for sin emphasizing reparation by the worshipper (Christ paid our debt / we must be willing to model that)

a. **Rev.5:9-10**

b. **Romans 6:23**

c. **Romans 5:6-11**

Christ in the Offerings (w/ our response)

- Aided here by the IVP New Bible Commentary

A) **Burnt Offering** - Primary offering for making atonement (in order to come into the presence of God for petition and/or praise)

a. **Hebrews 10:8-10**

b. **Psalm 79:9**

B) **Grain Offering** - Goes along with the purpose of the Burnt Offering, remembering God's physical and covenantal provision

a. **John 6:47-51**

b. **2 Cor.8:3-5**

C) **Peace Offering** - Being at peace with God (remember the covenant relationship between God and His people)

a. **1 Cor. 11:23-26**

b. **1 Cor. 11:27-32**

D) **Sin Offering** - Atonement for sin emphasizing purification of worshipper